






FUELWOOD: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

 40% of the world's population rely on fuelwood to cook & heat their homes.

 70% of the population in DRC rely on subsistence farming and on collecting fuelwood to survive
Villagers have to walk 7km for 3kg of firewood
70% is transported by cart & 30% on people's heads

 Any left over wood is sold to Kinshasa, the capital, where it's used for bakeries & food processing

 Causes deforestation of DRC's tropical rainforest
Puts DRC's rare species at risk
Alternative is dung, but it deprives the fields of fertiliser, reducing crop yields.

 **EXAM STYLE QUESTION**
Identify a form of energy and describe how its use threatens the natural environment. You may refer to named areas which you have studied.

