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Overview

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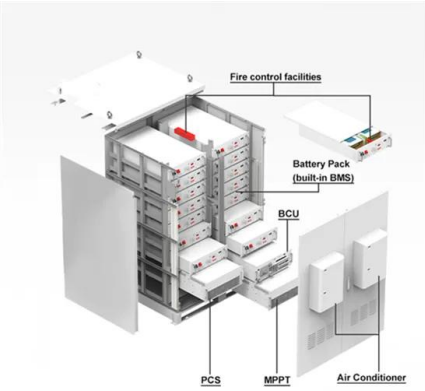

[Solar energy implementation in rural communities and its contributions]

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