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Sri Lanka: Efficient Stove Helps Mother Avoid Land Mines

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Land mines are a constant threat in many parts of Sri Lanka in the wake of long years of civil strife.

Parathachchelvi Navarajan says that a fuel-efficient stove, given to her by WFP, has reduced the amount of fuel she needs to cook and therefore lessened the risk that she will step on a mine when searching for firewood.



Parathachchelvi says her safe stove was the one thing she came home with after fleeing clashes between government and rebel forces. Copyright: WFP/Mariangela Bizzarri

MULLAITIVU – Parathachchelvi Navarajan, 33, has just returned to her family home in the northern village of [Mullaitivu](#) after fleeing in 2009 amid fighting between government forces and the rebel Tamil Tigers.

After six months of living in refugee camps, the one thing she and her 11-year-old daughter brought back with them was an energy-efficient anagi stove given to her by WFP.

This stove will dramatically cut down on the amount of firewood she needs to cook. And this, in turn, will reduce her chances of encountering one of the mines left behind by 26 years of fighting..

An "excellent" stove



The *anagi*, which in Sinhala means "precious" or "excellent", is a single-piece clay stove designed to meet the cooking needs of a family of six. It's an estimated 30 percent more fuel efficient than cooking over an open fire.

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Deforestation is a major problem in northern Sri Lanka, where it has lead to



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