## Getting to know our team in Nigeria

## Esther Adedeji

As another member of the Efficient Stoves Team, Esther would like to introduce herself to you. She has been working as a Monitoring Officer for the atmosfair team in Nigeria for more than six years and is responsible for the annual survey of stove users, among other things.

Esther was born in Isolo, a district of Lagos, as the youngest of five children. She grew up with one brother and three

sisters. Today, Esther is 40 years old and lives in Lagos together with her two children - a son and a daughter. She holds master's degrees in environmental management from the University of Abeokuta and in urban management and development from Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Ester works as a consultant and researcher in the field of energy and sustainability. She is an advocate of clean energy and very passionate about the environment. Esther became aware of the stove project through the internet.

When asked what she likes most about working with the efficient stoves, Esther says, "I am happy that the project provides clean and affordable energy solution to people at the grassroot level. The work has brought me really close to these people and I have a clear understanding of their needs, challenges, and plight. I hear peoples testimonials on how the Save80 stoves and the Wonderbox - "the black box"- has united the family, during mealtime."

Esther says that the nicest experiences are the testimonies and feedback from the users, "It is captivating when I learn that these stoves can feed a very large family and the black box is indeed a wonder box that keeps the food warm and nice. Particularly the users emphasize that they can save

money with the Save80 and still put food on the table. And it's great to learn that the stove moves from one generation to another, since the mothers give them to their daughters as gift.

This is also what impresses Ester the most: "I am really impressed that these stoves are passed on from one generation to the next. I've talked to daughters who received the stove as a gift from their parents and daughters who inherited the stove from their mothers. This passing down to the next generation really proves the importance and durability of the Save 80 stove"

One challenge Esther sees in her work is that it is currently difficult to get a Save80 in Nigeria. The demand for stoves is very high says Esther.

Esther's message to us:





"I will implore atmosfair get more of the stove in circulation because it is in high demand and indeed a tool for the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #7 (SDG7- Affordable and Clean Energy)."

atmosfair is currently relocating Save80 production from Germany to Nigeria to increase the availability of the stoves in the country. By producing locally and reducing transportation costs, we aim to create jobs and further reduce the cost of the stove for users.

Dear Esther,

thank you very much for the valuable work you do for the project, for your commitment and empathy you show to the people. We continue to work together to be able to offer a stove to as many people in Nigeria as possible.

Katrin