

NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION DRIVE REACHES COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

July saw an intensified push to expand electricity access across rural Kenya, with the Corporation launching and commissioning multiple projects in several counties.

Led by Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi and Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira, electrification activities were undertaken in Busia, Kakamega, Uasin Gishu, Kitui, Kisii, Kericho, Nyandarua, and Embu counties.

These projects are connecting thousands of households, schools, and community facilities to the national electricity grid. Access to electricity continues to play a transformative role in rural communities by enabling business development, improving learning environments for students, enhancing healthcare delivery, and strengthening security in rural centres.

Beyond infrastructure development, the events also provided an opportunity for leaders to engage communities on the importance of safeguarding electricity infrastructure and maximizing the economic benefits associated with electricity access.

Through these initiatives, REREC continues to play a critical role in advancing the Government's commitment to universal electricity access and inclusive national development.

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Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi launches of a rural electrification project, symbolizing the expansion of electricity access to rural communities

ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS COMMISSIONED IN BUSIA COUNTY

Residents of Busia County marked a major milestone following the commissioning of rural electrification projects in Teso North and Butula Constituencies.

Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi joined Busia Governor Paul Otuoma and local leaders to officially commission the projects at Achiya Echakara NYS Institute and Bukhwaku Primary School.

The electrification initiatives have brought reliable electricity to more than 220 households and public facilities in the region, improving access to essential services and creating opportunities for local economic growth. For many residents, the projects represent the first time their homes and businesses have been connected to the national grid.

To mark the occasion, community members and leaders participated in a tree planting exercise, highlighting the Corporation's commitment to environmental sustainability alongside rural electrification.



The projects are expected to stimulate local enterprise, improve education outcomes, and enhance security within the communities.

ELECTRIFICATION EXPANDS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THARAKA NITHI

Rural electrification efforts in Tharaka Nithi County continued to gather momentum following the launch of electrification projects in Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency.

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira presided over the launch of projects in Kiriguni Junction and Ntithini Market areas, which are expected to connect more than 260 households to the national electricity grid.

The projects will support small businesses, improve service delivery in schools and trading centres, and open new opportunities for youth and women within the region.

During the launch event, the Principal Secretary emphasized the importance of electricity as a catalyst for economic transformation, encouraging communities to embrace the opportunities created by reliable power access.

As part of the government's environmental conservation agenda, tree seedlings were donated to Cheera Primary School to support national reforestation efforts.



These electrification initiatives are part of the broader strategy to enhance energy access while supporting rural economic development across the country.

ELECTRIFICATION MILESTONES RECORDED IN UASIN GISHU COUNTY



Communities across Uasin Gishu County are set to benefit from expanded electricity access following the launch and commissioning of rural electrification projects in Turbo, Soy, Moiben, and Ainabkoi constituencies.

Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi presided over the activities alongside Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii and local leaders.

The electrification initiatives are expected to connect more than 1,000 households and businesses to the national electricity grid, bringing reliable power to previously underserved communities.

Ceremonial pole erections, flagging off of construction materials, and tree planting exercises marked the launch of the projects, reflecting both infrastructure development and environmental responsibility.

Access to electricity will help stimulate enterprise development, support agricultural processing, and improve education outcomes for students across the region.

These projects represent an important step in bridging the energy access gap between rural and urban communities.

NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS TRANSFORM LIVES IN KIRINYAGA AND MERU



In Kariko-ini Village in Mwea Constituency, 227 households were connected to electricity for the first time, marking a transformative moment for residents who have long awaited access to reliable power.

Similarly, the launch of the Gakurine Ntua electrification project in Tigania West Constituency is expected to connect more than 130 households once complete.

Electricity access is expected to enhance learning opportunities for students, improve safety within communities, and support the growth of small businesses.

REREC continues to empower communities with opportunities for social and economic transformation.

COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION STRENGTHENS ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS



REREC's IEC team engages residents during a community sensitization baraza at Itinda Village in Mwingi North Constituency.

Community engagement remained a key focus for REREC during July as the Corporation conducted sensitization forums across several counties to support successful project implementation.

Through the Information, Education and Communication Directorate, outreach activities were held in Chuka Igambang'ombe, Tigania East, Moiben, Kajiado East, Kitui South, and Mwingi North constituencies.

The forums provided communities with information on electricity safety, proper homestead wiring, infrastructure protection, and the importance of providing wayleaves for project implementation.

Residents were also educated on renewable energy options and the services offered through

REREC Energy Centres.

These engagements help ensure communities understand their role in supporting electrification projects while maximizing the economic opportunities created through electricity access.

Through sustained engagement with local leaders and residents, REREC continues to strengthen community ownership of energy infrastructure.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EXPLORES FUTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS



REREC delegation during the Smart PV+ESS workshop hosted by Huawei.

REREC continues to explore innovative energy solutions through partnerships aimed at strengthening renewable energy infrastructure.

During a technical workshop hosted by Huawei, REREC officials engaged industry experts on emerging technologies in Smart Solar PV and Energy Storage Systems (PV+ESS).

The workshop showcased advanced digital power technologies designed to integrate solar energy generation with intelligent storage systems capable of supporting modern electricity networks.

These solutions have the potential to enhance energy reliability while supporting the integration of renewable energy into Kenya's evolving power system.

By strengthening collaboration with technology partners, REREC continues to support innovation in renewable energy development and the transition toward a more sustainable energy future.