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Lack of electricity access is an urgent issue faced by over 1 billion people in the developing world. We tackles this challenges by providing an energy kit that enables off-grid households to generate enough voltage to power an LED or charge a phone.

"A small energy kit that makes a big difference in developing countries"

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- 1 Who are your clients? People in developing countries who have no access to the power grid. Secondary and high school science teachers who need educational material for in-class experiments.
- How to make money? Selling the product, as well as the battery component replacements.
 - What gives you credibility?
- Prototype already working to power LED system.
 - Professional experience (development started in Berkeley Lab, continued at EPFL)



Next steps

- 1. What are you going to do in next 6 month? Demonstrations at Swiss high schools and NGOs. Improve the prototype, and reduce the production cost
- 2. What kind of support that you are looking for? Funding, partnership with NGOs (located in the rural areas), support from high schools.

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