

SDF provides relatively soft debt and grant funding for its business development services with the expectation that the PV and other off-grid renewable electricity businesses that it assists will to attract follow-on investment.

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### **Solar Electric Light Fund (SELF)**

Acting as a catalyst, SELF provides both financial and technical assistance for solar energy and wireless communication systems in the developing world. SELF raises seed funding for in-country NGO's and financial institutions, which provide microloans for the purchase of solar home systems (SHS). SELF has launched solar rural electrification programs and enterprises in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, South Africa, Brazil, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and the Solomon Islands.

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### **Solar International Management, Inc. (SolarBank Program)**

The SolarBank Program is being developed as a future wholesale capital fund with sub-funds within each country. India and South Africa are the prototype countries. SolarBank Funds will supply capital to banks, nonbanking finance companies, cooperatives, societies, microcredit lenders, NGOs, rural finance groups, and others. It will also provide technical support, training, and special programs to its participating lenders.

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### **UNDP Sustainable Energy & Environment Division (SEED)**

The Administrator of UNDP made a strategic decision to strengthen UNDP's environment and sustainable development capacity by establishing a new division within the Bureau for