

Solvatten AB supported by Vinnova for study in Kenya

A grant of 500 000 SEK/49 000 € from Vinnova (the Swedish Innovation Agency) will be funding the next SOLVATTEN project. The project will evaluate users' acceptance of SOLVATTEN in Bungoma, north-west Kenya, and also look at the potential reduction of fuelwood use by householders. Vi Skogen (Vi Agro-forestry) will be the implementing partner. During the project children at the local school will be provided with simple water quality testing kits, and invited to participate in World Water Monitoring Day: see www.wwmd.org



Woman by her stove in Bungoma, Kenya (Johanna Åhman)

SOLVATTEN selected as a WWF Climate Solver 2009

WWF Sweden has been evaluating new technologies to determine their potential to reduce green-house gas emissions. After hours of data analysis the seven technologies with the greatest potential have been chosen, and one of these is SOLVATTEN. The Climate Solvers programme is a partnership between WWF and technology providers. The programme includes web features, events, lobbying and publicity. For more information and to register your support for the technology go to <http://www.climatesolver.org/show.php?id=1263468>



Family with SOLVATTEN in Morocco (David Wadström)

Users in Nepal like SOLVATTEN

The Nepal user acceptance study with ENPHO and UN-Habitat is continuing, with 25 householders trialling the product. The householders get their water from a variety of sources, and they have previously used a range of household water treatment methods. Initial findings show that the participants value SOLVATTEN very much. Their primary motivation for using the units is the potential health benefits but also they can save money; up to USD 64 per year if they stop boiling water with gas and up to USD 140 per year if they stop buying bottled water. Kalpana, one of the participants said "I not only provide safe water to my family but I also provide SOLVATTEN treated water to my neighbour if I use SOLVATTEN twice a day".



Women working with SOLVATTEN in Nepal (ENPHO, Kathmandu)

Swedish King rewards SOLVATTEN

On 26th May 2009 Petra Wadström, inventor and CEO of SOLVATTEN, received a scholarship from Carl XVI Gustaf's 50-Year Fund. Representatives from the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Royal Academy of Science, the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry and the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise have selected SOLVATTEN to receive a grant of 100 000 SEK/9800 €. The grant is given for research, technical development and entrepreneurship that contribute to the sustainable use of natural resources. For more information (in Swedish) go to

<http://www.kungahuset.se/ovrigt/pressrum/pressmeddelanden.4.19ae4931022afdcff38000355.html>.



Carl XVI Gustaf awards the prize to Petra Wadström

Other highlights:

- From 21st to 23rd September representatives of SOLVATTEN participated in the research meeting of the WHO Household Water and Safe Storage conference. Experts gathered at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin to present and discuss recent findings, and to consider the challenges and opportunities for scaling up.
- During Stockholm Water Week SOLVATTEN was one of three technologies presented at an Invest in Sweden seminar on partnerships between Sweden and India. The audience included business leaders and the winner of the Stockholm Water Prize 2009, Dr Bindeshwar Pathak.
- Inventor of SOLVATTEN, Petra Wadström, was an invited speaker at TEDxStockholm on 19th September. Look out for the film, soon to be posted at www.tedxstockholm.com.

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