WELCOME TO THE SOLAR LIGHT LIBRARY TOOLKIT!

SolarLight Libraries

A Solar Light Library is designed to work in a similar way to a book library, where students can borrow solar lights for a small fee from their local school so that they can improve their education by reading and studying after dark, using clean, safe light. No student should have to use dangerous, polluting kerosene lamps or candles for them to study at night.

This toolkit has been designed to enable organisations to set up Solar Light Libraries and help schools to run the libraries. The resources in this toolkit have been developed based on Solar Light Libraries which have been established in Senegal, Zambia and Malawi.

WHAT'S IN THIS TOOLKIT?

Solar Light Library manual: This manual provides a comprehensive guide to what a Solar Light Library is and how to set it up. It is vital reading for any organisation, school or librarian wishing to set up a library.

Letter to parents: This is a sample letter which the school can send to parents to introduce and explain the Solar Light Library and how it works to parents

Student register: This is a simple register which lists the name of each student who wishes to sign up to and make use of the Solar Light Library.

Solar Light register: This is a register which lists and assigns a number to each solar light in the library.

Library usage register: This is a register which should be used by a librarian to record the movement of solar lights, when they are taken out of and returned to the library.

Solar Light Library poster: This is a poster which can be used to advertise the Solar Light Library at the school.

If you would like to know more about Solar Light Libraries or would like support in setting up a solar light project, please let us know by emailing us at: **info@solar-aid.org**

Monitoring and evaluation forms: These are template which have been developed to help understand the impact the Solar Light Library is having on the school, the students and education. This includes a baseline survey and an endline survey document. We strongly recommend that these forms are used by trained researchers, who are familiar best practice when carrying out and analysing the results of surveys and interviews with parents and teachers.

Feedback form: This is a simple form where you can provide us with feedback. We'd love to know, for example, when a new Solar Light Library has been set up and to hear about the impact the library is having. You can even tweet a picture of the library to us at @SolarAid using the hashtag: #solarlightlibrary. We also want to receive any feedback on this toolkit, so that we can improve it, and any challenges you encounter when setting up and operating a Solar Light Library.

Download the training guide

HOW TO SET UP A LIBRARY

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