

# Commerce



## Kiramira, Burundi

**Pascalie Redi, Little Sun  
sales agent, kiosk manager**

“We all have a past as IDPs or refugees because of the civil war. We were not human beings. We survived only because of charity. It was not a dignified life. A decent life is to be able to support ourselves and not be dependent on others for help. A dignified life is to feel pride. When Little Sun came and I began to sell them at the kiosk, it gave the whole team a desire for new challenges. We are so happy with this Little Sun project, which Imagine Burundi-Terimberere tells us is called a social business.”



## Harare, Zimbabwe

**Darlington Gutu,  
Little Sun sales agent, student**

“Selling Little Sun lamps helps me cover transportation costs from my home to the University of Zimbabwe and has given me marketing skills. I have rediscovered myself and what I can achieve.”

*As a child, Darlington was sponsored by the NGO Plan Zimbabwe. He is now a Little Sun sales agent, is interning in Little Sun's office in Harare, and is studying sociology at the University of Zimbabwe.*



## Ngaparou, Senegal

**Adja Khaliss, Little Sun  
sales agent and recruiter**

“Since we have Little Sun, even the few people that have electricity in the village switch off their lights during late nights so they can save money on electricity bills. I’m now very well known in the village because I sell Little Sun, and the lights do help a lot of people. That’s what I’m all for.”

*Adja sells Little Suns in Senegalese eco-villages.*



## Attara, India

**Garib Das Gubda,  
fruit stand owner**

“Now I can keep my shop open for as long as I want. I’ve got more customers and more money for my family. Besides that, my family uses the solar lamp after I return from my shop at night.”



## Epworth, Zimbabwe

**Ellen Khumbulani,  
Little Sun sales agent**

“My life has changed so fast. We sold all our cattle to meet medical expenses when my father died four years ago, and I never dreamt of owning livestock again. But because of this project, I foresee our family buying the lost livestock back if this project continues upward like this.

Here in Epworth, harvests have been poor for a number of years because of drought, but I am one of the few in this area who have enough food in the house. I no longer have problems sending my two children to school, and I have joined with three other sellers so that we may expand our business, though capital is still a stumbling block. But I still have conviction that one day I will make it.”



## Johannesburg, South Africa

**Octavia Ndebele, Little Sun sales agent,  
teacher's assistant and child-minder**

"I started selling Little Sun lamps last year. I sell primarily to the vast Zimbabwean community in Johannesburg, at monthly burial society events, and to acquaintances and fellow child-minders. Selling the lamps helps me save for my driver's license test that I am going to take in a couple of weeks."



## Uttar Pradesh, India

**Champa, steamstress**

"If we are lucky, we get two hours of electricity per day in our home, and it's very unstable. I discovered that the lamp is a big help for me and my work. After my children go to sleep, I am now able to finish my sewing and stitching work because I have light. I am very happy with my Little Sun and all the opportunities it gives me and my children."

# Daily Life



## Hampi, India

### Pusspa

“The lamp will make a huge difference in our lives. We don’t have to borrow electricity from our neighbours anymore, and more important, we don’t have to live in constant fear of getting caught by the government. We are very thankful and can now peacefully cook in the evening.”

*Pusspa lives with her husband and two children.*



### Husenama and her mother

“The lamp will make our walks in the fields much more comfortable and secure. I am very happy about it!”

*Husenama has a disability and is both physically and mentally challenged. She depends very much on her mother for support. As they do not have a toilet in their home, she needs to go outside into the fields. Her mother has to help her, and at night, it is a dark and dangerous walk.*

# Little Sun

## Testimonials



### **Reshma**

“I can’t wait to show my parents! We will save a lot of money on kerosene, and now it is possible to have light every evening when we make dinner and look out for our hens.”

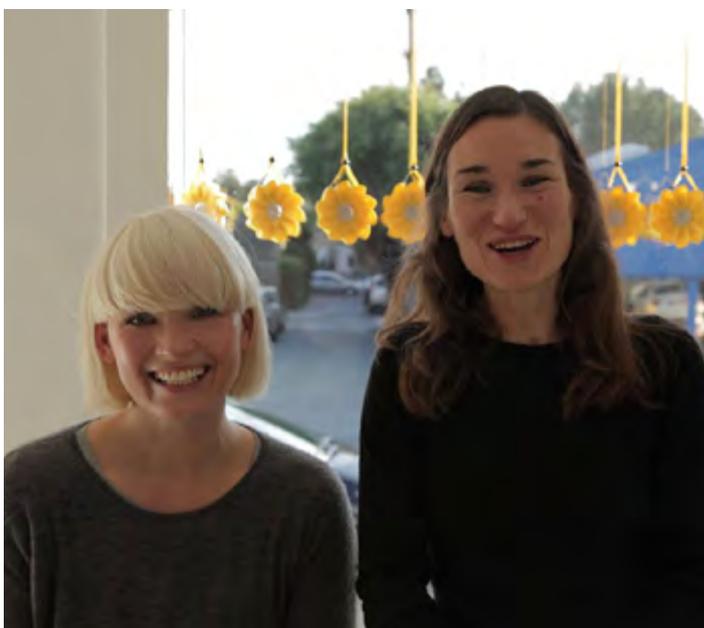
*Reshma is 15 years old and takes care of the house and garden while her parents work during the day.*



### **Renokama**

“We have no electricity. This Little Sun lamp is big help for us, especially now, because we are living in a shack. It will make us feel much more secure, and we will use the light to scare away the wild animals during the night. The Little Sun will also be a big help for cooking in the evening.”

*Renokama lives with her husband and two children.*



### **Los Angeles, California, USA**

**Sharin Foo and Camilla Hjerl,  
owners of Hurra! boutique and gallery,  
which sells Little Suns and Danish art  
and design objects**

“How can you not love the Little Sun? Every aspect of it is so full of positivity. It’s happy, fun, and functional. In our own homes it’s been a great conversation starter with our kids about social and environmental awareness, and great for imaginative play.”

# Aid and Relief



## Malakal, United Nations Base, South Sudan

### Maywut

“I want to be a doctor when I grow up, because I want to help sick people who can’t afford treatment. But I am worried about my education because I don’t know when I will be able to go to school again. I heard that my school has been destroyed in the fighting.”

*Maywut is 16 years old. She has been displaced by recent fighting between rebel soldiers and government troops and is now living with her sisters and a neighbour in a refugee camp. With her Little Sun lamp, she is going to be able to continue studying, even though she can not currently go to school.*



### James

*James was displaced by recent fighting between rebel soldiers and government troops and is now volunteering for UNICEF. James said that the Little Sun will help him and his family because they have no light in the temporary shelter they are living in and he wants to be able to continue with his studies by reading at night.*

# Medical Care



## The Himalayas

### Dr. Charles McDonald

“Little Suns were used for throat, eye, and ear inspections, for dentistry, for preparing tuberculosis slides, and for changing dressings and looking closely at infections inside dim rooms. In one of the clinics, a doctor treated a newborn baby with pneumonia.

We were able to give him antibiotics and would've air-evacuated him by helicopter, but the helicopters were all

grounded at the time because of a late-season typhoon. When we left, he appeared to have stabilised. In this family four sons had died in infancy, and he would have been the fifth.”

*Pulmonary specialist Dr. Charles McDonald traveled with the Nomads Clinic to the Himalayas, giving medical care and spreading much-needed Little Sun solar light.*

# Medical Care



## Uganda

### Swafdal Abdellah, boarding school student

"I was very happy when she gave me the Little Sun. The teachers give us a lot of homework every day, but the power is switched off at 9:00 pm and then you have to just close your books and go to sleep, because it is too dark to study.

Now, with Little Sun, I can revise and complete my homework. Even my friends benefit from it, because I hang it from the ceiling in our dormitory so they can see too. They were all very happy, because it saves them from being caned in the morning if they haven't finished their homework. So, they thanked me a lot."

# Little Sun

## Testimonials



### Monaco

#### Jenny O'Fee, teacher

“Our students were amazed by the possibilities that one Little Sun could give to children who do not have regular access to electricity. They loved the design and wanted to know where they could all get their own Little Suns! The students received information and saw a video about the Little Sun project, learning how the different ways in which we are creative can help solve real life problems.”

*Students at the International School of Monaco recently embarked on a Giving Project where they raised money*

*to buy Little Suns for schoolchildren in Tanzania, while learning about solar energy and sustainability themselves. This introduction to solar power in the form of Little Sun made an impact on ISM students, including 9-year-old Arman, who notes:*

*“I think the Little Sun is very useful for people in different places. It saves batteries and electricity, as well as our environment!”*

# Little Sun Testimonials



## Davis, California, USA

### Nancy Keltner

“I told the students how many people in the world are without electricity. We talked about poverty, talked about the difference electricity can make in a child’s life. And I told them how they use candles and kerosene, and how dangerous it is, how it can burn down houses.

Then I asked them, “Why would anyone give kids from a place as privileged as Davis these lights?”

One student promptly told me, “Because we’ll be ambassadors!”

*Nancy is a Little Sun enthusiast who has organised a Little Sun ambassadors programme in her grandson’s primary school to educate students about solar power and global energy access. She and her husband bought Little Suns for all students in the class, to support the project.*

# Safety



## Living Goods Office, Uganda

**Hajat Nubuwat Kadala, Little Sun sales agent and community health promoter at Living Goods**

“There really is a need for solar products in this area, where there are a lot of power cuts. People use kerosene lamps and candles, but the fuel is expensive. And you hear stories of accidents with children getting bad burns from the lamps, or mothers who leave their children in the house with a burning candle, and the house catches fire. Children have died in such accidents.”



## Ngaparou, Senegal

**Adja Khaliss**

“Thanks to Little Suns, women can breastfeed their babies late at night without needing to light a kerosene lamp, which is dangerous because it has caused fires in the village.”

*Adja sells Little Suns in Senegalese eco-villages.*

# Distribution



## Dakar, Senegal

**Koyo Kouoh, artistic director at  
Raw Material Company, Little Sun distributor**

“The African continent possesses abundant natural energy resources, and yet sustainable forms of energy are not widely available to its population. Africa provides an ideal ground for discussing the urgent global energy crisis. Raw Material Company is very happy to join Little Sun in spreading light and safe energy in Senegal.”



## Dakar, Senegal

**Marie Helene Pereira,  
office manager at Little Sun SARL**

“The Little Sun project is a way for me to better understand the lifestyle in rural areas. It is rewarding because I can bring light and happiness into people’s lives.”

# Expeditions



## Mars Desert Research Station, Utah, USA

### Nick Orenstein, crew commander and scientist

"I brought the two Little Suns to the Mars Desert Research Station during my recent mission as Crew 132 Commander. The Little Suns were a perfect addition to the facility, which comprises both a space research facility and a greenhouse called the GreenHab. Space habitats have limited power available, so it was great to have a self-powered solar lamp with ample light output that didn't drain our resources. The Little Suns' portability made for easy installation and simple use.

Their bright yellow color was a warm, welcome hue in an otherwise desolate red and gray landscape. I know that the Little Suns will provide light for many missions to come.

Art and science are both creative endeavors which complement each other. The circle of life spins on, evolving and expanding as we humble human explorers push the boundary ever outwards with artists' aid and friendly lights brightening the path."



## The Himalayas

### Caroll Dunham

“They proved essential to us in providing critical light along treacherous, muddy, stony, wet trails, with the potential of boulders falling as we had to walk way into pitch-dark nightfall. A single misstep could be death, and Little Suns prevented that.”

*60 Nepalis, the 30 visitors, and their long caravan of horses and baggage mules were all forced to turn back from the 18,000-foot pass they had intended to cross on their circumambulation of Manaslu. Instead, they had to retreat the way they came. The situation became an emergency evacuation. Little Suns lit the way.*



## Sahara Desert, Tunisia

### Annette Reinbacher

“We needed the Little Sun lights every night in the Sahara for cooking. We also used them to check the tents at night for snakes and scorpions. The light was very nice, because it’s usually so dark in the Sahara. The Little Suns are also great because there’s no need to have petroleum fuel in the tents for light, which can be dangerous.”

*Annette brought some Little Suns on her trip with a nomadic Bedouin family who travel seasonally due to grazing conditions for their livestock and changing water sources.*

# Environmental Impact



## The Himalayas

**Rebecca Solnit, environmental, political,  
and arts writer**

“I think of Little Suns primarily as being a response to climate change, something I think about a lot. They are, after all, low-carbon lights (zero carbon once they’re manufactured from about the same amount of petroleum as a kerosene lantern might burn in an evening).

They are alternatives to burning fossil fuel or setting electrical grids for light, and with their yellow-sun shape are eloquent demonstrations of the possibilities of solar light. I know Olafur Eliasson, the co-founder of Little Sun, thinks of them primarily as a means of bringing light to the more than a billion human beings who don’t have access to electricity. They are all these things and more.”