

Press Release

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REREC to Connect over 14,000 Households to Electricity in West Kenya Region

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation will connect over 14,000 new customers to electricity in the West Kenya region within the next four months.

The West Kenya Region; which is composed of Bungoma, Busia, Kakamega, Kisumu, Siaya, and Vihiga Counties has a total of 245 ongoing projects funded by the exchequer at a total cost of Kshs. 1.29 billion.

In Busia County, the Government of Kenya has initiated 56 electrification projects since the 2022–2023 financial year, at a cost of Ksh. 311 million. These projects will benefit over 3,517 customers in the county.

REREC's CEO, Dr. Rose Mkalama has said that the Corporation intends to complete all ongoing projects by 30th June, 2024. The CEO was speaking during the commissioning of four rural electrification projects in Kacherere Trading Center, Kalachamong Village, Kakoldong Village & Kocheke Village in Teso South Constituency. The projects have connected 370 customers to the national grid. This commissioning marks a significant step towards enhancing access to electricity, bridging the energy gap in rural areas and promoting social economic development.

Speaking in the same event, REREC's Board Director; Mr. Milton Lucheri highlighted the Matching Fund program, an innovative participatory approach to financing projects where REREC collaborates with the County governments & Constituencies through National Constituency Development Fund (NCDF) by contributing a shilling for every shilling given up to a maximum of Ksh. 5 million per constituency.

Busia County Government and various Constituencies within Busia have contributed a total of Ksh. 143,700,000 under the matching fund facility between 2017/18 – 2022/2023 Financial Years. This attracted a matching amount of Ksh. 122,500,000 from REREC.

The Corporation continues to implement projects countrywide aiming to enhance rural electrification in Kenya, improving the livelihoods of our people and contributing to the nation's overall development. These efforts align with the national economic development blueprint, Vision 2030, and the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) championed by His Excellency President. Dr. William Ruto.

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