

- Electrification
- Education Access
- Enterprise Development



## IEEE Smart Village

*Power a Village, Empower Community*

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# “Power a Village, Empower A Community”

## The 3 Pillars of IEEE Smart Village

### Mission

- IEEE Smart Village integrates sustainable **electricity**, **education**, and **entrepreneurial solutions** to empower off-grid communities

### Vision

- A world where all people enjoy equal access to electricity and education to grow opportunities and leverage change for themselves and others

# ISV Project Locations



- The Americas**
- Galapagos (Ecuador)
  - Haiti
  - Honduras
  - United States

- Africa**
- Cameroon
  - Kenya
  - Malawi
  - Namibia
  - Nigeria
  - South Sudan
  - Rwanda
  - Tanzania
  - Uganda
  - Zambia

- Asia**
- India
  - Nepal
  - Papua New Guinea
  - Vietnam

■ Retired  
■ Active  
■ Future



**87 Projects funded in 18 Countries since 2009**  
**Currently 16 Active Projects in 9 Countries - Cameroon, Ecuador (Galapagos), Honduras, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, USA, Vietnam**

# Renewable Energy Innovators - Cameroon (REI-c)

## THE PROBLEM In Cameroon

- More than 10,000 villages without electricity
- 8 million people live below poverty line @ \$1.50 a day



# The Electricity Solution: SunBlazer\*

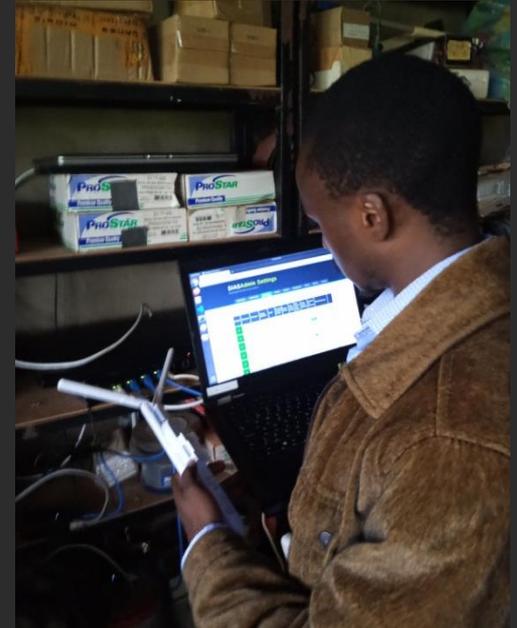
- Deploy *REI-c adapted*\* SunBlazers, scalable, smart, standardized solar mini-grid PV generator modules
- Power off-grid homes, businesses, schools, hospitals
- Scalable to 100kW



\* F4<sup>th</sup> Generation design by ISV Technical Committee since 2011



# RElc Education Solution: Local WIFI for Training Classrooms



High quality Ubiquity radios



# REIc Ed Easy Platform



EdEasy  
Education Made Easy



# ISV Entrepreneur - India

## Global Himalayan Expedition



GHE

### Using the power of Ecotourism to transform Mountain Communities

- 2015 \$35K – Electrification of 5 Remote Himalayan Villages
- 2016 \$65K – NatGeo TV 1-hour documentary “*Power to the People*” globally distributed in 64 languages
- 2017 – Winner World Tourism Forum Lucerne Award
- 2018 – Winner of World Travel and Tourism (WTTC) Award
- 2019 – G20 Sustainable Tourism Startup Award
  
- To date: Electrified more than 150 villages in 3 regions of India; impacting 65,000+ villagers. Installed 1.1MW of solar power; mitigating 8,954 Tons of CO2 emissions annually
- Established 17 digital “Innovation Centers” bringing global education to the mountains; Strengthened village primary health centers with solar power & basic medical equipment
- Setup 80 Traveler Homestays across 50 villages in Himalayas; reservations globally now directly through Airbnb and Booking.com



# Precious Stones Project – Kuumba (Creativity) Smart Vision - Zambia

KSV-Zed is based on  
“Women empowering  
women to empower the  
world”



## The Team

- IEEE Smart Village
- MOU/Ministry of Ed
- MOU/Kariba Minerals
- Local Lapidary School



# KSV-Zed Progress

- Launched early August 2021 with six trained graduates participating, 4 females, 2 males
- Goal was to have 50 pieces cut out of 325 grams of amethyst.
- A total of 78 stones were cut and polished totaling over 200 carats\*
- Received 36 stones in the US
  - \* 1 carat = 0.2 grams



## Issues

- Lack of Vaccines – Nigeria 3%, Cameroon 1.%, India 50% first dose as of 9/30/21
- Lack of care facilities, beds, personnel
- Food shortages
- Illness and death expected to grow



## Business Impacts

Possible violence some areas , theft, requires relocation & Travel Restrictions

Conferences Virtual, SV Meetings virtual since inception so not a major issue

# First Projects with Rotary International

Improving Health, Sanitation, and Economic Conditions of Kawolo, Kyangwali and Kiyindi in Uganda



Collaboration  
&  
Leveraging



# Team Project Leveraging GTN, RI



ISV team project – LEVERAGING \$20,000

**IEEE Smart Village (ISV), Global Telehealth Network (GTN) & Rotary International**

**Leveraging: Uganda ISV-Telehealth Project**

- IEEE Smart Village (\$20,000)
- The Rotary Foundation (\$35,750)
- Rotary Club of Mengo (Kampala, Uganda) (\$10,000)
- Rotary District 9211 via DDF (\$20,000)
- Rotary Club of Los Altos (California, USA) (\$5,000)
- Rotary Club of Branson-Hollister (Missouri, USA) (\$2,500)

**Total of \$93,250 to Develop a reliable Telehealth network; stable power; stable *internet/ intranet* access**

# Uganda Telehealth - 5 Solar Systems

*Kawolo Hospital (3), Kyangwali Refuge Camp(1) & Kiyindi Landing (1)*

## **Solar PV Panels (7.2 kilowatts total):**

- Two sets of eight 300 Watt/24 Volt:  
Total of Two 2400-Watt Systems
- Three 3 sets of four 200 Watt/12 Volt:  
Three 800-Watt Systems

## **Inverters: (6.7 kilowatts total):**

- 2 Systems @ 2000 Watts 24 V input
- 3 Systems @ 900 Watts 12 V input

## **Battery Systems (33.6 kWh total):**

- Two Systems @ 400 Amp hour /24 V system: 9.6 kWh each
- Three Systems @ 400 Amp hour/12 V systems: 4.8 kWh each



# Cumulative Achievements – Feb 2021

## Direct ISV Funding – *Seeding Entrepreneurs*

- 190 Stand-alone deployment sites initiated
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## Leveraging – *ISV Incubation Leads to Scaling*

- 6,346+ PV Solar Panels installed producing over 2000 KW \*
- 41.04 MWh of installed energy storage \*
- 62,429 Customer Connections
- 187,974 Currently receiving the benefits of power
- 5,033 Connections to productive uses of power
- 628+ New business start-ups since arrival of power
- 1.35+ Million people under transformation to receive power

\* Outlier: GVE 4,000 panels & 38.5 MWh storage



### Going to Scale

Key is Leveraging  
Numbers are the  
cumulative sum  
of ISV + 3<sup>rd</sup> party  
funded programs



Lingshed Monastery  
Ladakh Region, Indian Himalayas  
Established in year 1440 at an elevation 12,000 feet  
Remains brightly lit to this day thanks to  
IEEE Smart Village's 2016 project with local developer  
Global Himalayan Expedition

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