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## From The Editor



In this issue, we highlight the various milestones that the Corporation has attained. One such leap is the electrification of Hulugho town; which lies 17 kilometers from the Kenya–Somalia border, in a historic move which seeks to empower residents economically.

The Hulugho Power Station will serve over 110 customers including seven public facilities among them, a police station, 5 schools and a health centre. The project is aimed at ensuring that the area enjoys stable and reliable power.

Elsewhere the Corporation has embarked on the acquisition of land for the implementation of Kenya Off grid Solar access minigrids. KOSAP is being implemented in 14 counties at a Cost of USD 150million. The counties targeted in this electrification project are West Pokot, Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, Lamu, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita Taveta and Narok.

Scaling up the levels of rural electrification continues to top the Corporations' agenda. In this regard, the Corporation entered into a collaboration framework with the county government of Makueni under the Matching Fund programme. This issue highlights how Makueni County is set for a huge rural electrification connectivity, following the signing of the framework.

Read about all these and more in this issue of The Highlight. As usual, we look forward to your comments, questions and contribution.

# Hulugho Town Now Has Power for the First Time Since Independence



*Energy Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Charles Keter unveiling the plaque during the Commissioning of Hulugho Power Station, in Garissa County.*

Residents of the Hulugho sub-county in Garissa County will now enjoy electricity connectivity thanks to efforts made by the government through the Ministry of Energy; who installed a 275KVA power supply and connectivity project.

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) has connected Hulugho town, which lies 17 kilometers from the Kenya–Somalia border, in a historic move which seeks to empower residents economically.

The project was officially commissioned by Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter who was accompanied by REREC CEO, CPA Peter Mbugua. The CS was also accompanied by the Garissa Senator Abdulkadir Haji, Ijara Member of Parliament Sophia Abdi Noor, among other local leaders.

Speaking during the event, the CS noted that the government was intentional in connecting 14 arid and semi-arid areas to electricity and had already set aside 15 billion shillings in order to complete that task.

Garissa County will receive Ksh.1.2 billion towards that venture which will mainly be used for constructing hybrid mini grids which will use solar energy and diesel powered machines to generate electricity

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Education performance for the connected schools is expected to improve as the students will be able to undertake evening studies more conveniently. The schools will also be able to effectively implement the Government’s digital learning program.

The community will also enjoy improved health care because the connected health facility will now be able to utilise energy consuming equipment which they were not able to operate before.

The rural electrification programme begun in 2007 and the focus of the Corporation was electrification of rural areas through grid extension and diesel power stations.

Off-grid electrification provided by diesel generators was one of the first and most applicable solutions for the electrification of rural villages. In this regard, the Corporation has installed twenty diesel power stations to electrify off-grid areas; one of them being the Hulugho Diesel Power Station.

# Renewable Energy Set to Transform Olderkesi, Narok

Residents of Olderkesi, a town in Narok County have a reason to smile after Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) in collaboration with Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) to provide the region with clean renewable energy.

The two organization under the patronage of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) funded Project, Sustainable Energies, Entrepreneurship and Development (SEED) in partnership with Technical University of Munich (TUM) are set to install a mini-grid system that will include a 12 KWp Solar PV system and 10m<sup>3</sup> biogas plant.

JKUAT SEED Project Coordinating Officer and REREC officials in a meeting held on 31st August 2021 with Narok County officials revealed that the mini-grid will provide more than 500 residents with renewable energy, and spur entrepreneurial activities in Olderkesi.

“The mini-grid will give research opportunities for students to acquire practical and experiential knowledge in generation, management and storage of clean energy. It will serve as a living lab,” expounded Mr. Dennis Koech.

Having done feasibility studies in Makueni, Kajiado, Kitui and Narok counties, Mr. Koech informed the county officials that Olderkesi was chosen because of its electrification status, number of users and payment potential.



“This region is a marginalized area off the grid and the community’s willingness to pay, the overwhelming reception made the project settle on Olderkesi,” said Mr. Koech.

“Willingness to pay will play a crucial part in the sustainability of the project even after the project implementers had left,” said Mr. Koech.

Apart from the engagement with the community to enhance ownership and sustainability, the project will carry out knowledge transfer to the community on mini-grid operation, agribusiness and engage other like-minded organizations and researchers on sustainable agriculture to catalyse entrepreneurship.

Narok County Chief Officer, Physical Planning and Urban Development, Ms. Sophia Sengeny lauded the project and said she was confident that it will be beneficial to the community following the success of a similar project in the County.

On the County’s part, Ms. Sengeny said they will work with various bodies to ensure that the relevant documentation and approvals of the project are facilitated to ensure the smooth running of the project.

She was equally impressed by the fact that the mini-grid will be used as a demonstration site run by the local community. She further called for more collaborations in different sectors.

Johnathan Yewke, a member of the local community said they were looking forward to the installation of the mini-grid which, he noted, would be beneficial to the entrepreneurial vision of Olderseki. He, however, urged the County government to fast-track the provision of the requisite documentation to safeguard the success of the project.

The meeting was also addressed by various Directors of Narok County, REREC, and National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) officials, among others.

# Acquisition Of Land For New Mini-Grids

# KOSAP Review Mission



The Ministry of Energy in conjunction with the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) embarked on land acquisition for construction of mini-grids under the World Bank sponsored Kenya Off-grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP).

Land acquisition for 10 mini-grid sites in 2 Sub-counties in Isiolo County will be carried out between 29th August - 11th September 2021 by environmental/ social teams from REREC and the Ministry. The teams will include surveyors from REREC and Isiolo County. A similar exercise has already been undertaken in other counties including Turkana, Mandera and Marsabit.

Mini-grids under KOSAP will be constructed in 14 off-grid counties and will be used to provide electricity to community facilities, enterprises and households.

The budget for the minigrids is about US\$ 150Million. Mini-grids are mostly suited for rural towns/ larger villages that are relatively remote and therefore unlikely to be served by the national grid, are relatively densely populated and

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have loads that justify the mini-grid investments as opposed to deploying individual household systems.

Depending on the number of users to be supplied and the service level for each type of use, the min-grids will combine solar PV, battery storage and thermal units running on diesel. Those supplied through mini-grids will automatically become KPLC customers and will pay the same tariff that is charged nationwide.



Meetings to review the Kenya Off-grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP) are in progress between the World Bank, REREC, Ministry of Energy and KPLC. The meetings which are being carried out through WEBEX started on 13th September and are scheduled to end on 22nd September, 2021.

Under KOSAP minigrid sub-component, REREC shall construct 54 mini-grids in 4 Counties using private service providers who shall also provide

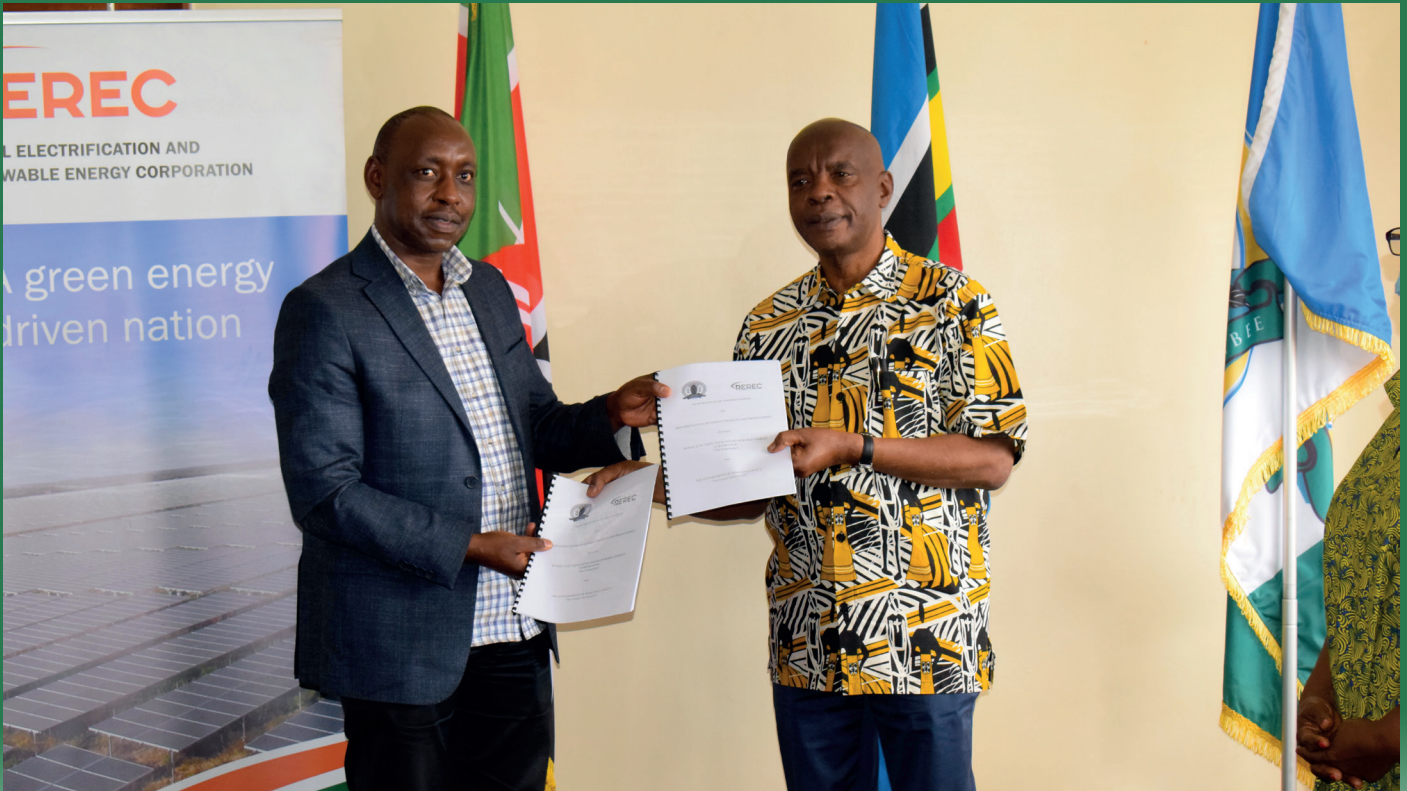
10 years O&M Services. The mini grids will provide electricity to community facilities, enterprises and households. The targeted counties are Turkana (21), Marsabit (14), Samburu (9) and Isiolo (10).

The main challenge to implementation of this component has been land acquisition for the construction of mini-grids. Initially donation of land had been adopted as the appropriate strategy but it later emerged that donation of unregistered community land was not recognized by the law. To mitigate this, the Ministry of Energy has prepared a draft concept note on community infrastructure projects that clearly indicates how compensations should be carried out for communities providing land for infrastructure projects.

Under KOSAP Component 3B, REREC will install solar powered water pumps in about 380 boreholes associated with community facilities in 14 Counties. This will increase sustainable access to water supply by equipping new boreholes and retrofitting



# 60M Matching Fund for Makueni



*REREC CEO CPA Peter Mbugua with Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana posing for a photo with the signed framework.*

In line with Kenya's Vision 2030 and the Big Four Agenda, where Energy is an infrastructural enabler towards the achievement of high quality of life for all Kenyans by the year 2030, Rural Electrification and Renewable

Energy Corporation (REREC) has been implementing projects to enhance rural electrification all over the Country.

To this end, Makueni County is set for a huge rural electrification connectivity, following the signing of a collaboration framework between REREC and the County Government of Makueni, in September 2021.

Signing of this collaboration framework is a significant step towards a partnership that will enable REREC fulfill its mandate on implementation of electrification projects in the County. It will also help establish a framework for co-operation

between REREC and the County Government of Makueni, with regard to implementation of electrification projects and programmes.

**This amount will be used to implement selected rural electrification projects during the stated financial year, and also ensure that the electrification agenda for Makueni is fully realised.**

The programme, spearheaded by the county government in partnership with Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation, was unveiled

by Governor Kivutha Kibwana and REREC Chief Executive Officer CPA Peter Mbugua.

REREC's CEO CPA Peter Mbugua said the shilling - for - shilling collaboration will lift Makueni from a paltry connectivity of a 25% towards the national rate of 70% as roll out is done in successive financial years. The KSh 60M covers the 2021/2022 financial year, with each partner contributing KSh 30M in a matching fund framework. The programme involves primary school electrification, Mini Grids development, electrification of market centers and other public facilities that are not electrified. Possible establishment and development of energy centres in the County was also discussed. Governor Kibwana said in the 2022/23 Financial Year, his administration will commit a total of Ksh 34 million, while REREC



will contribute a maximum of Kshs 5 million per Sub County/ Constituency under the matching fund facility. This amount will be used to implement selected rural electrification projects during the stated financial year, and ensure also that the electrification agenda for Makueni is fully realised. The county will also avail land for REREC to establish an Energy Centre in the County, to promote the use of alternative sources of energy.

The areas that stand to benefit from this collaboration include implementation of electrification projects via the matching fund programme, implementation of other electrification and renewable energy projects and programmes to include but not limited to; primary School Electrification, mini Grids,

Others areas of collaboration outlined in the framework include development of energy master plan(s), establishment and development of Energy Centres, renewable energy technology research, innovation and development, capacity building and technical support, joint resource mobilization to support common projects and programmes as well as any other activity that the Corporation and the County may mutually agree.

As at 3rd September 2021, a total of nine hundred and thirty-seven (937) rural electrification projects have been implemented across six constituencies in Makueni County. This includes eight hundred and eighty-nine (889) primary schools that have already been connected to electricity.

that the country achieves 100% connectivity.

In Makueni County, one hundred and eighteen (118) rural electrification projects are under implementation during this financial year. The projects target to provide access to electricity to at least 4,884 people in the County.

The Corporation urges County Governments and Members of Parliament to embrace the Matching Fund approach to hasten the implementation of electrification programs in their areas.

The Shilling for a Shilling program (Matching Fund) allows the County Government or the Members of Parliament to commit a certain amount of money from their development kitty, and REREC commits the exact same



electrification of market centres and other public facilities that are not electrified, electrification of Athi River belt and inclusion in Phase II of the KOSAP projects.

The Corporation remains committed to scaling up the levels of connectivity in the rural areas to sustain economic development in order to realize the objectives of the Big Four Agenda and support the Government's plans of ensuring

amount of money towards rural electrification in the specific region identified by the leaders.

# Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee Trained On Prevention and Management at the Workplace



*REREC ADA Committee members during the training.*

REREC Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA) is among those from various Government institutions who underwent training conducted by National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA)

The one-week training on the mainstreaming of ADA in the work place covered topics such as prevention and management of ADA at the workplace, promotion of an alcohol and drug free working environment, early identification and support for employees with substance use disorders using appropriate interventions.

The training was held at a Kisumu Hotel and attended by members of ADA Committees from various Government institutions. REREC was represented by Daniel Kapsoot, Gladys Njoroge, Ruth Kelian, Chris Kimakwa, Anne Mbuthia and Manasseh Thotho.

The National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) was

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established through an Act of Parliament in 2012 and mandated to coordinate a multi- sectoral campaign aimed at preventing, controlling and mitigating the impact of alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya.

The overall goal of ADA prevention training is to reduce the health, social and economic problems associated with substance use by building prevention capacity on the most effective evidence-based preventive interventions and strategies by applying the

key findings reported in the International Standards for Drug Use Prevention to 'real' world communities across the globe.

The ADA committee was established in line with a Government objective of assisting members of staff affected by ADA. It is expected that the Committee will use the skills acquired to implement the Corporations' employee assistance program for members of staff who may be affected by ADA.

At the same time, the Corporation has developed an ADA policy that is expected to provide an opportunity for early identification, intervention and support for employees affected by ADA

The training also touches on implementation structures, situation analysis, workplace prevention policy, prevention programs and support mechanisms for persons with ADA disorders Alcohol and drug abuse (ADA) at the workplace has the ability to negatively affect the health, safety performance and productivity of staff which may result in low output in the organization. For any organization to realize its targets and hence achieve the organizational goals the well-being of its staff is paramount.

Addiction is a disease just like any other, say malaria. Affected staff should be offered assistance that is due, with an aim to help them attain full recovery.

# In the Line of Duty, Tribulations in Turkana



*Good Samaritans aiding recovery of REREC truck from the flooded river*

REREC supervisor in charge of Turkana County Mr. George Kosgei has endured a myriad of challenges in his day to day work.

Kosgei recently found himself in the thick of things, literally as he was driving along Kalokol-Lokitaung road when flash floods suddenly swept the pick-up he was using on his way to Kachooda market for a digitization mission.

The raging waters threatened to derail his journey, which began from Lodwar Town, the headquarters of the vast Turkana County. Luckily he was able to get out of the car in time before the double cabin Toyota Land cruiser was submerged and swept over.

Mr. Kosgei can thank his lucky stars, as the raging floods are known to cause fatalities every time they occur. Such incidents have claimed several lives of those travelling along the many river tracks commonly referred to as “lagas” that cut across roads in the vast county.

Asked about his near death experience, a shell-shocked Kosgei could only exclaim, “I am lucky to

be alive”. But insists delivering electricity to Turkana is a challenge he has embraced and fully enjoys.

REREC has installed several solar mini-grid power stations across the county, which include Napelilim, Lowarengak, Letea, Kangangipur, Eliye and Lopeduru among others. The Corporation has also connected Turkana County to the national grid after many years of waiting in the dark. The 66Kv line that connects the county to the national grid electricity emanates from Turkwel in West Pokot County and covers over 100Kms to Lokichar town in Turkana South.

Turkana County is the second largest in the country, covering more than 13% of Kenya’s surface area. The vast land in the northwest of Kenya is an awakening economic giant, for beneath its surface lies huge oil deposits that are currently being explored and will see extraction in an industrial scale in the near future.

The County is also endowed with plenty of renewable energy resources such as wind, sun,

flowing water and underground geothermal steam. The exploitation of all these natural resources could make Turkana with a population of slightly over 1 million people an economic power house in the country.

In a bid to boost potential of this great county, REREC has been at the forefront in enhancing electrification in the vast County. The corporation has invested in a matrix of energy mix, comprising grid and non-grid solutions including solar power generation. But this achievement has not been a walk in the park as the region boasts a myriad of challenges such as hostile weather, terrain and occasional insecurity due to volatile borders with neighbouring counties

Residents and travellers are cautioned to exercise lots of care during rainy seasons in Turkana and avoid crossing the “lagas” until the waters subside to avoid endangering their own lives.



# From The HR Manager Where we are going from here.....



*The HR Manager, Ms. Evelyn Koech at a regional staff event.*

Human Resource Managers oversee the most important component of a successful business – a productive, thriving workforce. As with any other asset, a talented workforce strategically adds value to an organization through efficient and effective service delivery.

In this regard, the Corporation is committed to motivating its staff and creating a conducive work environment.

Under her guidance and with the support of REREC Management and Board of Directors, the Human Resource Department will lay down an elaborate framework to improve the staff welfare and offer a platform for growth opportunities among staff.

There have been critical developments in the Corporation as a result of the expanded mandate under the Energy Act 2019. To keep the staff abreast, Ms. Evelyn Koech, the Manager, Human Resource, highlighted the following: -

**Corporation is committed to motivating its staff and creating a conducive work environment.**

## **Staff harmonization exercise:**

The expanded mandate necessitated a review of Human Resource Instruments namely, Organization Structure and Staff Establishment, Career Guideline and Human Resource Policy and Procedure Manual. The Corporation is in the process of implementing the approved instruments including harmonizing and re-designating its staff. Through this process, the HR expects to ensure full alignment of both tasks and personnel within its ranks including proper job grading and placement. This process is on-going and the same will be communicated once the exercise is complete.

## **Staff Recruitment:**

To deliver the expanded mandate, the corporation intends to strengthen its capacity by bringing on board a total of two hundred and thirty-four (234) additional staff once the ongoing staff recruitment is concluded.

With this, the HR Manager confirmed that the exercise will see all the new Directorates, Departments and Sections in the new Organizational Structure operationalized by August 2021.



## Job Evaluation in the Public Service

The exercise is being undertaken by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission for all institutions in the Public Service and is aimed at ensuring fair and equitable remuneration. The exercise commenced in October, 2020, with the development of quality Job Descriptions by the Heads of Departments and or appointees. Every task performed by a job was documented, validated and submitted to the Commission for evaluation.

Grading results will feed into the salary structure and will be communicated to the Corporation for implementation once the exercise is concluded. With the expanded mandate and substantial changes in all the jobs in the Corporation, we expect a fair grading and salary structure from the SRC.



## Human Resource Instruments:

It was also pointed out that the Corporation reviewed its Human Resource instruments whose approval from SCAC is expected to be granted soon. The details will be communicated to all staff.

## Transfer of Energy centers to REREC:

As part of the transition, REREC is in the process of taking over and expanding energy centers which have previously been under the management of the Ministry of Energy. The Corporation will in addition to this set up energy centers in counties that currently have none.

To make the process smooth and seamless, the HR and her team intend to conduct a thorough induction for the center staff by end of August 2021.



*REREC CEO, CPA Peter Mbugua, kicked off the issuance of offer letters to staff at the Jamburi Energy Centre in Nairobi*

# REREC Hosts Pre-Retirement Training for Staff Members



The Human Resource Department organized a three (3) day pre-retirement training in an effort to ensure a seamless transition to retirement.

The training which was attended by 15 members of staff was facilitated by the Kenya School of Monetary Studies where participants were trained on healthy living, causes of psychological stress and the need to appreciate the benefits of retirement.

Retirees were taken through a detailed programme on the need for planning for retirement, health and healthy living, entrepreneurship and investment opportunities, how to live positively after leaving employment as well as how best to use their retirement benefits.

The staff were also advised to look at retirement as a transitional process from formal employment to informal employment and the start of a second career in their lives. Participants were further advised to engage in meaningful activities such as starting small businesses, charity work, farming, church activities and other activities that will keep them strong and healthy. They also learnt about effective time management & attitude change in retirement. Additionally they got a better understanding on personal finance planning.

The staff members who retire after the normal retirement age need to be assisted to make a smooth transition from an employed to self-employed status, and enabling them to fit into the “new” societies that they retire into. This requires the management of trauma, removing of fears and other mental blocks that hinder the transition.

These seminars and workshops are a cost-effective way of helping staff plan for retirement and it forms the basis of the Human Resource mandate of preparing its staff for their retirement as well as life after retirement.



# REARBS Assets Hit Over Kshs 0.5 Billion



Rural Electrification Authority Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme (REARBS) recorded net assets of Kshs. 515,581,335.00 for the year ending 31st December 2020, recording a growth of Kshs 39,282,286.00.

The Scheme was established as a contributory scheme under irrevocable trust on 1st July, 2008 with the aim of providing Pension benefits to eligible employees of REREC. The rate of contributions is 5% for employee while the Employer contributes at the rate of 10% of individual's basic salary.

The scheme is registered with the Retirement Benefits Authority and ran by Liaison Group. There were 287 Active member contributors as at 31/12/2020. The Scheme earned a 7% return for the year. Average net rate of return since 2011 being 8.4%.

The Board is in the process of drafting rules to govern the procedure for accessing the mortgage facility in order to comply with recent regulatory requirements regarding mortgage.

The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Mrs. Evelyn Koech disclosed this during the schemes Annual General Meeting which was held online.

Koech, who is also REREC's Human Resource Manager, emphasized on need for members to continue to topping up contributions by making additional voluntary contributions into the scheme.

# Green Energy, Better Lives





# REREC To Take Over Energy Centres In Kenya

Energy Centres were established in the 1980s as the technical outreach arm of the Ministry of Energy. They were initially to address the growing problem of wood fuel supply and demand imbalance by promoting agroforestry as an intervention on farm wood supply. The centres have now evolved to offering programs on renewable energy, technology demonstrations and training covering a range of technologies such as biogas, improved cookstoves, improved

-efficiency charcoal and cook stove kilns, wind and energy efficient devices ( fireless cookers). They also offer technical assistance and training to prospective individual and groups, information and

awareness raising on topical energy issues as well as multi-purpose tree seedling production and skills transfer to support on-farm wood fuel supply.

Currently, there are 16 Energy Centres in several parts of the Country, at Mtwapa (Kilifi), Bukura

(Kakamega), Busia, Garissa, Homa Bay, Jamhuri (Nairobi), Kericho, Kisii, Kitui, Lodwar (Turkana), Marsabit, Migori, Mitunguu (Meru), Mirangine (Nyandarua), Wajir and Wambugu in Nyeri County. Following the enactment of the Energy Act 2019 that saw the Corporation's mandate expand towards renewable energy, Rural Electrification and Renewable

Energy Corporation (REREC), is taking over the management of renewable energy centres in the country.

According to REREC CEO CPA Peter Mbugua, the Corporation has already offered letters of appointment to 116 staff members at the energy centres, who previously worked in Renewable Energy Directorate at the Ministry of Energy. The incoming staff will help the corporation attain its obligations as outlined in the new Energy Act 2019 as the Corporation strengthens its muscle in implementing the agenda of ensuring more Kenyans access

renewable energy at a time non-renewable energy cost is rising.

According to REREC chairman Prof Simon Gicharu, the Corporation shall be engaging with Governors to ensure that the energy centres are professionally managed for the benefit of local communities at the grassroots level.

To enhance supply and access to green energy, REREC intends to partner with all the 47 County Governments to establish energy centres especially in areas where none exists. The Corporation will require close to Sh600 million to put up the energy centres. It is the hope of REREC that in areas where none exists, the County Governments will provide land for the establishments.

The Corporation urges communities to take advantage of the existence of such establishments to get knowledge and skills on production and use of alternative sources of energy





### Boosting School Library Capacity

In a bid to realize a boost in school libraries' capacity, Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) donated text books to schools in Tharaka-Nithi and Tana River Counties.

One of the Corporations CSR policy objectives is to play a key role in securing a better future for learners and this can be achieved through access to learning materials.

Wachakone Mixed Secondary School received an assorted donation of textbooks from REREC. The school, which is in Galole constituency, in Tana River County is a newly built sub County school, currently at form 3 level. The corporation was represented by the Manager, Corporate Communications Daniel Kapsoot and James Mwamure Tana river County Supervisor. The Principal Mr. Ayub Makiso Bonaya received the donation on behalf of the school.

Other schools that benefited from the donation of books and stationery from REREC are;

- ▶ Ndurumoni Primary School, Tharaka Constituency, Tharaka-Nithi County
- ▶ Kibirigwi Special School, Ndia constituency, Kirinyaga County
- ▶ Chemoroch Primary school Eldoret North Constituency, Uasin Gishu County
- ▶ Masol Secondary school in Kapenguria Constituency, West Pokot County.
- ▶ Cherorget Primary school in Anabkoi Constituency, Uasin Gishu County.
- ▶ Bahari primary school in Nakuru East Constituency, Nakuru County.
- ▶ Kapcheluch primary school in Kericho County.
- ▶ Nyabondo Primary School in Bondo Constituency, Siaya County
- ▶ Mwatate Special Unit & Primary School in Mwatate

Constituency, Taita Taveta County

- ▶ Kituneni primary school in Mbeere south constituency, Embu County.
- ▶ Kulamawe Secondary School in Isiolo South Constituency, Isiolo County
- ▶ Lodwar mixed Primary school in Turkana Central Constituency, Turkana County.
- ▶ Al Noor academy in Turkana South Constituency, Turkana County.

### Supporting Education for Girls through Provision of Hygiene Products

REREC is supporting the Government to increase the access to feminine reproductive health products for teenage girls in rural areas to increase their retention in school and enhance their academic performance for a better future.

To support these efforts, the Corporation through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) plan prioritizes the distribution of health products to needy girls in various schools around the country. The objective is to ensure that boys and girls have equal access to quality.

The corporation has donated 2,400 sanitary towels to girls at St. Raphael Namalenge, Namulungu Muslim, St. Marys Namasanda, and St Marys Sinyabo secondary schools in Kholera Ward, Kakamega County.

Other schools that benefited in the sanitary towels donation plan are;

- ▶ Kibirigwi Special School, Ndia constituency, Kirinyaga, County.
- ▶ Kapcheluch pry school in Kericho County.
- ▶ Mwatate Special Unit & Primary School in Mwatate Constituency, Taita Taveta County.
- ▶ Sajiloni Girls Secondary School in Kajiado Central Constituency, Kajiado County.
- ▶ Kulamawe Secondary School in Isiolo South Constituency, Isiolo County.
- ▶ Lodwar mixed Primary school in Turkana Central Constituency, Turkana County.
- ▶ Al Noor academy in Turkana South Constituency, Turkana County.

## Donation of Foodstuff at Korogocho slums.

In efforts to touch lives in the community, REREC donated foodstuff to 100 families in Korogocho Slums, Nairobi County. The program aimed to benefit people with disabilities, the sick, extremely poor, isolated elderly people and children.

This donation exercise was undertaken courtesy of the Korogocho Support Group and Senior Chief Nashon Kaleb Opiyo, its main objective being to cushion the less privileged and the vulnerable during this pandemic, as it was noted that most people who worked as casual laborers lost their jobs due to Covid 19 pandemic hence making it hard for them to feed their families.

The Korogocho Support Group was started in 1978 to assist the vulnerable people in the area. Every week, the Support Group visits the residents and offers anything that has been collected from well-wishers including money, medicines, food and clothing.

Korogocho is one of the largest slum in Nairobi, Kenya being a home to approximately 150,000 people.



## Donation of Water Tanks

Water management is becoming increasingly important in Kenya. In an effort to enhance the storage of water in schools, REREC donated water tanks to pupils of Nyabondo Primary School in Bondo Constituency, Siaya County, and Bahari Primary School in Nakuru East Constituency, Nakuru County.





