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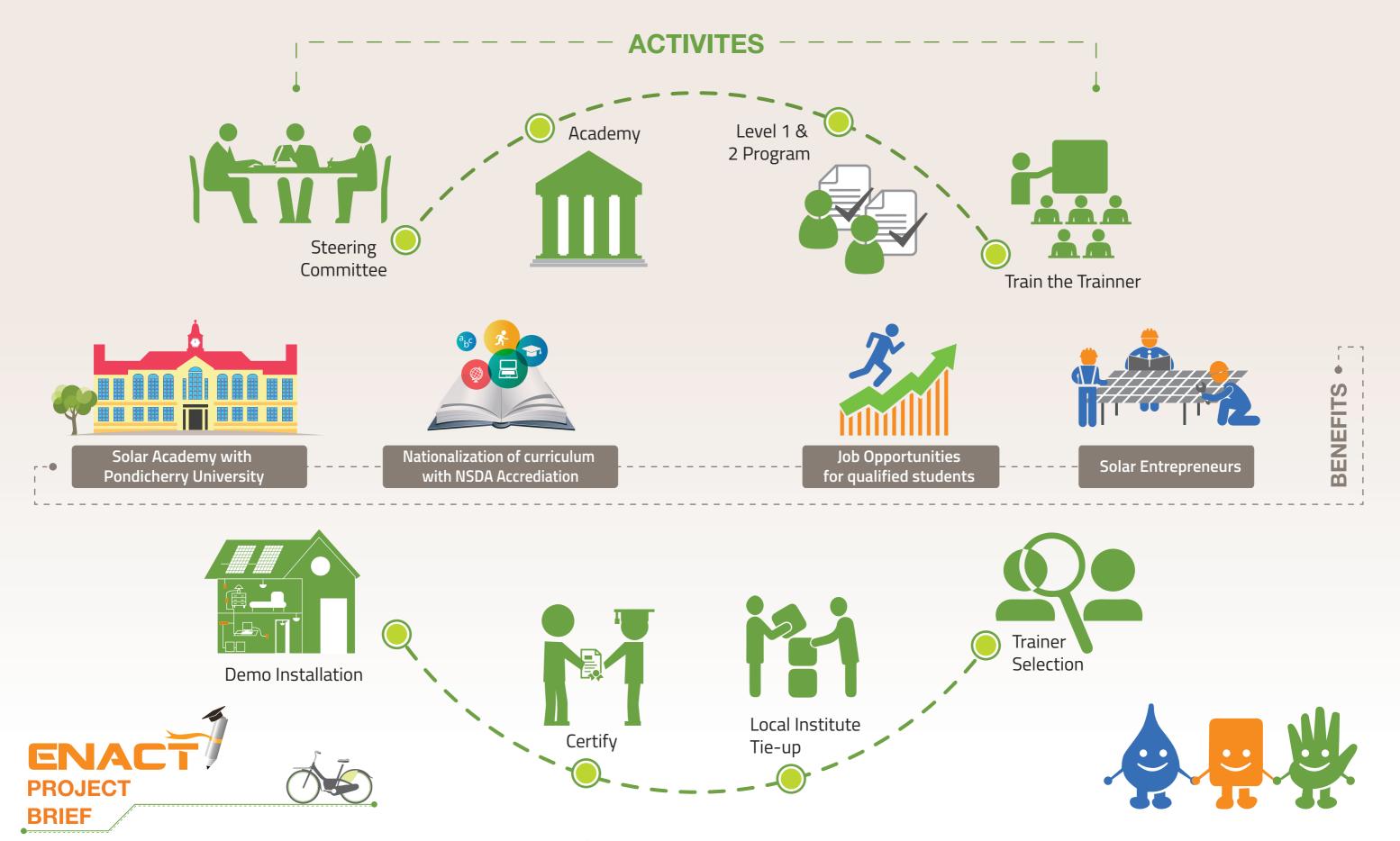












Acute shortage of electricity is a major problem that India faces today. About 71% of electricity is generated from non-renewable resources which results in death from indoor air pollution and carbon monoxide burning. Being blessed with abundance of sunlight, India has a huge potential for solar power generation. However, developments in the field of solar energy met with a major challenge of finding people with expertise in the field.

Co-financed by DEG and Phocos, and implemented by ASSIST, this project aims to set up a solar academy to develop skilled technicians from women and youth of rural areas through a well-structured training program.