



#### "Small scale concentrating solar energy systems: Technical development and social adoption"

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#### **Project collaboration**

- University collaboration
  - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
  - Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar
  - Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique
  - Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
  - University of KwaZulu-Natal Durban, South Africa
- PhD/MSc based research, 2007-2011
  - About 10 PhDs (3 from social science)



## **Project Financing**

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#### Source: GRID Arendal (2008)

http://maps.grida.no/go/graphic/electrification-and-traditional-fuels-in-sub-saharan-africa 16.03.2011



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# **Objectives**

- Develop and test small scale pilot units for concentrating heat collectors with integrated heat storage units (250 degrees C)
  - Applications:

High temperature energy storage has several areas of application Project focus: food preparation

Injera baking requires high temperatures (200-220 degrees)

• Develop guidelines for the successful implementation of a prototype

 comparative analysis of an existing institutional solar cooking system to identify the factors which lead to an adoption/rejection of such a system

- implementation & testing of a prototype in Mozambique



#### Concept





Standard small scale solar cooker



Project concept: include heat storage Energy available after sunset



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# Approach

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- **Target: Institutional level** (universities, schools, hospitals, bakeries, restaurants...)
  - Solar cookers for households have been available for long times, but not gained widespread use
  - Institutions have better resources: costs and maintenance of systems
  - Solar energy can be demonstrated through the implementation at institution
- University based work: PhD, MSc
- Interdisciplinary
  - Students from social science, natural science and technology
- Organization
  - All participating universities targets the same concept (heat collection and storage)
  - Work plan: each focus on a particular part of the solar system
  - NTNU laboratory hosts visitors: 1-3 months
  - Yearly workshops







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# Status

• Testing of social & technical concepts

### 1) Social adoption

- Scheffler Reflector for Community-Kitchens
- identification of energy patterns & cooking habits of public institutions in Mozambique
- comparative study on Scheffler system in different settings

#### 2) System testing

- air based system
- steam/oil system
- direct system
- Particular application: Injera baking





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