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6TH
Edition



CLEAN COOKING WEEK 2025

CONCEPT NOTE

IMPLEMENTING CLEAN COOKING STRATEGIES AND COUNTY ENERGY PLANS:
Transformation, Inclusivity and Empowerment





Summary

The Clean Cooking Week (CCW) is an annual event that has been held since 2020 as a collaboration between the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) and Clean Cooking Association of Kenya (CCAK) with support from development partners. This week-long event aims to create an enabling environment for access and adoption of clean cooking fuels and technologies through a sustainable market environment. The CCW entails discussions on policy, advocacy and lobbying for budgets, capacity strengthening, deliberate action at the national and county levels, knowledge exchange, media engagement and behavior change communication on the benefits of clean cooking. The 6th Edition of Clean Cooking Week is scheduled to take place from **12th to 14th August 2025** in **Kilifi County** under the theme: **'Implementing Clean Cooking Strategies and County Energy Plans: Transformation, Inclusivity and Empowerment**. The CCW is a collaborative event that is made possible through the generous support of our partners. Varieties of sponsorship packages are available and we welcome enquiries from partners on the different modalities under which this support could be offered. Enquiries and clarifications should be directed to Dr. Faith Wandera (faith.wandera@energy.go.ke) and Philomena Mitalo (pmitalo@ccak.or.ke).

Background

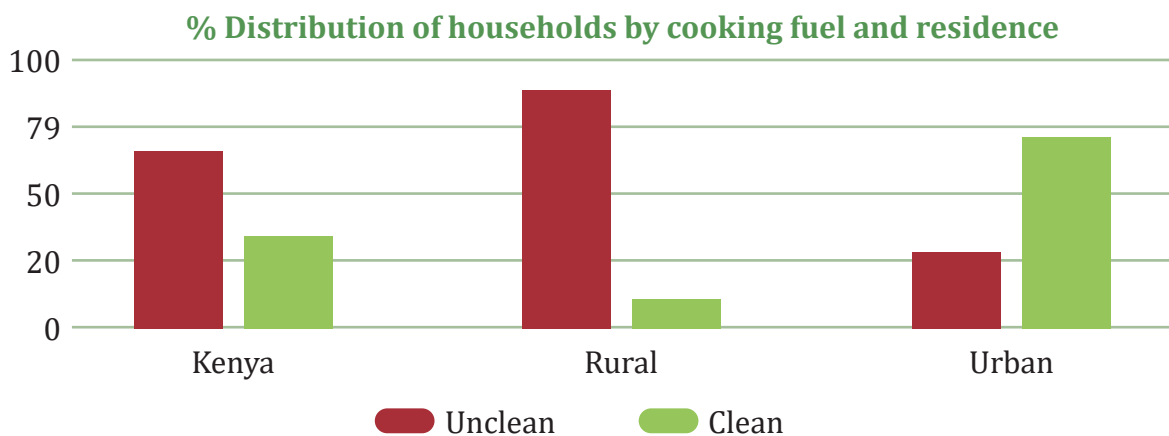


Currently, 2.4 billion people around the world do not have access to clean cooking. The World Bank estimates that this costs the world more than \$2.4 trillion each year, driven by adverse impacts on health, nature, climate and gender equality. For instance, 3.8 million people die prematurely from illnesses attributed to household air pollution (*WHO - Impacts of Household Air Pollution 2023*).



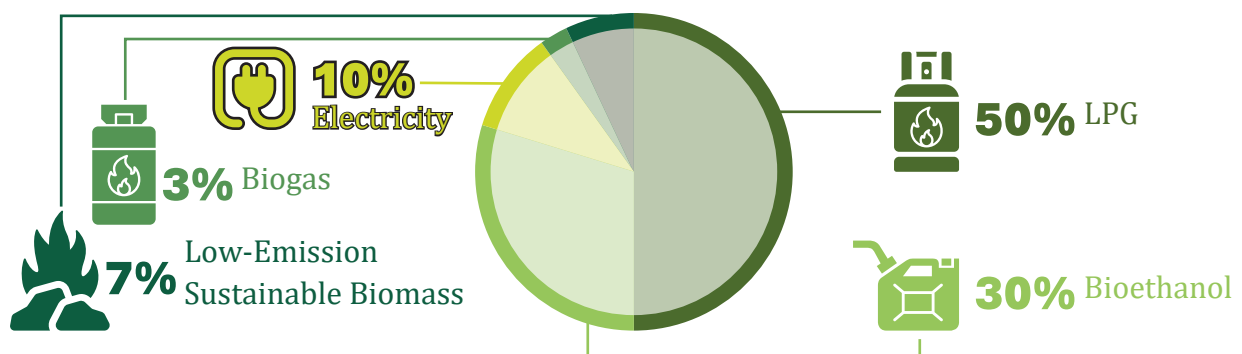
In Kenya, the use of solid biomass fuels and inefficient cooking technologies contribute to over 26,000 deaths annually, affecting mostly women and children (*Ministry of Health, 2024*).

Additionally, the 2023/2024 Kenya Housing Survey report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) indicates that 34.4% of households used clean fuels nationally, while 65.6% of households relied on unclean fuels for cooking. In this context, clean fuels include electricity, LPG, biogas, and ethanol, while unclean fuels encompass firewood, charcoal, crop residues, and kerosene. The graph below shows the distribution of Households by Cooking Fuel Categories and Residence in Kenya.



Source: KNBS 2023 - 2024

In 2024, the Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (KNCTS 2024-2028) was developed by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, sector stakeholders and development partners. It aims for “Universal Access to clean cooking solutions by 2028” by outlining a roadmap for ensuring a favorable policy environment and investment attraction supported by a five-point action agenda to: 1) Promote local manufacturing; 2) Bridge the supply gap; 3) Address affordability; 4) Raise awareness; and 5) Establish accountability. The strategy targets a cooking energy mix by 2030 as shown.





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In 2024, the 5th edition of the CCW was held in Kajiado County through sponsorship from GIZ Energising Development (EnDev), Green Climate Fund (GCF), Africa Biodigester Component (ABC), Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) - World Wide Fund Kenya (WWF-K), UKAid, Modern Energy Cooking Services, (MECS), Gamos East Africa, Practical Action (PA) and Climate Compatible Growth (CCG). The achievements of this event included enhanced public awareness of clean cooking through mass media channels, increased sales of clean cooking appliances and fuels through exhibitions and demonstrations, increased knowledge on usage of clean cooking appliances among end users, contribution to environmental conservation through tree planting, increased partnerships and collaboration between public, private sector, development partners and grassroots communities, and recognition of private sector entities that excelled in the cooking sector, alongside counties that have articulated clean cooking as a key energy access component in their county energy plans.

Clean Cooking Week 2025 - 6th Edition

This year, the Clean Cooking Association of Kenya (CCAK) is collaborating with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) and key partners to organize the 6th Edition of the Clean Cooking Week. The focus is on raising awareness about the implementation of strategies developed for the cooking sector and County Energy Plans, including the Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (KNCTS) 2024-



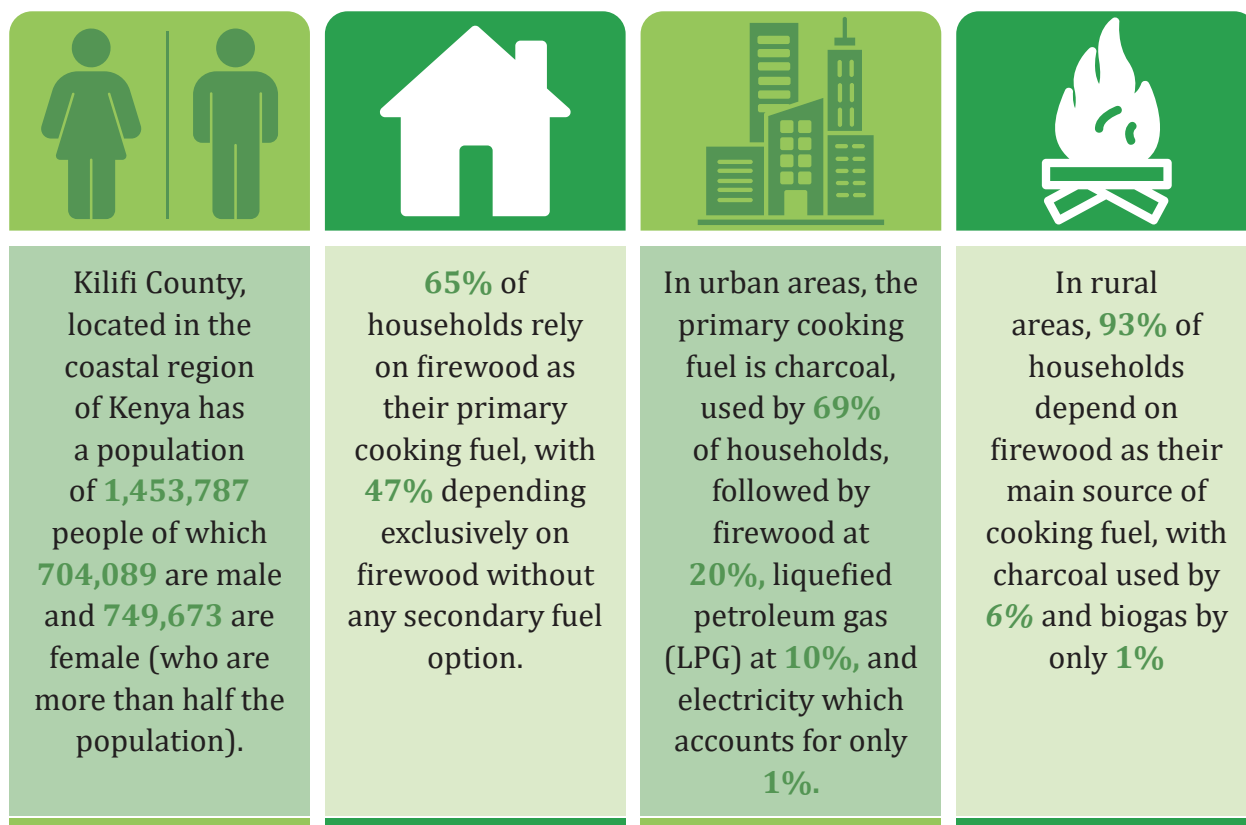
2028, Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy (KNeCS) 2024, Kenya National Knowledge Management Strategy (KMS) 2023, Behavior Change and Communication Strategy (2022) and the Bioenergy Strategy 2020. Effective implementation will require diverse efforts, such as private sector investments, carbon finance, public finance, philanthropic contributions and support from development agencies.

Key discussions will focus on the importance of:

1	An enabling environment to enhance access and adoption of clean cooking solutions;
2	A robust investment and a sustainable market environment in the clean cooking sector;
3	Implementing the strategies developed for the cooking sector; and
4	Implementing the County Energy Plans.

Participants of the 2025 CCW will include, but are not limited to, representatives from the national government, county governments, the private sector, communities, civil society, media, academia, and vulnerable populations. The 6th Edition of the CCW will offer an excellent opportunity for knowledge and information sharing, enhanced networking and collaboration, experiential learning, and media engagement to raise awareness and boost publicity aimed at accelerating universal access to clean cooking by 2028. A preliminary review of the **2024 CCW** convening highlights significant traction, increased participation and commitments, with the event being held outside Nairobi and decentralized to the county level, thereby bringing it closer to communities.

Background on Kilifi County



(Kilifi County Energy Profile: SETA 2023).

With a natural forest cover rate of only 9% according to Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Kilifi County faces notable environmental degradation due to unsustainable harvesting of biomass for fuel, leading to deforestation and land degradation. This threatens the county's ecological balance, exacerbates climate change and undermines local livelihoods that depend on natural resources. With support from development partners and political goodwill, the Kilifi County Directorate of Energy is in the process of finalizing several strategic documents to drive clean cooking adoption. These include: County Energy Plan, Energy Investment Prospectus, Clean Cooking Policy and the draft Energy (Licensing) Regulations 2020.

Objectives

The objectives of the 6th Edition of the Clean Cooking Week are to:

- **Advocate for policy support:** Sensitize policymakers on the importance of policy backing and sufficient budgetary allocations for the effective implementation of clean cooking projects at all levels.
- **Promote and develop transformative solutions:** Foster the creation of innovative and collaborative solutions within the clean cooking sector to build a cohesive ecosystem.

- **Stimulate investment and promote inclusivity:** Drive investments in clean cooking initiatives at both national and county levels to support widespread adoption and implementation.
- **Share knowledge and best practices that empower communities:** Facilitate the exchange of insights, experiences, and best practices among participants of the event.
- **Showcase achievements and innovations:** Highlight clean cooking solutions and transformative social innovations, and recognize counties excelling in prioritizing clean cooking.

Event sub-themes

- **Status of National Cooking Strategies:** Communicating the outlook, progress and challenges of implementing the national strategies in the cooking sector.
- **Carbon financing opportunities for empowerment:** Exploring innovative carbon financing mechanisms to support clean cooking initiatives, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create sustainable funding streams.
- **Role of national and county governments in implementing the strategies and county energy plans:** Developing and enhancing market strategies, subsidy programs, resource allocations and awareness campaigns to foster a supportive and inclusive ecosystem for clean cooking solutions.
- **Standards and Regulations:** Ensuring compliance with standards and regulations to maintain quality, safety, and efficiency in the clean cooking sector.
- **Transformative partnerships:** Building and strengthening partnerships between government, development partners, private sector, NGOs, academia and communities to drive collective action in implementing the cooking sector strategies
- **Tracking progress** Establishing robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and developing key performance indicators for tracking the progress and impact of clean cooking interventions and inform future strategies
- Ensure that Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) transformative approaches are mainstreamed in project design, implementation, monitoring evaluation and learning discussions.

Key Features of the CCW 2025

The clean cooking week will feature the following components:

- Launch of national cooking strategy action plans, county energy plans and Kilifi County Energy Policy, Kilifi Energy Investment prospectus;
- Panel discussions on financing, investment, policy and advocacy and partnerships;
- Clean cooking exhibitions/demonstrations by sector innovators and entrepreneurs;
- Field visits to local clean cooking initiatives and end users;

- Media engagement (pre, during and post-event);
- Ecosystem restoration through a tree planting session;
- County/community led clean cooking actions through awareness, access and investment;
- Consumer education and awareness creation on clean cooking through road shows.







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