

Light4Light Campaign Donation- Karainagar 22/02/2016

What?

- iEnergy sought to donate 10 solar lanterns to impoverished and vulnerable families currently living without electricity in Sri Lanka
- With the support of Karai Welfare Society (UK) and Mr. Kanthasamy from Karainagar we were able to identify 5 beneficiaries, who were each using 2 kerosene lamps to light their homes
- Rather than donate 1 solar lantern each to 10 families, it was decided that it would be more impactful to donate two solar lanterns (a Leader EP-31 and a D.light S2) to each of the 5 families
 - **Leader EP-31- (RRP 2000 Rs)**
 - Three brightness options:
 - Low- 8 hours of light
 - Medium- 5 hours of light
 - High- 3 hours of light
 - Long lasting LEDs provide 60,000 hours of lighting
 - 360° illumination range
 - Water resistant and break resistant ABS enclosure
 - Dual charging using a mobile phone charger
 - LED charging indicator
 - 5 year battery life with latest Lithium Ion battery technology
 - High performance solar panel
 - 2 year free replacement manufacturer's warranty
 - **D.light S2 (RRP 1500Rs)**
 - 4 hours of light on a single charge
 - Long lasting LEDs provide 60,000 hours of lighting
 - Water resistant
 - Multiple uses as a desk lantern, travel lantern or in emergency use
 - 5 year battery life with latest Lithium Ion battery technology
 - High performance solar panel
 - 2 year free replacement manufacturer's warranty



Why?

- iEnergy ran a Light4Light Campaign in the UK, where the diaspora would either purchase a solar lantern for their relatives or donate money for rural electrification in Sri Lanka
- Therefore, iEnergy had committed to using the profits from the sales and the donations to donate solar lanterns to needy families in Sri Lanka

When?

- On the 22nd February 2016 Mrs Maureen Selventhiran (iEnergy Representative) along with her family and with the assistance of Mr. Kanthasamy distributed the lanterns to the beneficiaries

Where?

- The distribution of the lanterns took place in Karainagar, Jaffna in the North of Sri Lanka

Who?

- The solar lanterns were donated to impoverished and vulnerable families as selected by Mr. Kanthasamy
- In selecting the beneficiaries we prioritised women headed households, households with children and vulnerable families in poverty
- Below are some details of two of the beneficiaries:



Nirmala lives with her husband and four children in a thatched hut in Karainagar and they are one of the beneficiaries of the Light4Light Campaign. As Nirmala's husband is differently abled it is often difficult to make ends meet as he only does informal and irregular work. Three of her children are at school and studying in the 4th, 8th and 9th Grade and her fourth is still a toddler. The dim and smoky light from their kerosene lamp makes it difficult for night time studying and the cost of kerosene is often a limiting factor. However, with their new solar lanterns the children can now study for longer in a smoke-free and well lit environment and the family can now save the money that they would have spent on kerosene. Most importantly as a mother Nirmala can now rest assured that her children are safe without the threat of kerosene spills and burns



Thavaselvi and her two sons have also received a solar lantern as part of our Light4Light Campaign. As a widow Thavaselvi has a challenging job of looking after her sons and bringing them up without a father yet this job is made even harder by the fact that she cannot talk. It is our hope that the solar lantern will help in some little way by creating a safe, well lit environment for her boys to grow up in and by saving Thavaselvi the expense of buying kerosene.