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ENTERPRISEWORKS/VITA RECEIVES U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FUNDING TO EXPAND IAP REDUCING ACTIVITIES IN GHANA

Washington, DC – EnterpriseWorks/VITA (EWV) today announced that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will support EnterpriseWorks/VITA in its implementation of a project titled, “Reducing Indoor Air Pollution in Ghana through Fuel Efficient Cook Stoves” as part of its Partnership for Clean Indoor Air. The two-year project aims to reduce indoor air pollution (IAP) through the manufacturing and distribution of consumer oriented cook stoves that use less fuel, significantly reduce indoor air pollution, last longer and are safer than traditional stoves. Building upon EWV’s existing cook stoves program in Ghana, the project will expand the availability of improved stoves to previously underserved regions, helping more Ghanaians adopt cleaner technologies that improve their health while protecting the environment and increasing their savings.

“EWV has a proven track record in Ghana in helping to reduce indoor air pollution through improved cook stoves that provide tremendous socioeconomic, environmental, and health benefits to stove users and their communities. EWV is honored to have the opportunity to build upon these successes.” said Don Feil, President and CEO of EWV. “With the additional funding from the EPA EWV expects that an additional 98,000 Ghanaian households will adopt cleaner technologies, impacting the health, productivity and well being of an additional 686,000 Ghanaians.”

EnterpriseWorks/VITA has long been active in the household energy subsector and has managed successful cook stoves projects, specifically in Benin, Mali, Senegal, India and Ghana, since the 1990’s. Its approach has been the model for other household energy initiatives throughout Africa and Asia.

For over 40 years, EnterpriseWorks/VITA has worked diligently to fulfill its mission to combat poverty by helping small producers and other entrepreneurs build sustainable businesses that create jobs and increase productivity, market opportunities and incomes. EWV achieves this by expanding access to appropriate technologies, technical assistance, knowledge and finance.

EWV maintains a close-knit network of 21 field and affiliate offices in Africa and Asia – enabling substantial knowledge sharing and collaboration across countries and regions.

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