

FORTH Project Details

Sector: Non Governmental Organisations (NGO)

User: UNHCR

Country: Uganda

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Innovation Assignment:

The ReHOPE Project of the UNHCR in Mbarara, Uganda was launched to promote the self-reliance of refugees. For the FORTH project it was decided to focus on one of the most pressing challenges which were to provide sufficient cooking energy.

Highlights of the process:

Considerable work was done, to understand in Observe & Learn the influences on what was required. Essentially, the solution had to be sustainable, cheap to produce and easily available. A wonderful 940 ideas were generated in 'Raise Ideas'. The top 15 ideas were selected, and research was done to discover which concepts were practical and locally available, before making new business cases.

Main results:

One business case was taken forward for implementation: Briquettes for cooking fuel made from banana peelings in partnership with 2 companies: Uganda Green Fire Ltd and Adapt Plus Limited. The fuel was marketed through women's business groups. PRIZE-WINNING INNOVATION: This FORTH project received a global award for excellence: 2015 UNHCR Award for Achievements in Innovation.

