

# WHY POVERTY? - SOLAR MAMAS

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Mona Eldaief, Jehane Noujaim, Denmark, 2012

45 min. | DK/Documentary



Rafea from Jordan is 30 years old. She has 4 children and a husband who's eager to take a third wife. With encouragement from Jordan's Ministry of Environment, she leaves her village for the first time to go to Barefoot College in India in an effort to gain a skill as a solar engineer that will bring the much-needed income to support her family and her village. Two months into the program, Rafea's husband insists that she returns home or he will divorce her and take her children. Rafea goes back, but manages to persuade her family that she should return to India. The film follows the incredible personal transformation Rafea goes through in the process of leaving home for the first time and of acquiring the skills to earn an income and achieve for her community what others have not been able to.

## Basic information

## Credits

## Festivals & awards

## Materials

<b>Original title</b>	Solar mamas
<b>Danish title</b>	Kvinder med power
<b>Other titles</b>	Barefoot engineers, Hvorfor fattigdom? - Kvinder med power, Why Poverty? - Solar mamas
<b>Keywords</b>	Women, Women's conditions, Living conditions, Education, Jordan, 2010-2019
<b>Director</b>	Mona Eldaief, Jehane Noujaim
<b>Producer</b>	Mette Heide
<b>Editor</b>	Brian McGinn, Kaspar Astrup Schröder, Jean Tsien
<b>Production country</b>	Denmark
<b>Domestic distribution</b>	Det Danske Filminstitut, Danske Filminstitut, DR TV
<b>International sales</b>	DR International Sales / DR Byen / Emil Holms Kanal 20 / 0999 København C / t +45 3520 3040 / f +45 3520 3969 / drsales@dr.dk / www.drsales.dk
<b>Festival information</b>	Danish Film Institute
<b>Danish theatrical release</b>	24.04.2013
<b>Cinemas</b>	Cinemateket Månedens dokumentar i Cinemateket, april 2013
<b>DFI subsidy</b>	Konsulentstøtte
<b>Danish rating</b>	Allowed for all

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