

Reports from the field by RDIS (September 2018)



1. This picture is for UMUTIJIMA Donatha, she lives in Kivumu Cell, Cyeza Sector, Muhanga District in Southern Province of Rwanda. She is 54 years old and she has 2 children (A girl and a boy). Here is her story
“When I cook, I only put one wood in the stove and get busy with my

other house chores like sowing seeds in my land, cleaning around my compound, getting grasses to my livestock and I even sometimes go to the Parish for my choir practices and come back when the beans are already cooked, ready for eating. I have realized that using these stoves increase cleanliness in my kitchen because there no much ashes, smokes and dust when I cook. In addition to this, I have noticed a remarkable reduction of the amount of firewood used, before one bunch of wood would serve us just in one week but now we use it for three week!” Donatha testified to Mr MINANI Vincent- RDIS Field Coordinator in Shyogwe Zone.

2. This picture is for MUKAMUGEMA Alodi, she is widowed, aged 52 years old and blessed with 6 children of which 3 are boys and 3 girls. She lives in Kivumu Cell, Cyeza Sector, Muhanga District in Southern Province of Rwanda. Alodi mentioned that with the



new stove, she can easily cook while standing which was impossible when she was still using a traditional stove where she had to always bend and or kneel down to start the fire! She went on to say that she is currently saving her time of cooking compared to her previous stove and also benefits from reduced amount of fire wood she had to use, Nowadays, she uses any type of wood even twigs are used and this has reduced her strain on firewood collection since she has no access to any woodlot.



3. This is Rebecca NYIRAMINANI, a 39 years old widow with 9 children! She lives in Rusayo Cell, Gashonga Sector, Rusizi District in Western Province of Rwanda. She said that after she has lighted the stove, she is free to do other household activities especially digging in her nearest field and collecting water for household use. The stove also enables her to cook two pots at once due to its two combustion chambers and this enables her to save time as well. She further mentioned that due to the fact that many of her children are still young, she used to face the problem of collecting firewood as she feared to send those little kids far. She is thus rejoicing/happy that she currently only collects firewood

twice a week which was 4 times a week before she benefited the improved cook stove from RDIS. This was witnessed by Rebecca to Mr Eric BAGENZI- RDIS Field Coordinator in Cyangugu Zone.