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Call for abstracts on household air pollution

The USAID Translating Research into Action (TRAction) Project, which supports implementation science to identify best practices and ensure that evidence can be applied in practice, is sponsoring a special issue of the *Journal of Health Communication*. The special issue will focus on behavior change communication (BCC) strategies related to improved cookstove and improved fuels research, and methods for sharing information to inform programs or policies.

Increased uptake and correct, consistent use of clean cookstoves and fuels involves substantial behavior change. Behavior change communication draws on a broad range of frameworks, strategies and tools including but not limited to communication, social marketing, community empowerment, and advocacy. This special issue will feature research that seeks to understand and evaluate the strategies and tools for effective BCC within four critical areas of clean cookstove and fuels research: 1) demand creation, 2) financing, 3) correct and consistent use, and 4) policies to enable scale-up. The issue will highlight what we know about BCC for clean cookstoves and improved fuels, lessons learned, remaining questions and new horizons for research in this area.

TRAction is currently seeking abstracts for commentaries, editorials, field reports, and research articles on the use of BCC approaches for improving the adoption and sustained use of improved cookstoves and/or better fuels. TRAction is specifically interested in research on clean cooking technologies that are proven to substantially reduce emissions and have the potential to result in positive health impacts. **We welcome all submissions for consideration at this time.**

To Apply: Please email an abstract of the proposed manuscript (200 words or less) to Kendra Williams (kwilliams@urc-chs.com). In the email cover letter, please indicate the type of submission (commentary, editorial, field report, or research article). For this special issue, we intend to select 6-8 research articles, 3-4 commentaries, 3-4 field reports, and 3-4 editorials. Research articles are expected to be 5,000 words or less, and commentaries, field reports, and editorials should be 2,000 words or less, excluding abstracts, charts, tables, and references. All submissions will be reviewed by the special issue editors and will be sent out for peer review if appropriate.

For research articles, please include the following in the abstract: Study objective(s), data source (and whether the data has already been or will be collected), methods, and results (or expected results).

Expected Timeline:

Abstract Submission Deadline	January 3, 2014 Selected abstracts will be notified by January 20
Manuscript Submission Deadline	April/May 2014 (TBD)
Peer Review Deadline (to be initiated by TRAction)	June 2014
Revised Article Submission Deadline	July 2014
Anticipated Publication Date	December 2014