

Kitario Solar Array

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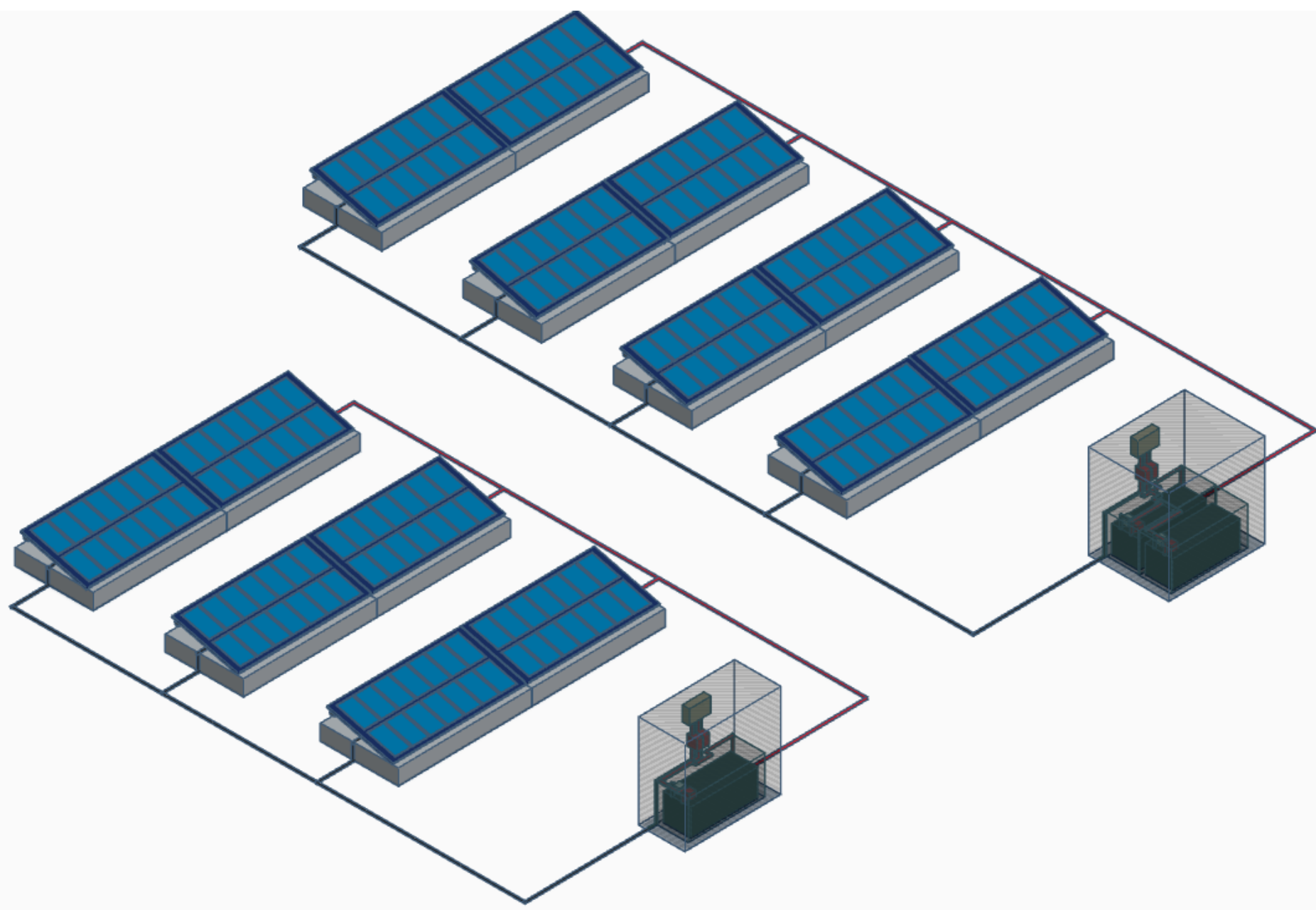
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The Kellermann Foundation

- A Christian non-profit organization founded in 2004 by Dr. Scott and Carol Kellermann

Mission

- To support Uganda's most vulnerable communities by providing essential healthcare, education and economic development.



Semester Accomplishments

Project Status at Start of Semester

- The Kellerman Foundation provided us with an initial plan for transferring water from spring boxes to the Kitario Village
- Data Provided
 - Village population size
 - Daily water requirements
 - Distance from village to water sources
 - Local weather and climate patterns

Key Accomplishments

- Identified optimal sunlight hours for the region
- Derived sunlight functions to optimize panel angles and timing
- Designed a 3D model visual of solar array
- Curated cost estimates for construction
- Calculated power usage for solar array

Future Work

Improvements Model & Scaling

- Improve the 3D model visual of the solar array.
- Monitor our chosen solar panels and batteries remain the best products for the project.
- Research multiple float switches that work best with the chosen water pumps.

Fact Check Information

Calculate a more accurate cost review

- Find more accurate data of how Kitario settlement functions

Problem Description

Lack of Easy Access to Water

- The Kitario Settlement lacks infrastructure to provide readily available water to its residents

Excessive Time and Effort Required to Fetch Water

- Residents currently spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy collecting water from distant or inconsistent sources.

Inadequate Water Supply for a Growing Population

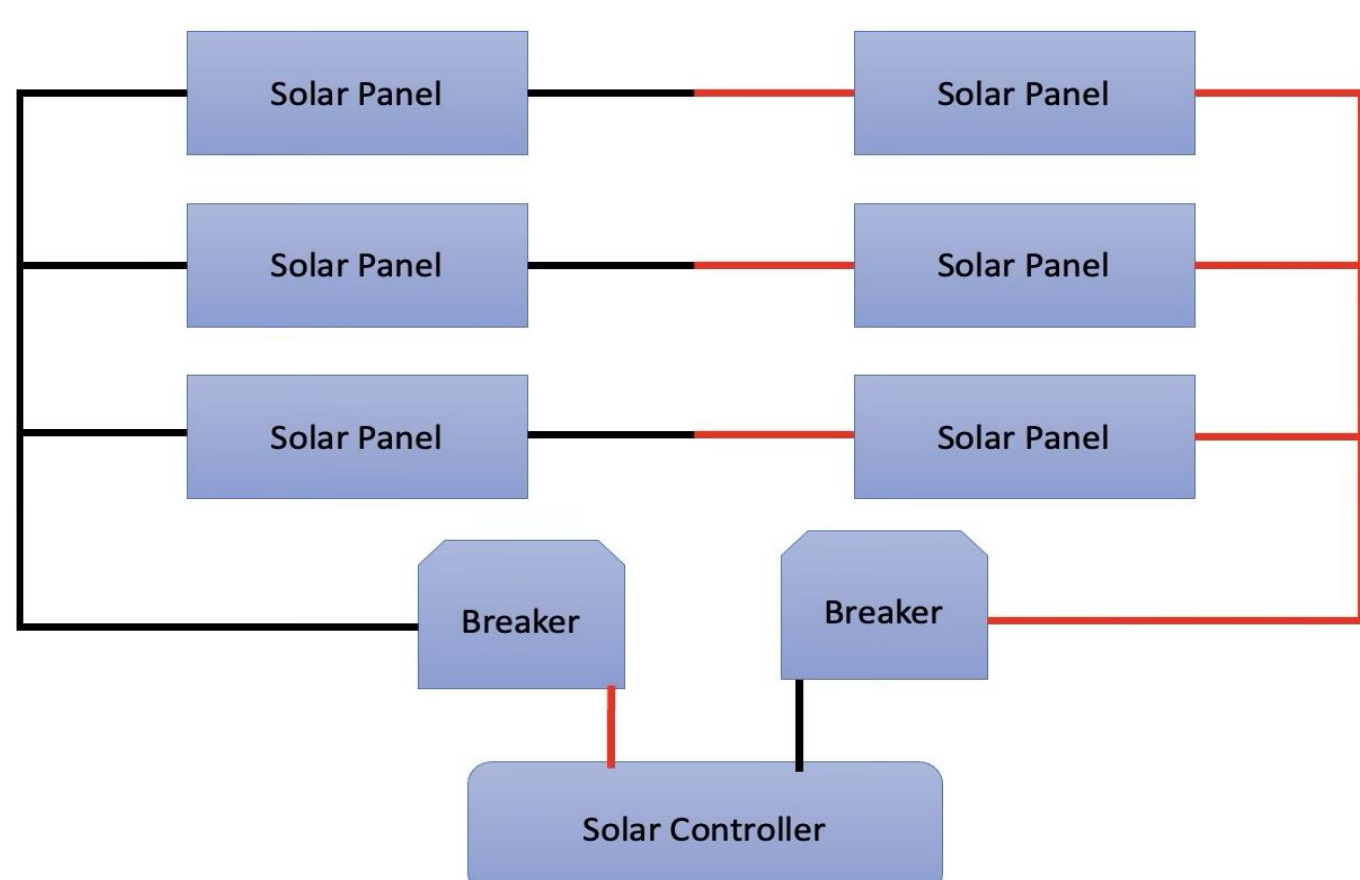
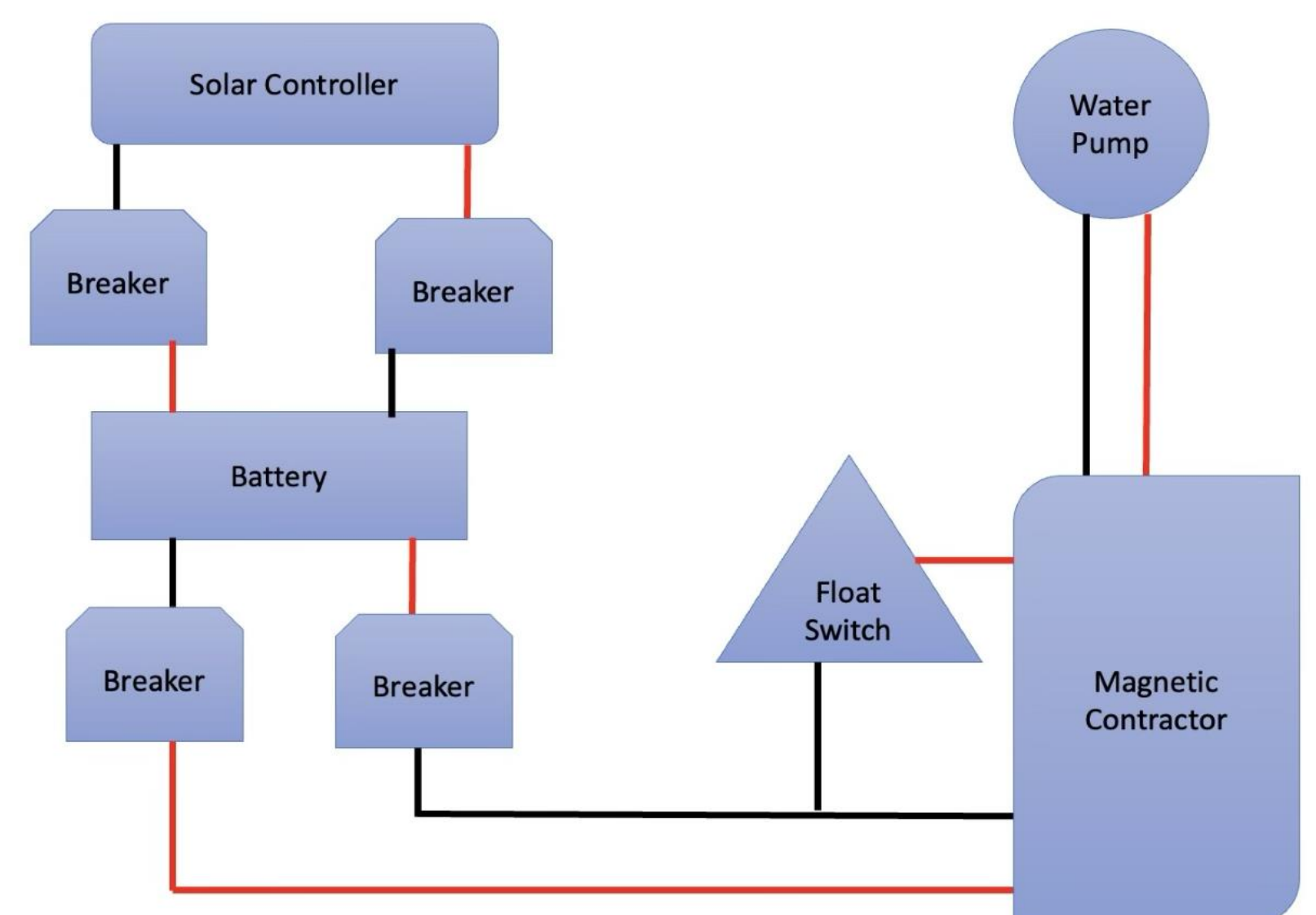
- Existing solutions are insufficient to meet the community's demand

Constant Flow Rate

- Should be fluctuating during wet and dry seasons
- Obstruction of pipes

Irregular Annual Precipitation

- 6 month of dry season in a year where residents have to depend on unreliable water sources



Impact

The Kitario Solar Array Project

- Provide consistent water supply,
- Improve daily life, agriculture, and public health
- fostering long-term well-being, resilience, and sustainable development for the Kitario community

Solar-Powered Water Pumping System

- provide a steady, reliable water flow to Kitario Settlement
- leveraging renewable energy
- reduces operational costs and promotes sustainability.
- low-maintenance and user-friendly