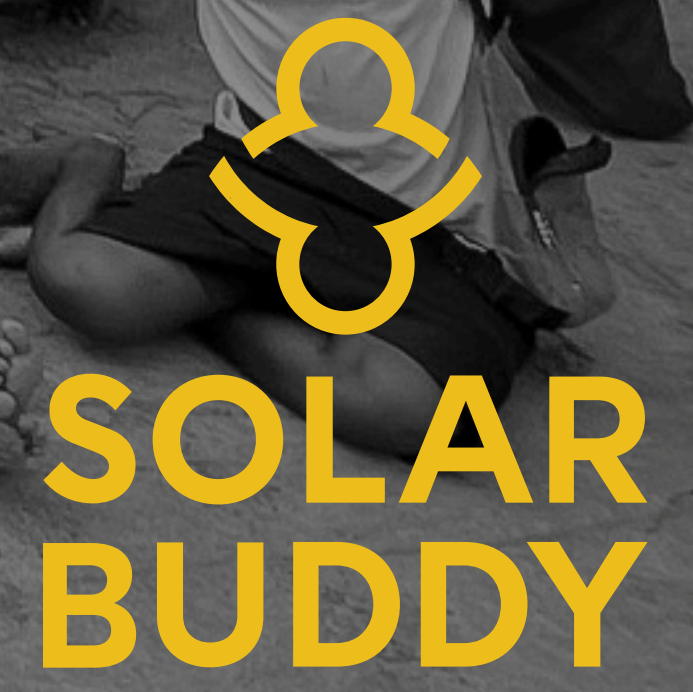
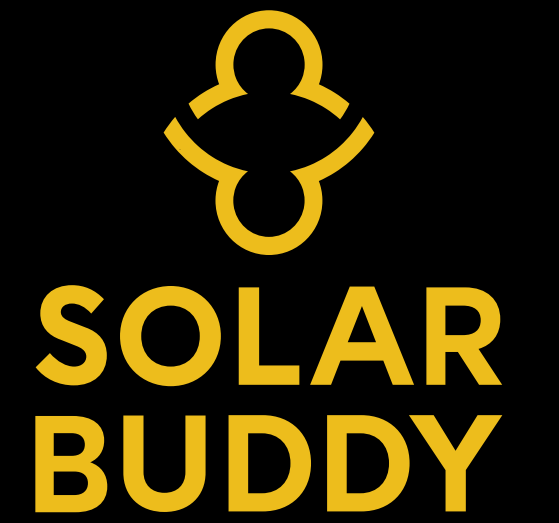




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A YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 has been another transformative year for SolarBuddy.

This year, SolarBuddy has proudly delivered over 50,000 solar solutions, impacting the lives of more than 300,000 children, marking another milestone in our mission to end energy poverty and accelerate opportunity for communities living in darkness.

A standout highlight in 2024 has been the re-launch of StudentBuddy – a powerful example of how innovation in education can drive dignity, improve women’s health and unlock financial empowerment.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the growing strength of our donations-in-kind model, enabling SolarBuddy to deepen our global footprint and serve ever more marginalised communities. This initiative has become a vital part of our impact ecosystem, enabling us to scale in a highly cost effective, sustainable and strategic way.

Our mission to end energy poverty is now bolstered by donations-in-kind from our new social enterprises, fostering innovation and positive change.

This year’s achievements are thanks to the unwavering support of our global team, distribution partners, corporate supporters, donors, and advocates. To all of you, we say, “Thank you.”



**WE WILL NEVER
STOP CREATING
NEW WAYS TO
FIGHT ENERGY
POVERTY**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & CHAIR

In 2024, we reached further than ever before.

Together, we delivered over 50,000 solar solutions, reaching more than 300,000 children, teachers, carers, and health workers. That's meant millions of safer journeys, longer study hours, and the chance to look ahead with more than just hope.

This success wasn't just about numbers. It was about people — from remote classrooms to boardroom volunteers, and the partners working quietly behind the scenes. Coming together with purpose.

I'm proud of what we achieved — and clear-eyed about what lies ahead. Progress doesn't happen in a vacuum. The climate crisis is accelerating. Inequality is growing, across and within borders. Economic strain and social fragmentation are testing systems everywhere.

Even the developed world isn't immune.

Millions now struggle to afford electricity. One flood or heatwave is enough to push a household into darkness. As traditional safety nets fray, communities, companies and charities must help fill the gaps.

Sustainable, decentralised solutions aren't optional. They're essential.

That's why in 2025 we're aiming to double our impact: 100,000 solutions. A bold target, but a necessary one.

I'm incredibly proud of everyone that helped us get here.

Thank you for standing with us. Let's keep going.



Simon Doble
Founder and Chair, SolarBuddy





ILLUMINATING THE FUTURES OF ALL CHILDREN

Our Vision

SolarBuddy is an impact organisation uniting a global community to illuminate the futures of all children.

Our Mission

Through advocacy and collaboration, SolarBuddy tackles extreme energy poverty with education and the gifting of innovative solar solutions to millions of children.



OUR GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS TURN ADVOCACY AND INNOVATION INTO MEANINGFUL AND LASTING IMPACT

Photo: Health care impact with StudentBuddy / Zimbos Abantu / Zimbabwe

ILLUMINATING THE FUTURES OF ALL CHILDREN

Extreme energy poverty affects health, education, economic stability, and the environment. Motivated by this challenge, we focus on three core principles to make a significant impact.

Education

Education builds awareness of extreme energy poverty, creates better global citizens, and provides equitable opportunities for children.

Sustainability

We design simple, impactful, and environmentally sustainable solutions that make a lasting difference.

Connection

United by need, we share ownership of the problem and together, we create positive outcomes.

Photo: Wantaim PNG / Manus, Papua New Guinea



DISTRIBUTIONS TO 19 COUNTRIES

Education, health and financial prosperity improved.

Distribution countries include: Cambodia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and more!

OUR MOST IMPACTFUL YEAR YET

337,000+ LIVES POSITIVELY IMPACTED

380,038,000+ STUDY HOURS CREATED

OVER 66,936+ TONNES OF CO2 EMISSIONS AVOIDED





Country Impact Reports

At SolarBuddy we create impact together, by having incredible partners at our side.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the impact our global community is making.

Advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Energy poverty intricately weaves into each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. These goals are not isolated objectives; they are profoundly interconnected.

This is why in 2024 we developed and strengthened our commitment to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals by articulating our unique approach. See our report [here](#).



The evolution of StudentBuddy

A key milestone in 2024 was the re-launch of StudentBuddy, showcasing the transformative power of education in underserved communities.

With an increasing number of StudentBuddy devices in communities, it is fostering dignity, enhancing women's health, and unlocking pathways to financial empowerment.

The evolution of the StudentBuddy device is a compelling example of how SolarBuddy creates lasting impact across multiple fronts.

CORPORATE SUPPORT THAT CREATES IMPACT

Thank you to all of our corporate partners and supporters who have helped us illuminate futures in 2024. Your support enabled us to positively impact 300,000 lives globally. Together we're creating opportunities, fostering hope, and empowering communities to thrive.

DLL Group

Airbus

Origin Energy Foundation

TechnologyOne

Accenture

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Volvo Group Australia

Hilton

GHD

Thrivent

Perpetual

MetLife

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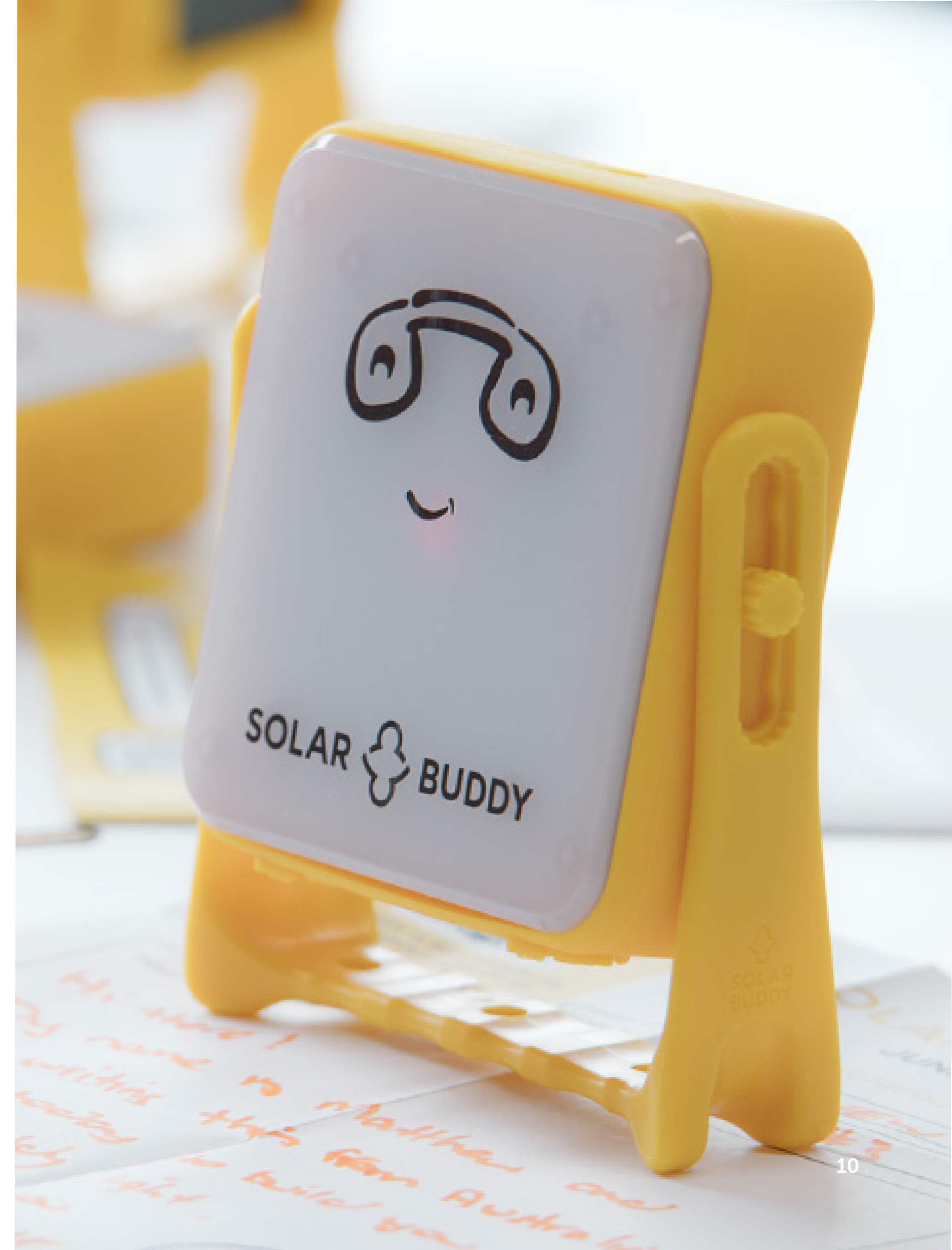
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Jacks Five Foundation

Wikiloc Outdoor

Palo Alto Networks

Core Logic



GLOBAL IMPACT
INCREASING
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INNOVATION
CONNECTING
COMMUNITIES



ILLUMINATING LAU PROVINCE – FIJI

This year, SolarBuddy was proud to be illuminating futures by gifting light to all students in Lau Province. Thanks to our wonderful in-country partner LECT, over 3,300 solar solutions were distributed across the province comprising of over 20+ islands.

Over the course of 2024, LECT's team of dedicated volunteers delivered SolarBuddy lights to *every school aged child* living in the Lau province, enabling them to continue their studies after dark.



“MEASURING IMPACT IS KEY TO EFFECTIVELY TACKLING ENERGY POVERTY AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT MORE WE CAN DO AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO ILLUMINATE LIVES.”

Simon Doble

Photo: A class holds their new lights / LECT / Lau Province, Fiji





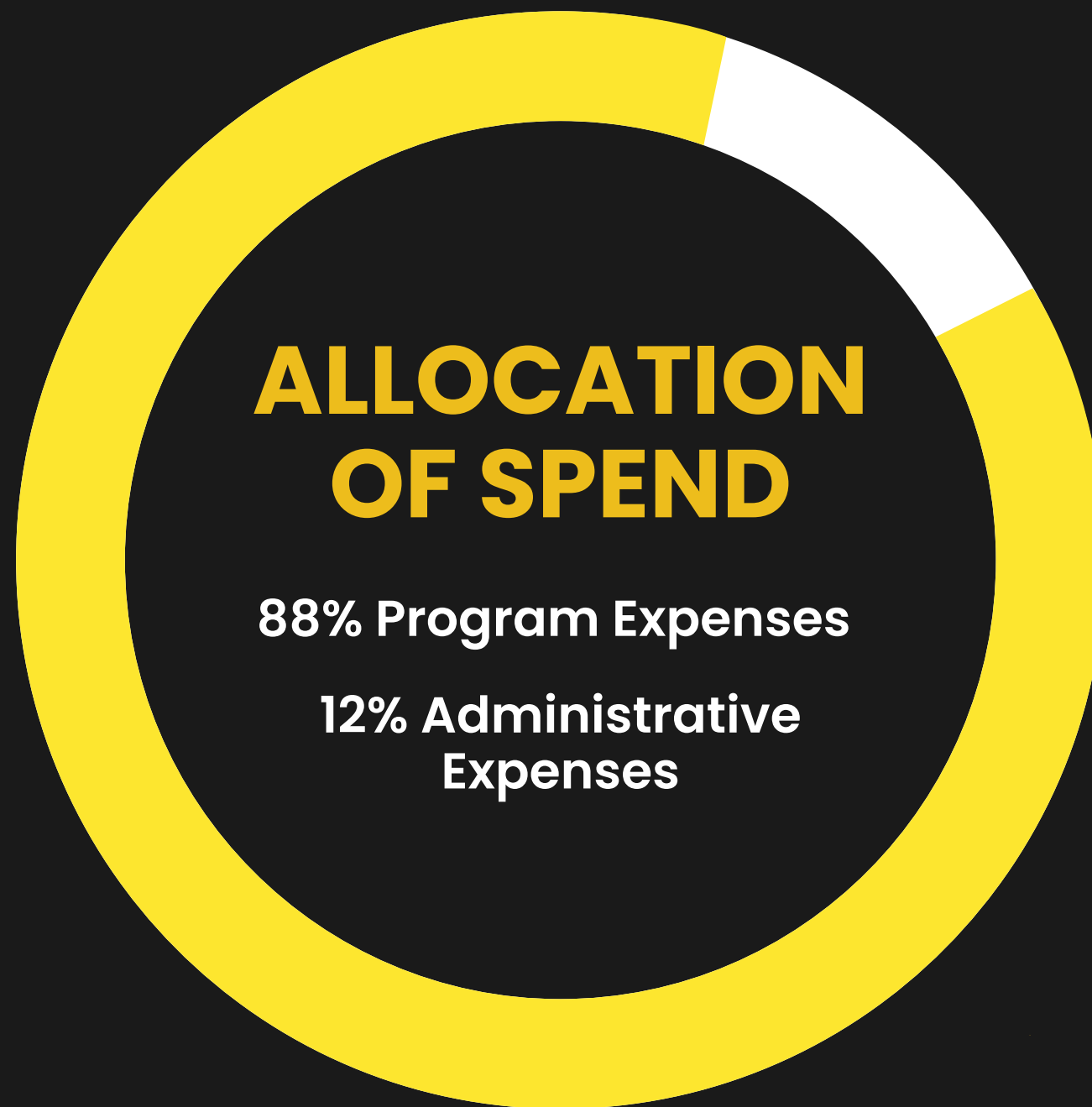
“IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE KIDS SO ENGAGED, THEIR SMILING FACES, THE KIDS HELPING EACH OTHER. IT’S A FANTASTIC PROJECT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE ARE REMOTE, WE TEND TO HAVE POWER OUTAGES A LOT SO THESE SOLARBUDDIES, FOR EVERY FAMILY IN THE COMMUNITY – WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE”

– Teacher, Amata Anangu School, Amata

FINANCIALS

Millions of children face energy poverty daily, hindering their education, health, economic future, and our shared environment.

When you donate to SolarBuddy, you are investing in children for decades, sponsoring opportunity that can only be realised with light.



Consolidated Revenue in the past financial year \$4.22 million AUD.

GIFTS IN KIND

This year, gifts in kind, particularly the generous donation of solar lights from **Barefoot Citizens** – played a crucial role in advancing SolarBuddy’s mission to end energy poverty.

These gifted lights were instrumental in expanding our reach, enabling us to deliver clean, safe, and sustainable energy solutions to children and communities.

19,275

JuniorBuddy solutions gifted
Impacting over 96,000 lives
Avoiding 24,672 tonnes of CO2

87

StudentBuddy solutions gifted
Impacting approximately 15,000 lives
Avoiding 716 tonnes of CO2

Read more about:

SolarBuddy.org Ltd (Australia) [here](#)

SolarBuddy Inc (USA) [here](#)



ILLUMINATING FUTURES, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

We are excited by the opportunities to help more communities in 2025. For our ninth year, we aim to increase the amount of lights distributed to 100,000 devices with a goal to impact the lives of 500,000 people globally.

Our focus is on addressing extreme energy poverty and maximising impact. We will continue to expand our global distribution network, improve monitoring and evaluation, and enhance our data analysis to better understand the benefits of our solar solutions, enabling targeted, impactful solutions.

In 2025, we will be growing our impact programs with a key focus on STEM education in the Pacific.

Innovation remains key, with two new solutions launching to deepen our impact, especially for women and girls affected by energy poverty.

We're tackling food insecurity head-on with a new, solar powered, portable cooling and cooking solution for households living in remote, off-grid villages.

We believe energy poverty is solvable.

Together, we are solving it - now and into the future.

A story of impact

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"THE SOFT LIGHT IS EASY ON MY EYES AND HAS MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE"

Channai, Cambodia
Sreypeou, Seyha and Sokny /
Cambodia Rural Students Trust

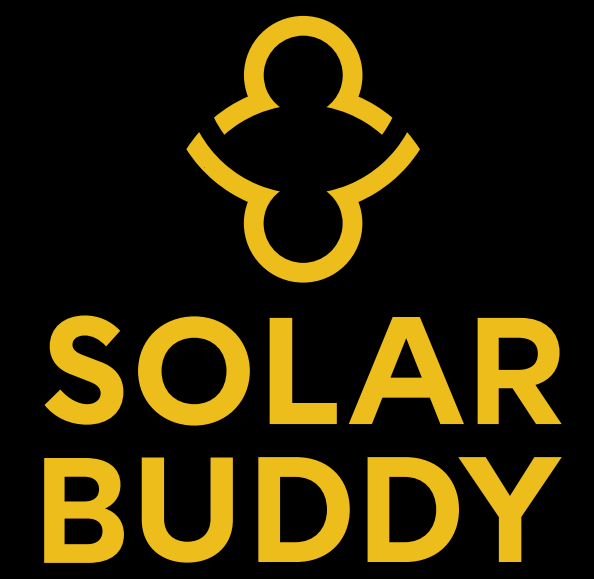


IN GRATITUDE

Recognising all those who stand beside us to create awareness and directly tackle energy poverty.

Every action matters. In gratitude and determination of an illuminated future.

We thank you.



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