



## THE GLOBAL LPG PARTNERSHIP

**The Global LPG Partnership champions LPG investment to save millions of lives and slow deforestation, while issuing actionable country reports on Cameroon, Ghana, and Kenya**

**Nairobi, 5 November 2019** - As the Clean Cooking Forum 2019 kicks off in Nairobi, the Global LPG Partnership (GLPGP) calls for significant funding for global LPG as a clean cooking energy solution for the 3 billion people who live without clean cooking every day.

The cost of unclean cooking is well-known: about 4 million lives are lost every year from household air pollution due to burning firewood and charcoal, the collection of which places undue pressure on forests and exacerbates climate change, poverty and gender-based violence.

LPG is the fastest, most scalable solution to the problem. It is recognized by the International Energy Agency as a viable solution for half of these 3 billion in need of clean cooking solutions. With a negligible environmental footprint, it is recognized by the UN Environment Programme as one of the fast-action measures that can prevent 0.5°C temperature increase by 2030. LPG also meets the World Health Organization's emissions guidelines for health. As a benign by-product of hydrocarbon production and increasingly of fully renewable resources, LPG enjoys a global surplus - so using it now for clean cooking and as a bridge to a fully renewable solution - including 100% bio-LPG - makes eminent sense.

GLPGP has recently completed feasibility studies as part of its "Clean Cooking for Africa" program - supported by a grant from the European Union Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund and administered by German development bank KfW - in three African countries to assess the impact and scale of an LPG transition for nearly half their respective populations by 2030. The results from Cameroon, Ghana, and Kenya are clear on LPG's transformative potential across the developing world: over 50,000 lives, 3 billion trees, and 350 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide could be saved.\* All this against the positive backdrop of a concrete step to a fully climate-favorable cooking solution.

These are not the only countries with this level of national vision: India and others across Sub-Saharan Africa are undertaking ambitious plans to transition to as much as 100% LPG use for cooking by 2030 by themselves. However, the transition of millions more to LPG use will require seriously increased funding to develop plans, policies and investment to scale up LPG infrastructure and adoption - which must be a central focus of this week's discussions at the Clean Cooking Forum.

Kimball Chen, Chairman of GLPGP, said: "This week's Clean Cooking Forum marks a turning point in acknowledging the urgency of clean cooking solutions for human and environmental health. The impact of LPG as a clean and scalable solution cannot be overstated: GLPGP's new

studies in Cameroon, Ghana, and Kenya highlight millions of lives and trees to be saved - and an invaluable bridge built not just towards greener cooking but a greener economy. As the only non-profit public-private partnership in the world dedicated to sustainable LPG adoption in the developing world, GLPGP commends the recent attention and valued partnership from international actors like the World Bank, UNHCR, the EU, and government leaders in Africa and Asia - but a serious boost in both political will and investment in the plans, policies and resources are needed for mass LPG transition. GLPGP calls on global leaders and institutional donors attending the Forum to redouble their commitment to clean cooking with LPG - improving lives, livelihoods and the environment, especially in view of the increasingly pressing threat of climate change.”

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Note to editors:

\*In Cameroon, it would help 12 million people cook cleanly, save up to 19,000 lives and 470 million trees, reduce up to 40 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide. In Ghana, transitioning would help up to 14 million people cook cleanly, save up to 19,000 lives and 220 million trees, and reduce up to 9 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide. In Kenya, transitioning would help up to 19 million people cook cleanly, save up to 18,000 lives and 2.7 billion trees, reduce up to 310 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide and save consumers up to €6 billion in energy costs.

The reports can be downloaded from GLPGP’s web site here:

*GLPGP: Lifting One Billion People out of Energy Poverty*

*The Global LPG Partnership (GLPGP) is a United Nations-backed Public-Private Partnership formed in 2012, under the UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative, to aggregate and deploy needed global resources to help developing countries transition large populations rapidly and sustainably to LPG for cooking. Its vision is to help transition 1 billion people to the adoption and use of LPG for cooking by 2030. Visit us at [www.glpqp.org](http://www.glpqp.org) and on Twitter at [@globalpg](https://twitter.com/globalpg).*

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