

Women and Food

Keeping safe, saving energy



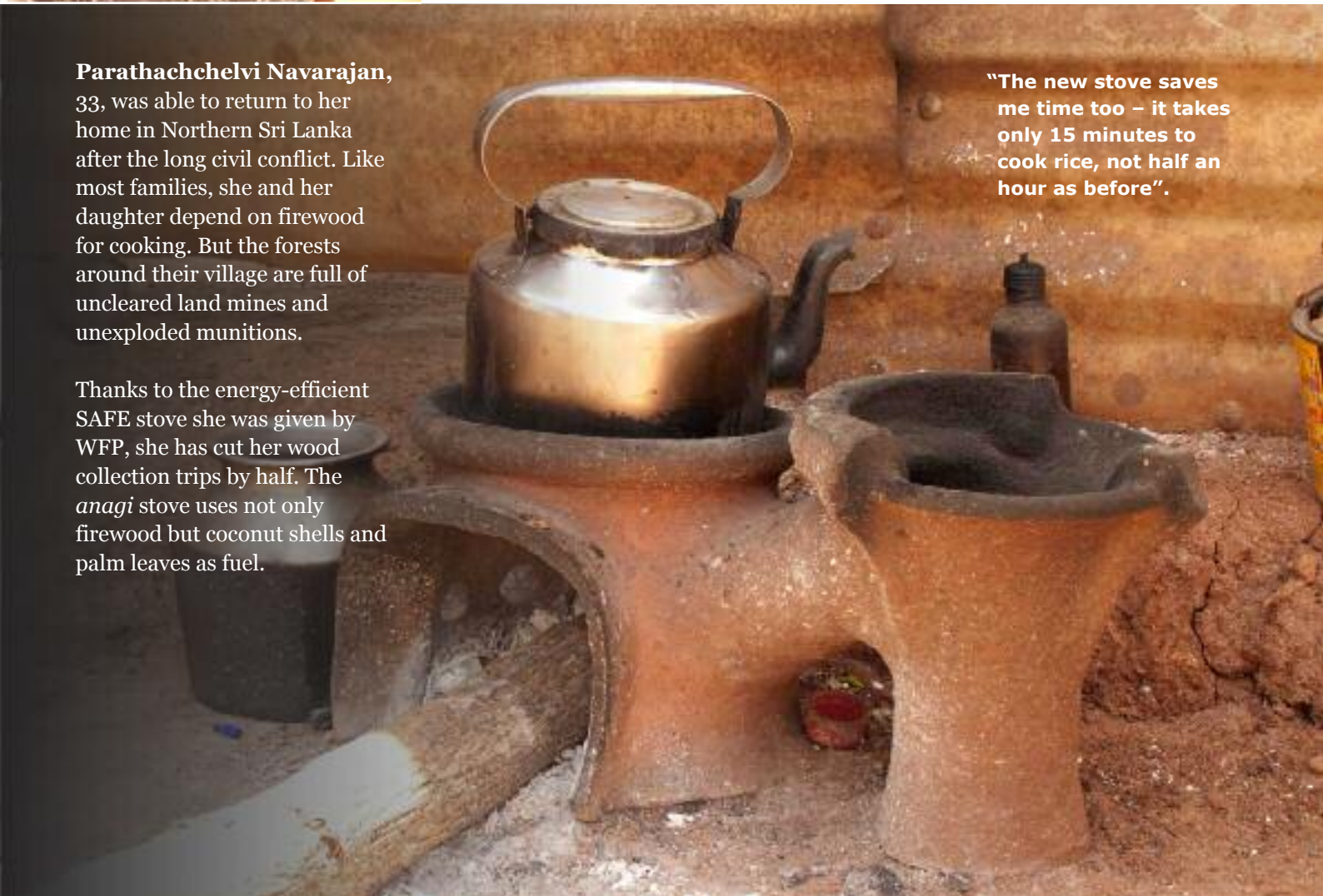
Sri Lanka Safe Stoves

While travelling long distances to collect firewood women and girls face greater risk of sexual violence. Through WFP's SAFE stove initiative women in Haiti, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uganda are receiving stoves that help keep them secure and save energy. The use of the fuel-efficient stoves also limits deforestation and so combats climate change.

Parathachchelvi Navarajan, 33, was able to return to her home in Northern Sri Lanka after the long civil conflict. Like most families, she and her daughter depend on firewood for cooking. But the forests around their village are full of uncleared land mines and unexploded munitions.

Thanks to the energy-efficient SAFE stove she was given by WFP, she has cut her wood collection trips by half. The *anagi* stove uses not only firewood but coconut shells and palm leaves as fuel.

"The new stove saves me time too – it takes only 15 minutes to cook rice, not half an hour as before".



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