

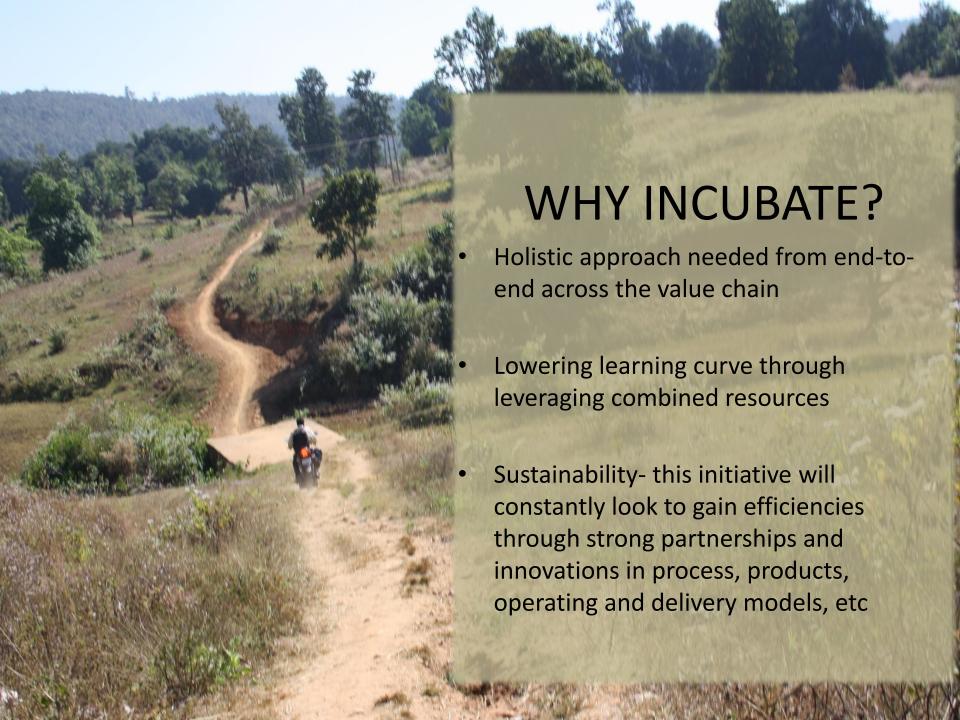
SELCO Incubation Centre

-An Ecosystem Approach









The Mission

To incubate and support decentralized energy enterprises in India and across the world by

- Replicating successful business models and processes
- Providing mentoring and business process/planning support
- Helping create the necessary end consumer financing linkages
- Enabling access to seed and later stage capital
- Establishing a platform for networking, sharing of best practices, common sourcing, etc







The Approach

Identification & Selection

Training& Business Plan Business
Development
Support

Investment

- Identification through partner networks, website,referrals, media, bankers
- Shortlist

- Induction
 - Classrooms+ fieldvisits+tasks
- Immersion
 - "Real world" training
 - Viability gap funding
- Business plan

- Shadow team
- Develop vendor linkages
- Linkages to end user
 Financing
- Capacity building

- Facilitate access to finance
- Investment committee
- Identify and negotiate favorable terms with investors

Mentorship under an energy enterprise to guide on first hand experience



Milestones

- Business development support to 10 entrepreneurs
- 57 technicians trained for 7 incubatees
- 2 MoUs and 2 circulars post bankers training workshops
- Regional Hub in East India
- Transferring innovative processes (LFE, rental,RF)
- Facilitated investments into 2 medium entrepreneurs in the range of \$200,000-500,000 (closing stage)
- 10 diverse partnerships
- 3 manuals

Challenges -> Solutions

- Selection & training ——— Filtration through field visits, on site exposure + mentorship
- On site operational support

 — regional hub + shadow team
- Localized solutions —— Innovation Fund
- Cycle of access to finance investment committee+ soft funding + patient investors
- Facilitating end user finance ———— capacity building + SELCO experience/resources

South - South Cooperation











SELCO TRAINING STRATEGY

- Emphasis on processes rather than SELCO business model
- Linked similar contextual examples
- <u>Taking risks</u>, innovating: technology, business models, finance
- Observational learning experience
- <u>Interaction</u> with other stakeholders
- Enterprise Innovation Fund that is easily accessible
- Incentivize FIs to lend to poor end users not large projects
- Localized incubation center that goes beyond business plan training
- Technical training that enables innovation and introduction to new technologies
- **High quality products** to be encouraged in markets
- Develop a grassroots R&D lab
- Parallel focus on policy reforms that stimulate a conducive environment like tax incentives for domestic manufacturing or priority sector lending for banks
- **Cross over learning of processes/innovations** applicable in other contexts

What works in a nutshell

- Evolving selection process
- Emphasis on all aspects i.e. technology, strategy, business plan
- Dedicated shadow team
- Viability gap funding to smoothen hiccups in early operations
- Induction and Immersion process
- Dedicated person for follow ups with FIs
- Senior advisory committee who lend their experience to enhance confidence

END TO END APPROACH



THANK YOU

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