

Factory set-up and train-the-trainers workshop successfully completed

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A further important milestone on our way to local cook stove production is reached: Rwanda, Nigeria, and German team members joined from Nov. 10th until Dec. 3rd in Kigali and completed a three-week



From left to right: Samuel Munana (Safer1, Rwanda), Bernhard Ellmann (atmosfair, Germany), Joseph Nsabimana (Safer1, Rwanda), Ojo Olufisayo (ACSL, Nigeria)

workshop on how to build, set up, and maintain the machines needed for the “Save80” efficient cook stove production of our Rwanda partner “Safer1”.

The production line had been designed by our Technical Developer Bernhard Ellmann in our atmosfair Test Lab in Berlin. Some machines and machine components had been sourced from different manufacturers, but a significant part was actually built in-house. After shipping the machinery to Kigali, the task now was to introduce the Kigali Production Managers, Joseph Nsabimana and Samuel Munana, into all the details needed for smooth operation of the production line.

Because time is always short, we have made a virtue of necessity and made the finishing of the machines a common effort: Part of the workshop was to convey all the skills of a machinist that were necessary to complete those machine parts we couldn’t manufacture in Berlin prior to shipping. Thus, now our production managers really know what they are talking about when training new team members, and really know what to do whenever trouble shooting is needed.

Another goal and achievement was to integrate Ojo Olufisayo, the Production Manager of our Nigerian “Save80” stove production, into the training. (In Kano we’re erecting a second production site for “Save80” stoves together with our Nigerian subsidiary “atmosfair Climate and Sustainability Limited”). As mentioned above, Ojo joined the workshop in Kigali, so he could not only share knowledge with the Rwanda team, but we were also able to create a strong link between the two teams.

After completing the workshop we’re happy to say that we found the right people for the job! Both the Rwanda and Nigeria Production Managers once again proved to be both highly motivated and competent, so we’re really looking forward to proceeding towards actual stove production in Rwanda and Nigeria with this great team.



Shears and punching machines for the Kigali „Save80” production. Esp. the punching machines are tailor-made and in-house built for optimized workflow and product quality.