

# Peru



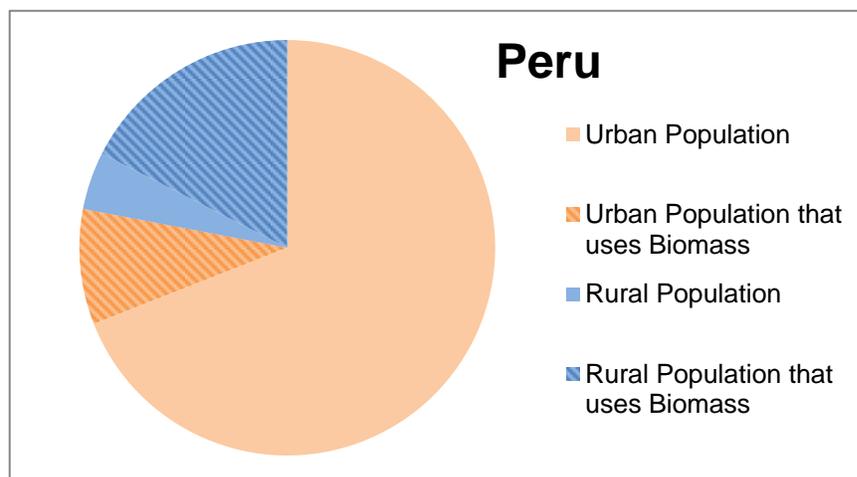
Total population*	<b>30,376,000</b>
Urban (%)	<b>78</b>
Rural (%)	<b>22</b>
% Population that uses biomass*	<b>34</b>
% rural**	<b>79.6</b>
% urban**	<b>11.5</b>
% Population with access to LPG and electricity**	<b>58</b>
Number of households that use biomass**	<b>2,798,258</b>
Number of annual deaths from HAP 2012*	<b>6,549</b>
Number of annual child deaths from HAP 2012*	<b>443</b>
Price of LPG (25 lb tank)***	<b>15 USD</b>
Price of electricity (Kw/h)***	<b>0.13 USD</b>
Price of Firewood	<b>nd</b>

HAP: Household Air Pollution

\*WHO observatory data base.

\*\*GACC (Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves) web page consulted on May 2015

\*\*\* September 2015



## History of Efficient Cookstoves

Number cookstoves distributed so far	<b>301,088 Inkawasi Stoves from 2009 -2012 491,817 LP kits and 60,000 Inkawasi from 2013</b>		
Cost of the technology	<b>Inkawasi, 300 soles \$85 USD aprox</b>		
Technology performance assessment	Type of cookstove	<b>Inkawasi</b>	
Where was it evaluated? <b>EI Zamorano Laboratory</b>	PM concentration in kitchen	<b>182 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	
	CO concentration in kitchen	<b>2.2 ppm</b>	

## National Program

Is there a national program?	<b>Yes</b>	Since when?	<b>2012</b>	Government goal: <b>1 million GLP stoves in 5 years</b>
Responsible Ministry:	<b>MINEM</b>			
Other ministries involved:	<b>MINEDU, MIDIS, VIVIENDA, MINSA, MIMP, MINED, MINAM, SENCICO</b>			
Non-governmental stakeholders	<b>GIZ, Vision Mundial, Care, ADRA, Caritas, ProPerú, Neoandina, Prisma, ITYF, Kusi Warma, AIDSEP, IDB, Minera Barrick, Alac, Microsol</b>			
Universities involved	<b>Universidad Cayetano Heredia</b>			

## Additional information<sup>1</sup>

Since 2009 in Peru the issue of pollution inside the home has had the attention of public and private institutions.

The cookstove distributed in Peru between 2009 and 2012 were biomass stoves. They are primarily different versions of the Inkawasi stove designed by the government program “por un Peru sin humo” (formerly the NINA project) and the Regional Governments of Tacna, Moquegua, Arequipa, La Libertad and Local Governments, which have had the support of GIZ. Some NGOs have also implemented cookstoves, including ADRA, Caritas, Work and Family Institute - Sembrando Program, Prisma, among others.

Peru’s government has a stove certification laboratory, implemented by Supreme Decree of the Ministry of Housing (DS 015-2009) by the National Training for Industry and Construction (SENCICO), which measures the performance of the different technologies, quantifies their emissions and establishes minimum performance limits.

The BCS government program is registered with the Gold Standard to receive payment for carbon credits. The distribution of stoves can also be found in [www.cocinasmejoradasperu.org.pe](http://www.cocinasmejoradasperu.org.pe)

<sup>1</sup> Provided by GIZ Peru, SENCICO, and the General Management for Environmental Health (DIGESA) of the Ministry of Health of Peru.

AMAZONAS	5,182
ANCASH	1,687
APURIMAC	18,179
AREQUIPA	14,404
AYACUCHO	17,695
CAJAMARCA	45,673
CUSCO	41,904
HUANCAVELICA	34,770
HUANUCO	6,086
ICA	624
JUNIN	2,168
LA LIBERTAD	58,732
LAMBAYEQUE	1,949
LIMA	3,183
LORETO	3,509
MOQUEGUA	4,073
PASCO	4,983
PIURA	20,652
PUNO	1,154
SAN MARTIN	4,159
TACNA	9,802
UCAVALI	520

**Biomass stoves distributed by region**



**Incawasi stove**

In 2014, the new government set the goal to distribute one million LPG cookstoves in 5 years. The Plan for Universal Access to Energy 2012-2022 considers the implementation of improved cookstoves in areas where there is no market for LPG or natural gas<sup>2</sup>. Until now, the new government has distributed 60,000 additional biomass stoves with chimney and 491.817 LPG stoves and vouchers of 32 soles for purchase of LPG (9.15 dollars at February 15, 2016). MINEM transferred to MIDIS funds for the distribution of 60,000 biomass stoves by 2015.



LPG stoves distributed by region

### Papers published with studies in Peru

1. Agurto-Adrianzen M (2009) The role of social capital in the adoption of firewood efficient stoves in northern Peruvian Andes. MPRA Paper No. 15918. Munich: Munich Personal RePEc Archive.

[http://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/15918/1/MPRA\\_paper\\_15918.pdf](http://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/15918/1/MPRA_paper_15918.pdf)

### Abstract

This paper explores rural households' adoption of a new cooking technology in the Northern Peruvian Andes. It exploits a development intervention which distributed and installed, at no cost, firewood efficient stoves in the rural communities of Chalaco District. Using first hand data, collected from the beneficiary villages, this research investigates how village technology adoption patterns and village social capital mutually interact and influence the individual household's adoption decision. The results in this paper indicate that the effect of village adoption patterns on the household's adoption decision is significantly higher in villages with stronger social capital and that the marginal impact of social capital may be negative if village success in adoption is relatively low. It is also shown that only the proportion

<sup>2</sup> Source: Ministerio de Energía y Minas (MINEM)

of adopters that did not experience problems with their own stoves has a positive impact on individual household adoption through its interaction with social capital, while the reverse is true for the village proportion of adopters experiencing problems with the new cooking technology. In this study measures of social capital were collected prior to the intervention; therefore, reverse causality should not be a critical issue in identifying the effects of this social variable. Village unobservable factors are not likely to drive the observed patterns

in the data; this paper also shows that village success in adoption has a negative effect on the decision to uninstall the stove among beneficiary non users and that this effect is also increasing in village social capital. The results point to the importance of village social structures in the success of development interventions.

2. USAID/Winrock (2008) Peru healthy kitchen/healthy stove pilot project. Washington, DC: United States Agency for International Development.

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### **Abstract**

In August 2005 and 15 months later, data were collected by survey and breathing tests in adults from 44 households that initially used indoor open fires to cook. Levels of breathable particulates and carbon monoxide in the cooking areas of the households were also measured before and after installation of “rocket” stoves with chimneys. Symptomatic lung disease was common in these subjects despite tobacco smoking not being a significant issue. At baseline, virtually all respondents reported a chronic cough. Many had sufficient symptoms to be classified as having chronic bronchitis. Repeated survey the next year showed nearly complete resolution of all symptoms. By analogy to the improvement in breathing environment that occurs with tobacco smoking cessation or reduction of high level exposure to second-hand smoke, lower amounts of kitchen pollution should also reverse rates of decline in breathing obstruction (FEV1% measured by spirometry) as it does with cessation of cigarette smoke exposures. By an extrapolation from the literature on cessation of tobacco smoke exposure, the reduction in the airway damage associated with indoor air pollution (IAP) from cooking fire smoke should have led to a 2.78% average increase in FEV1% over the follow-up period.

Some problems occurred with our data collection, largely due to loss to follow-up and spirometric tests that did not meet clinical reproducibility criteria. In the 15 subjects with fully valid tests in both years, there was an overall decrease in FEV1% of -1.38% (95% confidence interval was clearly different from the 2.78% improvement expected). This might have meant that the project failed to achieve meaningful reductions in lower respiratory tract consequences of biomass smoke exposure. However, there were large differences in the degree of reduction of biomass smoke pollution as indicated in the monitoring data for breathable particulates and carbon monoxide. An examination of this data set showed that combined cut-points of both “>100 mcg per meter squared” and “>64%” reduction in particulates discriminated between groups with better and worse spirometry results but this did not reach

significance at the traditional  $p < 0.05$ . However, one of these subjects wasn't cooking initially but was at follow-up. Another subject was an outlier with an FEV1% increase of 8.82%; this is consistent with this subject having asthma. The analysis was repeated with just the other 13 individuals. The difference between groups was then significant at  $p < 0.01$ .

The difference between groups with better and worse reductions in particulate pollution was significant at  $p < 0.05$ . The confidence interval for the average FEV1% change in the group with better reductions in particulates was  $-0.88$  to  $2.35\%$  improvement. While this is not quite as good as hoped for by analogy to cessation of high-level tobacco smoke exposure, it is still reassuring that this amount of reduction in cooking smoke exposure can make a difference in the rate of progression of chronic obstructive lung disease.

This analysis focused on particulates but all of these households also had analyses of CO levels in both years. Scattering either the change in CO or its percentage drop from baseline against the change in FEV1% (or adding them to a regression model along with the change in particulates) shows no correlation so it is clear that the lung function results are associated primarily with the ability of the "rocket" stove installations to markedly reduce particulate pollution when installed and used properly.

Using the larger data set, it was also possible to check whether results varied by gender or by presence or absence of baseline obstruction. For the 17 men, there was no significant difference in FEV1% change between groups with more or less particulate reduction in the kitchens of their households. For the 15 women, there was a difference that was significant at  $p < 0.05$ . Although the mean changes were similar for both genders, the higher variance among the men may reflect wider variation in time spent in the kitchen. Although the majority of men in this sample cooked at least once a week, the women were the primary cooks in all these households so this result is consistent with women having had more chance of benefiting from reduction in kitchen smoke.

Comparing those with evidence of obstruction at baseline showed them to have improved FEV1%; those without didn't seem to benefit ( $p < 0.0005$ ). Linear regression that included this variable did not negate the statistical significance of the reduction in particulate exposure. Having the statistical program (STATA 8.2) pick predictors of improvement (by backwards, stepwise exclusion) showed that just these two variables are significant. These results are especially striking because baseline obstruction does not predict achieving better particulate reduction (8 did and 9 didn't). Those without baseline obstruction also showed nearly equal levels of better reduction (6 did and 9 didn't). So reducing particulates by this amount has real benefit. In this sample, the impact seems to only be measurable for those already damaged by many years of smoke inhalation.

**3.** Accinelli R.A., Llanos O., Lopez L.M., Matayoshi S., Oros Y.P., Kheirandish-Gozal L., Gozal D. Caregiver perception of sleep-disordered breathing-associated symptoms in children of rural Andean communities above 4000 masl with chronic exposure to biomass fuel

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1389945715006498>

**Abstract**

Previous studies have uncovered a very high prevalence of sleep disorders in general, and of sleep-disordered breathing in particular among children exposed to indoor biomass fuel pollution. However, despite the significant symptomatology, parents are unlikely to report these issues during health-care visits.

The objective of this study was to determine whether reduced caregiver perception of sleep disorders may account for the infrequent diagnosis and treatment of such problems in children residing at high altitudes and exposed to high biomass pollution.

Parents of children aged 9–15 years of three communities residing in the Pasco region in Peru located between 3800 and 4200 meters above sea level were surveyed using a validated questionnaire instrument focused on symptoms associated with sleep-disordered breathing as well as whether caregivers perceived that their child suffered from a sleep disorder.

Among the 77 children included, 48.1% had nocturnal awakenings and 46.8% had repetitive movements and restless sleep. Habitual snoring was present in 33.8% of all children. However, only 10.4% of mothers considered that their children had sleep problems, and all of their children had positive answers for  $\geq 4$  sleep symptoms.

Children residing at high altitudes and exposed to traditional biomass-fueled stoves exhibit an extremely high frequency of sleep symptoms that are misperceived by their mothers as being “normal.” Interventions aimed at increasing parental recognition and awareness of sleep problems will be essential to foster improved diagnosis and treatment.

**4.** Kucerova I., Banout J., Lojka B., Polesny Z. Evaluation of Improved Wood-burning Cookstoves for Rural Areas Near Pucallpa, Peru.

### **Abstract**

The rural areas near Pucallpa city in Peruvian Amazon are without access to electricity. The main source of energy is fuelwood, used in a open fire stove which has very low efficiency. The performance of two improved cook stoves (Ceramic Stove - CS and Rocket Stove – RS) constructed by the indigenous tribe Shipibo- Conibo near Pucallpa city, based on their traditional ceramic knowledge; has been compared with locally traditional cooking methods (Traditional Cocina - TC). Further, three different tree species Guaba (*Inga spp.*), Capirona (*Calycophyllum spruceanum* Benth.) and Citrus (*Citrus spp.*) were selected as most commonly used fuelwoods based on a local survey. The lab-based water boiling tests (WBTs) and controlled cooking tests (CCTs), which combined parts of lab and field based tests were used to assess the stove performance in this study. In average the thermal efficiencies of CS and RS were approximately about 8% higher during all WBT phases as compared to TC. Conversely specific fuel consumption and firepower during all WBT phases was about 98 g.kg<sup>-1</sup> and 1.9 kW higher in case of TC as compared to CS and RS. The results of CCT shows significant energy savings in case of CS (37%) and RS (39%) comparing to traditional methods. As a conclusion we consider improved cook stoves to be facilities that can save significant amount of energy as compared to traditional cooking methods in rural areas near Pucallpa city.

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<http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/11/10/10310>

**Abstract:** Global efforts are underway to develop and promote improved cookstoves which may reduce the negative health and environmental effects of burning solid fuels on health and the environment. Behavioral studies have considered cookstove user practices, needs and preferences in the design and implementation of cookstove projects; however, these studies have not examined the implications of the traditional stove use and design across multiple resource-poor settings in the implementation and promotion of improved cookstove projects that utilize a single, standardized stove design. We conducted in-depth interviews and direct observations of meal preparation and traditional, open-fire stove use of 137 women aged 20–49 years in Kenya, Peru and Nepal prior in the four-month period preceding installation of an improved cookstove as part of a field intervention trial. Despite general similarities in cooking practices across sites, we identified locally distinct practices and norms regarding traditional stove use and desired stove improvements. Traditional stoves are designed to accommodate specific cooking styles, types of fuel, and available resources for maintenance and renovation. The tailored stoves allow users to cook and repair their stoves easily. Women in each setting expressed their desire for a new stove, but they articulated distinct specific alterations that would meet their needs and preferences. Improved cookstove designs need to consider the diversity of values and needs held by potential users, presenting a significant challenge in identifying a “one size fits all” improved cookstove design. Our data show that a single stove design for use with locally available biomass fuels will not meet the cooking demands and resources available across the three sites. Moreover, locally produced or adapted improved cookstoves may be needed to meet the cooking needs of diverse populations while addressing health and environmental concerns of traditional stoves.

6. Pollard S.L., Williams D.L., Breyse P.N., Baron P.A., Grajeda L.M., Gilman R.H., Miranda J.J., Checkley W. *A cross-sectional study of determinants of indoor environmental exposures in households with and without chronic exposure to biomass fuel smoke*. *Environmental Health*. 2014 Mar 24;13(1):21. doi: 10.1186/1476-069X-13-21

<http://www.hopkinsglobalhealth.org/news-events/publications/a-cross-sectional-study-of-determinants-of-indoor-environmental-exposures/>

#### **Abstract**

**BACKGROUND:** Burning biomass fuels indoors for cooking is associated with high concentrations of particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO). More efficient biomass-burning stoves and chimneys for ventilation have been proposed as solutions to reduce indoor pollution. We sought to quantify indoor PM and CO exposures in urban and rural households and determine factors associated with higher exposures. A secondary objective was to identify chronic vs. acute changes in cardiopulmonary biomarkers associated with exposure to biomass smoke.

**METHODS:** We conducted a census survey followed by a cross-sectional study of indoor environmental exposures and cardiopulmonary biomarkers in the main household cook in Puno, Peru. We measured 24-hour indoor PM and CO concentrations in 86 households. We also measured PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations gravimetrically for 24 hours in urban households and during cook times in rural households, and generated a calibration equation using PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements.

**RESULTS:** In a census of 4903 households, 93% vs. 16% of rural vs. urban households used an open-fire stove; 22% of rural households had a homemade chimney; and <3% of rural households participated in a national program encouraging installation of a chimney. Median 24-hour indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> and CO concentrations were 130 vs. 22 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 5.8 vs. 0.4 ppm (all p<0.001) in rural vs. urban households. Having a chimney did not significantly reduce median concentrations in 24-hour indoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> (119 vs. 137 µg/m<sup>3</sup>; p=0.40) or CO (4.6 vs. 7.2 ppm; p=0.23) among rural households with and without chimneys. Having a chimney did not significantly reduce median cook-time PM<sub>2.5</sub> (360 vs. 298 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, p=0.45) or cook-time CO concentrations (15.2 vs. 9.4 ppm, p=0.23). Having a thatched roof (p=0.007) and hours spent cooking (p=0.02) were associated with higher 24-hour average PM concentrations. Rural participants had higher median exhaled CO (10 vs. 6 ppm; p=0.01) and exhaled carboxyhemoglobin (1.6% vs. 1.0%; p=0.04) than urban participants.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Indoor air concentrations associated with biomass smoke were six-fold greater in rural vs. urban households. Having a homemade chimney did not reduce environmental exposures significantly. Measures of exhaled CO provide useful cardiopulmonary biomarkers for chronic exposure to biomass smoke.

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## Abstract

**Background** The rise in non-communicable diseases in developing countries has gained increased attention. Given that around 80% of deaths related to non-communicable diseases occur in low- and middle-income countries, there is a need for local knowledge to address such problems. Longitudinal studies can provide valuable information about disease burden of non-communicable diseases in Latin America to inform both public health and clinical settings.

**Methods** The CRONICAS cohort is a longitudinal study performed in three Peruvian settings that differ by degree of urbanization, level of outdoor and indoor pollution and altitude. The author sought to enroll an age- and sex-stratified random sample of 1000 participants at each site. Study procedures include questionnaires on socio-demographics and well-known risk factors for cardiopulmonary disease, blood draw, anthropometry and body composition, blood pressure and spirometry before and after bronchodilators. All participants will be visited at baseline, at 20 and 40 months. A random sample of 100 households at each site will be assessed for 24 h particulate matter concentration. Primary

outcomes include prevalence of risk factors for cardiopulmonary diseases, changes in blood pressure and blood glucose over time and decline in lung function.

Discussion There is an urgent need to characterize the prevalence and burden of non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries. Peru is a middle-income country currently undergoing a rapid epidemiological transition. This longitudinal study will provide valuable information on cardiopulmonary outcomes in three different settings and will provide a platform to address potential interventions that are locally relevant or applicable to other similar settings in Latin America.

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<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24112419>

## Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** Exposure to biomass fuel smoke is one of the leading risk factors for disease burden worldwide. International campaigns are currently promoting the widespread adoption of improved cookstoves in resource-limited settings, yet little is known about the cultural and social barriers to successful improved cookstove adoption and how these barriers affect environmental exposures and health outcomes.

**DESIGN:** We plan to conduct a one-year crossover, feasibility intervention trial in three resource-limited settings (Kenya, Nepal and Peru). We will enroll 40 to 46 female primary cooks aged 20 to 49 years in each site (total 120 to 138).

**METHODS:** At baseline, we will collect information on socio demographic characteristics and cooking practices, and measure respiratory health and blood pressure for all participating women. An initial observational period of four months while households use their traditional, open-fire design cookstoves will take place prior to randomization. All participants will then be randomized to receive one of two types of improved, ventilated cookstoves with a chimney: a commercially-constructed cookstove (Envirofit G3300/G3355) or a locally-constructed cookstove. After four months of observation, participants will crossover and receive the other improved cookstove design and be followed for another four months. During each of the three four-month study periods, we will collect monthly information on self-reported respiratory symptoms, cooking practices, compliance with cookstove use (intervention periods only), and measure peak expiratory flow, forced expiratory volume at 1 second, exhaled carbon monoxide and blood pressure. We will also measure pulmonary function testing in the women participants and 24-hour kitchen particulate matter and carbon monoxide levels at least once per period.

**DISCUSSION:** Findings from this study will help us better understand the behavioral, biological, and environmental changes that occur with a cookstove intervention. If this trial indicates that reducing

indoor air pollution is feasible and effective in resource-limited settings like Peru, Kenya and Nepal, trials and programs to modify the open burning of biomass fuels by installation of low-cost ventilated cookstoves could significantly reduce the burden of illness and death worldwide.

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## RESUMEN

En este artículo se discute la relación existente entre la enfermedad pulmonar obstructiva crónica (EPOC) y el humo de biomasa. Más de la mitad de la población utiliza biomasa como combustible principal, sobre todo en áreas rurales y en países en vías de desarrollo donde su uso llega hasta el 80%. La inhalación del humo de biomasa crea un estado inflamatorio crónico, que se acompaña de una activación de metaloproteinasas y una reducción de la movilidad mucociliar. Esto podría explicar la gran asociación existente entre la exposición a biomasa y EPOC, revelada por estudios observacionales y epidemiológicos provenientes de países en vías de desarrollo y de países desarrollados. En esta revisión exploramos también las diferencias entre la EPOC causada por tabaco y por biomasa, y encontramos que, a pesar de las diferencias fisiopatológicas, la mayoría de las características clínicas, calidad de vida y mortalidad fueron parecidas. En los últimos diez años se han realizado intervenciones para disminuir la exposición a biomasa mediante el uso de cocinas mejoradas y combustibles limpios, sin embargo, estas estrategias todavía no han sido exitosas debido a su incapacidad para reducir los niveles de contaminación a niveles recomendados por la Organización Mundial de la Salud, y por su falta de uso. Por lo tanto, hay una necesidad urgente de ensayos de campo aleatorios, cuidadosamente realizados, para determinar la verdadera gama de reducciones de contaminación potencialmente alcanzables, la probabilidad de su uso y los beneficios a largo plazo en la reducción de la gran carga mundial de EPOC.

## Abstract

In this article, the relationship between chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and biomass smoke will be discussed. More than half of the world population uses biomass for fuel, especially in rural areas and in developing countries where usage reaches 80%. Biomass smoke inhalation creates an inflammatory chronic state, which is accompanied by metalloproteinases activation and mucociliary mobility reduction. This could explain the existing association between biomass exposure and COPD, revealed by observational and epidemiological studies from developing and developed countries. In this review, the differences between COPD caused by tobacco and biomass were explored. It was found that despite the pathophysiological differences, most of the clinical characteristics, quality of life and mortality were similar. In the last ten years there have been interventions to reduce the biomass smoke exposure by using improved stoves and cleaner fuels. However, these strategies have not yet been successful due to inability to reduce contamination levels to those recommended by the World Health Organization as well as due to the lack of use. Therefore, there is an urgent need for carefully conducted, randomized field trials to determine the actual range of potentially reachable contamination reductions, the probability of use and the long term benefits of reducing the global burden of COPD.

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#### Abstract

Household air pollution from biomass fuel use affects 3 billion people worldwide; however, few studies have examined the relationship between biomass fuel use and blood pressure. We sought to determine if daily biomass fuel use was associated with elevated blood pressure in high altitude Peru and if this relationship was affected by lung function. We analyzed baseline information from a population-based cohort study of adults aged  $\geq 35$  years in Puno, Peru. Daily biomass fuel use was self-reported. We used multivariable regression models to examine the relationship between daily exposure to biomass fuel smoke and blood pressure outcomes. Interactions with sex and quartiles of forced vital capacity were conducted to evaluate for effect modification. Data from 1004 individuals (mean age, 55.3 years; 51.7% women) were included.

We found an association between biomass fuel use with both prehypertension (adjusted relative risk ratio, 5.0; 95% confidence interval, 2.6–9.9) and hypertension (adjusted relative risk ratio, 3.5; 95% confidence interval, 1.7–7.0). Biomass fuel users had a higher systolic blood pressure (7.0 mm Hg; 95% confidence interval, 4.4–9.6) and a higher diastolic blood pressure (5.9 mm Hg; 95% confidence interval, 4.2–7.6) when compared with nonusers. We did not find interaction effects between daily biomass fuel use and sex or percent predicted forced vital capacity for either systolic blood pressure or diastolic blood pressure. Biomass fuel use was associated with a higher likelihood of having hypertension and higher blood pressure in Peru. Reducing exposure to household air pollution from biomass fuel use represents an opportunity for cardiovascular prevention.

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<http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12931-015-0198-2>

#### Abstract

**Background** It is unclear how geographic and social diversity affects the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). We sought to characterize the prevalence of COPD and identify risk factors across four settings in Peru with varying degrees of urbanization, altitude, and biomass fuel use.

**Methods** We collected socio demographics, clinical history, and post-bronchodilator spirometry in a randomly selected, age-, sex- and site-stratified, population-based sample of 2,957 adults aged  $\geq 35$

years (median age was 54.8 years and 49.3% were men) from four resource-poor settings: Lima, Tumbes, urban and rural Puno. We defined COPD as a post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC < 70%.

**Results** Overall prevalence of COPD was 6.0% (95% CI 5.1%–6.8%) but with marked variation across sites: 3.6% in semi-urban Tumbes, 6.1% in urban Puno, 6.2% in Lima, and 9.9% in rural Puno ( $p < 0.001$ ). Population attributable risks (PARs) of COPD due to smoking  $\geq 10$  pack-years were less than 10% for all sites, consistent with a low prevalence of daily smoking (3.3%). Rather, we found that PARs of COPD varied by setting. In Lima, for example, the highest PARs were attributed to post-treatment tuberculosis (16% and 22% for men and women, respectively). In rural Puno, daily biomass fuel for cooking among women was associated with COPD (prevalence ratio 2.22, 95% CI 1.02–4.81) and the PAR of COPD due to daily exposure to biomass fuel smoke was 55%.

**Conclusions** The burden of COPD in Peru was not uniform and, unlike other settings, was not predominantly explained by tobacco smoking. This study emphasizes the role of biomass fuel use, and highlights pulmonary tuberculosis as an often neglected risk factor in endemic areas.