

Editorial

In this issue of TES, Fatihya A. Massawe and Kenneth M. K. Bengesi's study of *Household Social Economic Status and Adoption of Improved Cook Stoves: the Case of Kilimanjaro Region Tanzania* explores the role of socio economic status for explaining the low adoption rate of improved cooking stoves. The authors use asset index to establish the social economic status and combine structured questionnaires and focus group interviews to provide insights about household's asset ownership, knowledge and arguments for adopting or not adopting improved cooking stoves. Despite the multiple benefits of adopting improved cook stoves, poorer households give priority to meeting other essential needs and acquiring supplementary valuable assets. The findings of the study may contribute to strategic considerations on how to design future dissemination of improved cooking stoves.

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