

The Effect of Improved Cook-stove on the Incidence of Childhood Pneumonia in Jumla

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The effect of improved cook- stove on the incidence of child-hood pneumonia in Jumla!

This study was very appropriate in our country context. We do know that indoor air pollution is one of the major culprits in increasing morbidity and mortality especially among women and children. This study definitely attempted to highlight the importance of using improved-cook stove in reducing the risk of respiratory infection. It would have been better if the primary data were collected on the levels of air quality parameters in those sampled houses. A question arises whether the results were disseminated to the local people. It is

very important that the results are disseminated to them emphasizing the need to use of improved cook-stoves. Also, the study needs to be replicated in other parts of the country to see whether the trend is same everywhere including in villages and towns and try to minimize the confounding factors as much as possible. Finally, I would like to congratulate the author for doing a research in a marginalized population but in a very appropriate topic.

With regards,

Sharad Aryal
Syangja