

## **AIDS 2008 Carbon offset - selected projects:**

At AIDS 2008, the conference secretariat introduced a new donation scheme offering delegates the opportunity to offset their flight carbon emission by ticking a box on the registration form.

Thanks to the generous donations of AIDS 2008 conference delegates and the conference secretariat's social responsibility initiative, the International AIDS Society has been able to support three different projects combining environmental, economical and social benefits.

- **MEXICO HotPots - Fundo Mexicano para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza (FMCN)**

Over the last 6 years, FMCN's HotPot Initiative has distributed more than 7,000 hotpots (solar ovens) to women living in rural and underserved communities. By using this technology for their daily cooking needs, these women are contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the conservation of the forest cover in their communities, as well as to the improvement of their families' health and quality of life.



*"I inform you that the HotPot [solar ovens] team decided to use International AIDS Society donation to distribute 170 hotpots in 5 rural communities located in the state of Coahuila (a semiarid Mexican region). We are really excited about working at these new sites, since for the first time the hotpots will be distributed as part of an integrated cooking kit, with fuel-efficient stoves." Testimony from Eglé Maria Flores, FMCN who benefited from the AIDS 2008 carbon emission donation*

- **MADAGASCAR Household waste recycling and production of compost – Action Carbone**

In partnership with GEVALOR, an association which evaluates urban waste in medium and large cities, Action Carbone now uses the organic waste produced in the city of Mahajanga, Madagascar, by transforming it into compost for local agriculture. Avoiding waste fermentation reduces approximately 120,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents throughout the duration of the project.



- **INDIA Anaerobic digesters in the Hassan district, production of biogas and compost – Action Carbone**

In partnership with SKG Sanga, an Indian NGO active in the development of biogas and renewable energy, Action Carbone encourages the diffusion of anaerobic biodigesters on a small-scale in order to recycle kitchen waste and animal manure to improve the living conditions of farmers and their families. At the same time, the use of the biogas and compost produced in the digesters offers the possibility to protect the Indian forests and to contribute to the fight against climate change.

