### **Indoor Air Pollution Intervention Studies (IAPIS):**

Towards multi-site intervention trials to study the risk decrease in communicable and non-communicable diseases in children and their mothers in Africa and Asia

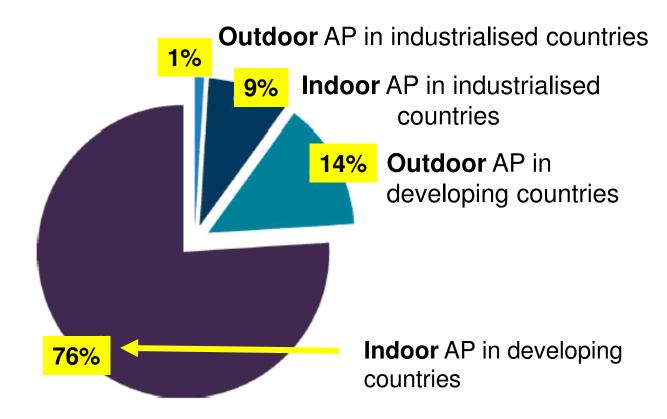
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On behalf of INDEPTH IAPIS Working Group

INDEPTH Network Scientific Conference, Maputo, 24-28th October 2011



#### **AIR POLLUTION IN PERSPECTIVE**



Global population exposure to particulate matter air pollution (Kirk Smith 1993)



#### **BIOMASS FUEL AND RESPIRATORY HEALTH**

(Meta-analysis – 25 studies from 14 countries)



#### **Children**:

Acute Lower Respiratory Infections OR: 3.5 (1.94 – 6.43)

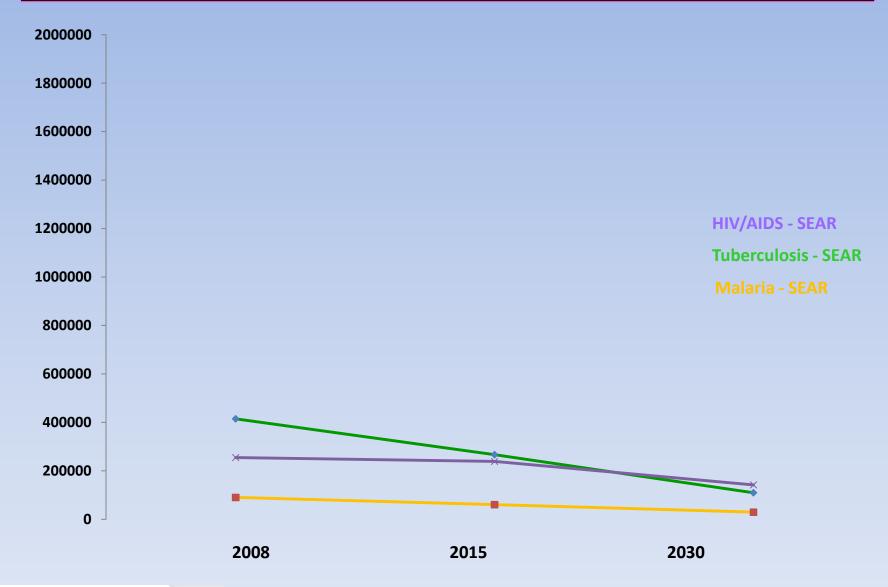
#### Women:

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease OR: 2.40 (1.47 – 3.93)



(Po JYT et al, Thorax 2011; 66(3): 232-239)

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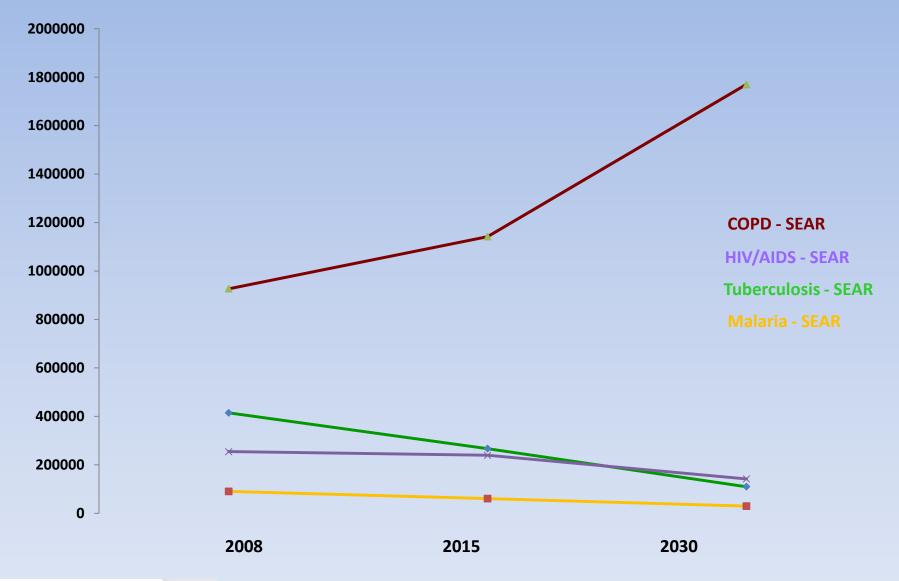




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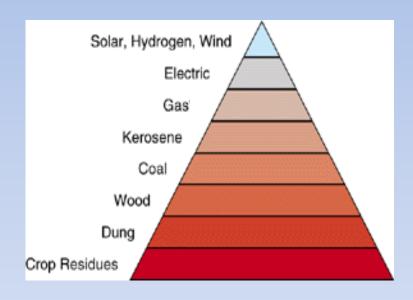




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#### THE ENERGY LADDER





Dung cakes



Wood



**Crop** residues



#### INDOOR AIR POLLUTION DUE TO BIOMASS **EXPOSURE** Indoor PM2.5 levels in mcg/m3 p<0.0001 300 250 **Indoor PM2.5 levels:** 200 287 homes 2 different seasons 150 Measurement over 24 hrs 100 50 110 256 15-20 **Biomass US** homes (Mukkunuwar U et al, ERS 2011, Abst.)

- BETTER HEALTH INFORMATION FOR BETTER HEALTH POLICY

# What Strength do we the INDEPTH-Network members have to study IAP and its effects on health?

- 42 HDSS field sites in Africa, Asia and Oceania
- Access to large populations and diverse settings
- Established trust of communities
- Pregnancy, birth, death and cause-of-death records
- Experience with household cluster randomised trials
- Potential to follow cohorts when early life exposures are known



#### **Health Impact of Indoor Air Pollution**

| Health outcome                                     | Evidence <sup>1</sup> | Population               | Relative risk <sup>2</sup> | Relative risk (95% confidence interval) <sup>3</sup> |                         |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Acute infections of the<br>lower respiratory tract | Strong                | Children aged 0–4 years  | 2.3                        | 1.9–2.7  | S U F F C               |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease              | Strong                | Women aged ≥ 30 years    | 3.2                        | 2.3–4.8  |                         |
|  | Moderate I            | Men aged ≥ 30 years      | 1.8                        | 1.0–3.2  |                         |
| Lung cancer (coal)                                 | Strong                | Women aged ≥ 30 years    | 1.9                        | 1.1–3.5  | E<br>N                  |
|  | Moderate I            | Men aged ≥ 30 years      | 1.5                        | 1.0-2.5  | Т                       |
| Lung cancer (biomass)                              | Moderate II           | Women aged ≥ 30 years    | 1.5                        | 1.0-2.1  | I N S U F F I C I E N T |
| Asthma   | Moderate II           | Children aged 5–14 years | 1.6                        | 1.0–2.5  |                         |
|  | Moderate II           | Adults aged ≥ 15 years   | 1.2                        | 1.0-1.5  |                         |
| Cataracts  | Moderate II           | Adults aged ≥ 15 years   | 1.3                        | 1.0–1.7  |                         |
| Tuberculosis                                       | Moderate II           | Adults aged ≥ 15 years   | 1.5                        | 1.0-2.4  |                         |

Strong evidence: Many studies of solid fuel use in developing countries, supported by evidence from studies of active and passive smoking, urban air pollution and biochemical or laboratory studies.

Crow workplace exposures to air Pollutants.

DO environmental factors increase the burden ding and home or of Tuberculosis?

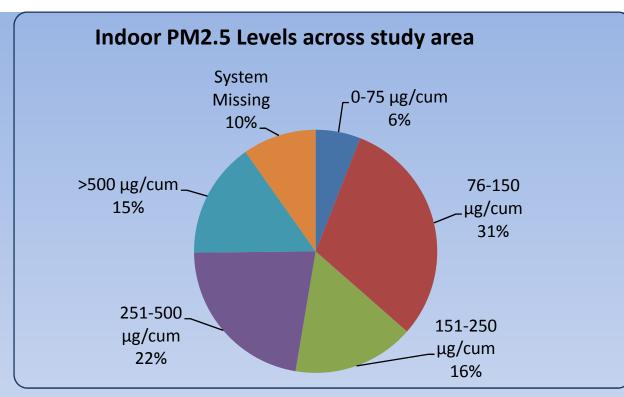
2.5 million people die annually from cardiovascular disease attributable to environmental factors, including chemical, air pollution, and environmental tobacco smoke exposures.



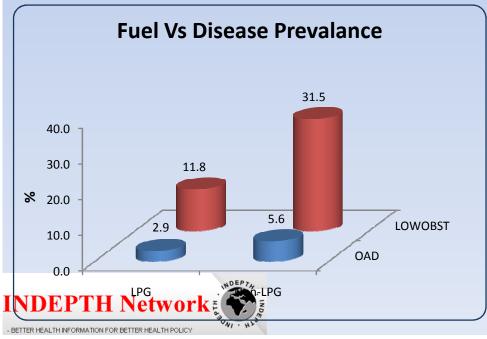
Moderate evidence: At least three studies of solid fuel use in developing countries, supported by evidence from studies on active smoking and on animals. Moderate I: strong evidence for specific age/sex groups. Moderate II: limited evidence.

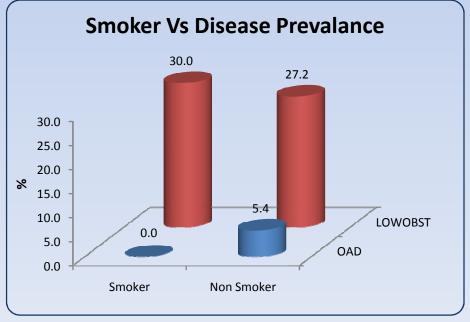
The relative risk indicates how many times more likely the disease is to occur in people exposed to indoor air pollution than in unexposed people.

The confidence interval represents an uncertainty range. Wide intervals indicate lower precision; narrow intervals indicate greater precision.



# **Significant Findings**





## Where we stand today?

Proposal development funding secured from STPH to

- 1) Review biomass fuel use in interested sites.
- 2) Review local improved stove options & opportunities in countries.
- 3) Determine range of exposures across variety of fuel / cooking technologies in sites.
- 4) Develop a multi-site RCT proposal.
- 5) Seek coordinated multi-site trial funding



#### **AIMS**

- To establish effects of reduction of IAP from biomass combustion on priority health outcomes (acute and chronic respiratory illness, cardiovascular disease and mortality) in children and adults.
- 2) To widen understanding of IAP in terms of nature, prevalence, societal and cultural aspects, risk factors and potential for intervention to reduce pneumonia, low birth weight, growth rates, COPD, asthma, and cardiovascular risk markers

Within INDEPTH HDSS Network sites.

Work Package 1: **Project Coordination and Administration**The aim is to develop and maintain good relaitonships with research teams at the study sites based on partnership and support.

- Multi Centre Coordination
- Work Package Coordination

Work Package 2: Exposure Reduction

- Training
- Analysis
- Outputs and Deliverables



#### Work Package 3: Exposure Measure

The aim here is to provide accurate information on exposure among control and intervention groups, quantify concentrations of pollutants, detect changes in exposure that occur immediately, obtain information concerning the seasonality of exposures and determine short term variation in exposure.

- Training
- Analysis
- Outputs and Deliverables



#### Work Package 4: Acute Health Outcomes in Children

- Training
- Analysis
- Outputs and Deliverables

#### Work Package 5 : Chronic Health Outcomes in Adults

- Training
- Analysis
- Outputs and Deliverables

#### Work Package 6: Livelihood Outcomes

- Training
- Analysis
- Outputs and Deliverables



Work Package 7: Data Systems and Management

Work Package 8: Synthesis and Dissemination

- Comparability of Data Collection between Study Sites.
- Publications and Reporting Policy

Work Package 9: Capacity Strengthening and Training

Organization of Field Worker Training



#### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS!**

- INDEPTH cross site proposal finalization workshop in Pune in early 2012
- Preparation of the budgetary requirements in consultation with INDEPTH Finance department
- Identification of an appropriate probable funder to the proposed study
- Submission of the proposal through the secretariat













## **THANK YOU!**