Greetings All,

Join us for the Zoom meeting, *\*Safe Drinking Water & Clean Cookstoves: For the Poor, By the Poor.\**There will be two meetings of the same presentation, on the first two Tuesdays of December, at 10:00am, New York time.

Question:  Why is it taking so long to realize an objective of the WHO from 2003, of the urgent need of safe drinking water for the poor?

Answer:  For one thing, there needs to be a distinction in what production processes are sustainable for the poor, within their economy.

With the dire problems posed by Covid-19 and an increased focus on the poor, there is a need for a forming process of ceramics that is accessible to potters, whose traditions of production are widespread.  These potters produce by hand, such products as water containers and cook pots, and need training in quick production of exact duplicates, through techniques of model and mold making.  For production of ceramic ‘candle’ water filters, in both Nepal and Kenya the forming of these filters was done with a sizable, iron press, a forming process not so accessible to low-income potters.

These potters tend to be highly professional and should be an invaluable resource.  They are already familiar with different clays and their processing and the demanding needs of drying and firing.  They tend to be eager to learn about new products and processes and their capacity building could make all the difference in work along with their neighbors, getting safe drinking water and clean indoor air to their communities.

Join us in the meetings of these dates.  Comments and questions will be welcome.

Tuesday December 1 at 10:00am, New York time.  Zoom link:  [Launch Meeting - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83093975878?pwd=L0w3ZktaM1B1am5pSVlGemYvZld3QT09)

Tuesday December 8 at 10:00am, New York time.  Zoom link:  [Launch Meeting - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88461545340?pwd=eWFVdWlaRnAxMlFCYllCbjF6N3FFUT09)

See you then.

All the best,

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