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SCI assists communities to use the power of the sun to cook food and pasteurize water for the benefit of people and environments.

SCI board looks toward 2010

By Bev Blum, SCI Executive Director

At its exciting spring meeting, Solar Cookers International's dynamic, diverse board of directors set six program goals for the year 2010, each embracing major new initiatives. You'll be hearing more as we map out the details and seek support for major undertakings. The discussions were enriched by three professional facilitators who generously donated their services: Heidi Kolbe, Shahrzad Saderi and Leslie Parks. To them we are most grateful.

SCI's top priority for 2010 is independent spread of solar cooking beyond Nyakach — its "Sunny Solutions" project community in western Kenya — to all suitable parts of Kenya. We also continue to support a refugee-run solar cooking cooperative in Kakuma refugee camp.

A close second priority is the mobilization of solar cooking leaders worldwide for joint advocacy toward public and private



Refugee Shadrack Alumai, who supervised SCI's Kakuma refugee camp solar cooking project, finishes painting the new Solar Cooking Cooperative (SOCOCO) building

support to spread solar cooking for health, economic and environmental benefits in the twenty most needy countries. This will include two international meetings.

Two other priorities are 1) to provide technical assistance in several selected countries to governments or other major institutions wanting to promote *Continued on page 4*

Preview of coming attactions: a worldwide solar cooking movement

By Ramón Coyle, SCI Database Coordinator

Responses to a recent **Solar Cookers International** (SCI) survey indicate that a few hundred individuals, nonprofit organizations, research centers and alternative energy businesses have produced well over 100,000 solar cookers.

By January 2004, 234 individuals and organizations had responded to SCI's 2003 survey of solar cooking promoters.

Responses came from solar cooking promoters in 67 different countries, including 18 in India, 12 in Nigeria, 11 in Kenya, 11 in Uganda, 10 in Tanzania, nine in South Africa, six in Nepal, six in Haiti, and five each in Argentina, Nepal, Mali and The Gambia. *Continued on page 2*



Group ULOG has distributed thousands of solar box and parabolic cookers, including this model