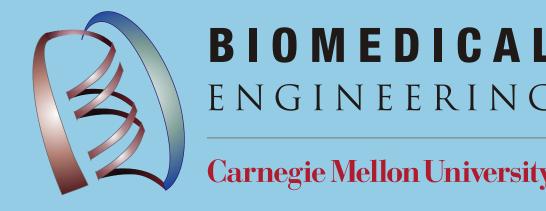
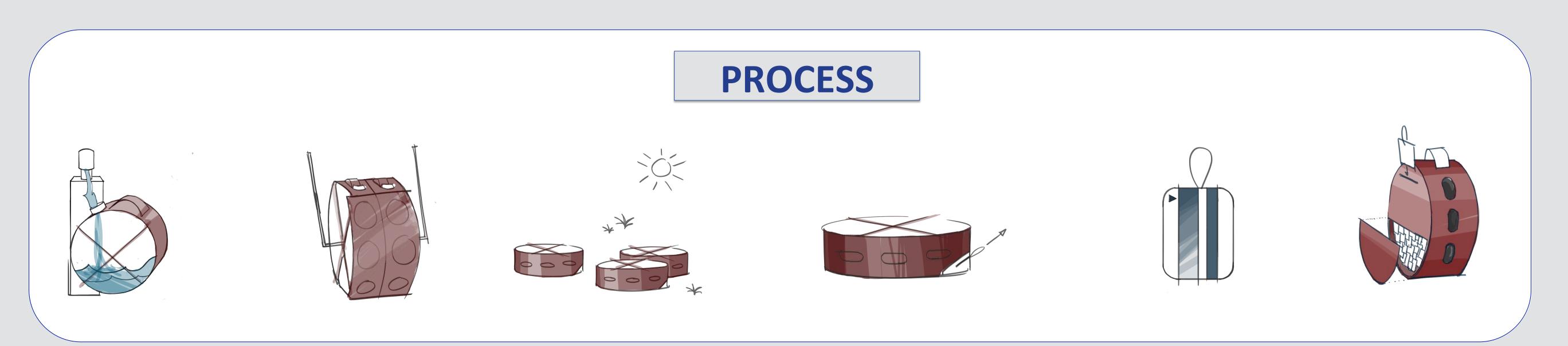
# A Sustainable Indicator for Solar Water

## Disinfection



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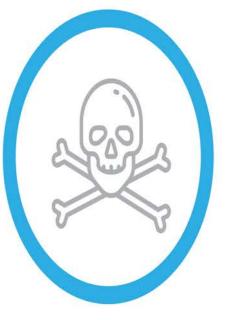
#### **IMPACT**



PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE

ACSESS TO CLEAN

DRINKING WATER









BILLION 2 MILLION

FOPLE DIE EVER

YEAR FROM WATER

BORNE ILLNESSES

EVERY 60 SECONDS
A CHILD DIES FROM
WATER RELATED
DISEASE

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN IS DIARRHEA<sup>2</sup>

5% OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA'S GDP LOST TO UNCLEAN WATER<sup>4</sup>

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### Solar Disinfection (SODIS) Method

- What is it?
  - Simple, portable & inexpensive water purification<sup>5</sup>
  - Uses solar energy
  - Kills bacteria, viruses, and protozoa in 6 hrs.
- Where is it used?



#### Kopo Can

- KOPO, LLC created the Kopo Can, a 2.6 gallon plastic jug with a design lifetime of over 1 year
- Glycol-modified polyethylene terephthalate (PETG)

#### **PROBLEM**

Purification time depends on:

- Weather
- Altitude

Season

CloudingLatitude

Visual indicator for purified water

**NEED** 

- Change at 950 kj/m<sup>26</sup>
- Low cost
- Intuitive
- Sustainable

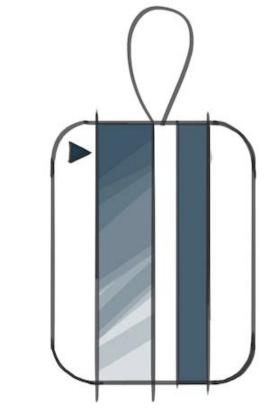
#### **METHODS**

#### **UV Responsive Dye**

- Polyoxometalate (POM)
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{POM } (W^{VI}) + \text{SED} \\ \text{Colourless} \end{array}$
- $\frac{\text{UV}}{\text{Dark, slow}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{POM (W}^{V}) + \text{SED}_{Ox}}{\text{Blue}}$
- Colorless to Indigo
- Reversible
- Sustainable

  Sunrise Day Sunset

  Night



#### Cartridge

- Casing tinted to change color at 950 KJ/m<sup>2</sup>
- Overnight recovery
- Color checker uses Indigo gradient

#### **Can Integration**

- Dye enclosed in secure cartridge
- Cartridge secured to can via holder
- Disposal site for used cartridges

### CONCLUSION

Needs Criteria	Design Feature
Sustainable	<ul><li>Dye recovers overnight</li><li>Available for multiple uses</li></ul>
Eco-Friendly	<ul> <li>Jerry can will have built-in disposal site</li> <li>Dye will be used in minimal amounts per indicator</li> </ul>
Low Cost	<ul> <li>Reusability allows for conservation</li> <li>Inexpensive materials</li> <li>Small amount of dye needed per jerry can</li> </ul>
Universal Indicator	<ul> <li>Simple, visual color change</li> <li>Changes color at dosage needed for purified water</li> </ul>

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