

CASE STUDY



Amayah's story

Ensuring no one is left in the dark

Through Sage Foundation's partnership with non-profit organisations that provide alternative clean energy sources to underserved communities, such as [Solar Buddy](#), we are protecting our planet and helping tackle the climate crisis while knocking down barriers to digital and economic equality.

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Nine-year-old Amayah lives in a remote area of Tanzania where the community has no reliable energy source. That impacts on every part of life, from food preservation and cooking to education.

Fuel-based lighting leads to the emissions of roughly 190 million tonnes of CO₂ per year and in communities where people are living on less than \$1 per day, approximately 40 per cent of their income is spent on kerosene lamps. A third of our global population is simply left in the dark.

Amayah has been given a safe and reliable solar-powered light that lasts for hours. All he needs do is leave it in the sun during the day to recharge and he can then continue studying long after it gets dark. This renewable energy solution is a clean and effective way of beating energy poverty while giving young people the chance to access education.

At a recent virtual volunteering event between Solar Buddy and Sage Foundation, we helped build more than 250 lights, which will have a positive impact on 1,285 people's lives. That contribution also amounts to an offset of 39,835 CO₂e kgs in carbon emissions over the lifespan of the light, an 80 per cent reduction in kerosene expenditure and 562,830 study hours created over three years.





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