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Editor's Note

Welcome to the first edition of The Highlight for the year 2023/2024. As we embark on a new year filled with possibilities, we find ourselves at the intersection of progress and responsibility. In this edition, we delve into topics that are not only timely but crucial for the sustainable future we envision.

The Corporation believes in the power of small actions that collectively create a significant impact. This edition is dedicated to exploring sustainable practices, such as the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels, to the collective efforts that shape our communities. Let's embrace sustainability as a way of life and pave the way for a greener, more resilient future.

The winds of change are blowing, and they bring with them the promise of a cleaner, more sustainable energy landscape. In this edition, we shed light on the myriad benefits of renewable energy and how we can convert waste to energy for our benefit. From reducing our carbon footprint to fostering energy independence, the advantages are both environmental and economic. Join us in exploring the innovations, breakthroughs, and inspiring stories that highlight the transformative power of renewable energy.

Access to electricity is a fundamental right that has the power to transform lives. Yet, many rural communities in Kenya still lack reliable and sustainable electrification. In these pages, we delve into the impact of rural electrification, not only in terms of lighting up homes but also in catalyzing economic growth, enhancing education, and improving healthcare. By shining a light on successful initiatives by the Corporation and the how REREC ensures the customer is a priority, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the importance of powering up Kenya.



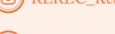
As we navigate the complexities of our day-to-day activities, let this edition of The Highlight serve as a source of inspiration and information. Together, let's build a future where sustainability is not just a goal but a reality, where renewable energy powers our progress, and where rural electrification lights up the lives of those who need it most.

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Partnerships Key to Lighting up Rural Areas

By Dr. Rose Mkalama

Going into the first quarter of the year is always a good opportunity to reflect on the developments that any country has made regarding critical areas such as energy, if not for anything else, at least for a sense of accountability that is due to the general population.

In Kenya, rural electrification has remained a key talking point, besides being both a driver and an indicator of economic development.

It is necessary, therefore, that we engage in a conversation of how to progressively and sustainably electrify the country. This is part of the Government's determination to establish and ride on strategic collaborations with the aim of increasing electricity connectivity in the country.

The current Government, through the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) and other players, has invested heavily and made huge achievements in availing electricity and other sources of renewable energy to Kenyan citizens across the country including the underserved areas. Government has over the years made a conscious decision to ensure electrification of rural areas is achieved. Development partners have been a key partner in this journey. Among the key developments was the launch of the Electrification of Public Facilities Project that the Government co-funded with partners from the Middle East to the tune of USD 57 Million.



The key focus is the electrification of public facilities, including schools, hospitals, and shopping centers.

In total, over 510 projects are currently being implemented. These projects will yield over 2,000 kilometers of middle voltage distribution lines in Nyanza and Western, North and South Rift, Central and Upper Eastern, as well as Lower Eastern and Coast regions.

Arising from the 510 projects under this project, some 1, 200 public facilities are being connected to electricity across 131 constituencies in 36 counties. This will translate to over 35, 000 connections to households across the country.

This is an important milestone because it enables many Kenyans to initiate their individual developmental initiatives like opening up of small businesses.

From of the perspective the conveniences created by electrification, the quality of lives has improved significantly. This has come as a result of better communication in rural areas, more available internet increased business connectivity, opportunities, longer working hours, and creation of more jobs across the sectors.

Also important is that education standards in the rural areas have improved, as has service delivery in health centres in the newly powered health facilities.

In social spheres, rural electrification has also reorganized leisure and entertainment in shopping centres, something that is bound to improve modernization of the concerned areas.

Despite all these developments, more needs to be done to ensure that Kenya does not drop the ball. We need to keep safeguarding our vaunted place as a leader in green energy, not just in Africa, but indeed globally.

One critical area of focus should be how we emphasise and use of renewable sources of energy as alternatives to the current forms that are not only pricy, but also potentially harmful to the environment.

To ensure resilience and sustainability of such initiatives, there is need to reconsider the current funding model in order to broaden rural electrification of public amenities.

So far, REREC has innovated what it calls the matching fund, or a shilling-for-a shilling initiative where the Corporation partners with county governments, and the national constituency development fund for co-funding of projects. For every 1 shilling a county/constituency contributes, REREC matches it with a shilling, and together we implement electrification projects in priority areas within the Constituencies. Since 2016/2017 financial year, the Corporation has executed 847 matching fund projects at a cost of Ksh 2.3 Billion.

This is part of the Government's determination to establish and ride on strategic collaborations with the aim of increasing electricity connectivity in the country. This will help in building Kenya's human and institutional capacity to work towards the achievement of sustainable socioeconomic development.

If more players partner with the Government in this cause, there shall be tremendous development in electrification of rural and other marginalized areas, a sure way to economic sustainability.

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Electrified Village in Malindi County





Transforming Makueni County.

By Collins Waswa

Tn the heart of Makueni County, remarkable transformation is underway. The Government of Makueni County, in partnership with the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), has launched electrification projects that promise to bring a new dawn of progress and opportunity to the region. Through a Matching Fund initiative, these projects involve the installation of power lines, transformers, and meters, with the overarching goal of providing a reliable supply of electricity to homes, institutions, and businesses across the county.

The launch of this electrification program has generated a great sense of hope and excitement among the residents of Makueni County. The one-week programme, launched in September, which saw active participation from community leaders, government officials, and local residents, represents a pivotal moment in the region's history. The County Executive Committee Member for Infrastructure, Transport, Public Works, Housing, and Energy, Eng. Sebastian Kyoni, who led the county team highlighted the vital significance of this initiative. He emphasized that electrification is not merely about lighting up homes but about empowering entire communities. Access to electricity is a catalyst for progress, touching every aspect of life. It enhances education, healthcare, entrepreneurial activities, and the overall quality of life for residents. With this electrification program, Makueni County is taking a giant step forward towards a brighter and more promising future.

The electrification program in Makueni County encompasses 12 different projects

Community leaders and residents expressed their gratitude for the initiative, acknowledging REREC's efforts as a true game-changer. For many, this is indeed a new dawn. One resident eloquently captured the sentiment by stating that they can now work diligently to turn their dreams into reality. The promise of reliable electricity is igniting aspirations and lighting up possibilities.

The presence of REREC officials during the launch added to the significance of the event. Eng. Mercy Rotich, representing the Regional Manager for Nairobi, Eastern, and North Eastern Region, Eng. Jonathan Mbutu, and other REREC representatives, including Manager Monitoring and Evaluation, Diana Khalwale, and Principal Business Development Officer, Eng. Naomi Nthambi, underscored REREC's commitment to the electrification of rural areas and the transformative potential of these projects.

The electrification program in Makueni County encompasses 12 different projects, each with the aim of delivering electricity to the residents before the year's end. These projects are poised to benefit a substantial number of households, business premises, and institutions, with a cumulative impact on at least 780 locations. This means that hundreds of families will soon experience the convenience of reliable electric lighting, local businesses will have the power to thrive, and educational institutions will have the tools to provide better learning environments.

The launch of these matching fund projects represents more than the extension of power lines; it signifies the empowerment of communities, the fulfillment of dreams, and the realization of a brighter and more prosperous Makueni County. As the projects progress, residents are looking forward to a future where they can harness the potential of electricity to create a thriving and dynamic community. With power in their hands, they are now ready to illuminate their own path towards progress and prosperity.



REREC officials at the launch of the Kinyong'o water and Nyang'ang'a/Uma Primary school electrification project. The two projects are of 12 projects which will benefit 155 customers



REREC team led by Eng Mercy Rotich on behalf of the Regional Manager for Nairobi, Eastern and North Eastern Region and the Makueni County government officials during the launch matching fund projects in the area.

Bridging the Knowledge Gap:



Understanding the role Kenya's Energy Trio; REREC, KETRACO & Kenya Power

By: Fiona Wamaitha

These organizations collectively contribute to a more inclusive, sustainable, and electrified future for Kenya, where access to reliable and clean energy is a fundamental right for all.

In the ever-evolving landscape of Kenya's energy sector, there are three vital organizations; Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) and the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC),

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC)

REREC is a specialized government institution in Kenya with a specific focus on rural electrification and the promotion of the use of renewable energy. Its mission is to extend access to electricity to remote and underserved areas while championing sustainable and eco-friendly energy solutions. REREC's key responsibilities include:

Rural Electrification Programs: REREC spearheads rural electrification initiatives, targeting marginalized and off-grid regions that traditionally lacked access to electricity. that collectively play crucial roles in ensuring a reliable power supply, fostering rural electrification, and promoting sustainable energy solutions. These organizations are the backbone of Kenya's energy ecosystem, each with its unique responsibilities and objectives.

Renewable Energy Development. REREC is at the forefront of promoting and developing renewable energy projects, such as solar, wind, and hydropower, as a means to generate clean and sustainable electricity.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation. The organization also promotes energy efficiency and conservation practices to reduce wastage and make the most of available energy resources.

Funding and Monitoring. REREC is involved in funding, monitoring, and evaluating electrification projects, ensuring that they are implemented efficiently and serve their intended purpose.

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO)

KETRACO is Kenya's designated electricity transmission Company. Its key role is to transmit bulk electricity from power generation facilities to various substations and grid points, ensuring a reliable and efficient movement of electricity across the nation. Their responsibilities include:

Electricity Transmission. KETRACO manages the high-voltage transmission network, facilitating the transportation of electricity from generating stations to distribution centers. This includes the use of transmission lines, substations, and other infrastructure designed for high-voltage electricity.

Grid Development and Maintenance. The company is responsible for the development, expansion, and maintenance of the national electricity grid, ensuring that the network remains robust and reliable.

Integration of Diverse Power Sources. KETRACO plays a crucial role in integrating power from diverse sources, including conventional power plants and renewable energy projects, into the national grid.

Cross-Border Power Trade. As the operator of the high-voltage grid, KETRACO also facilitates crossborder power trade, allowing Kenya to import and export electricity to neighbouring countries.

Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC)

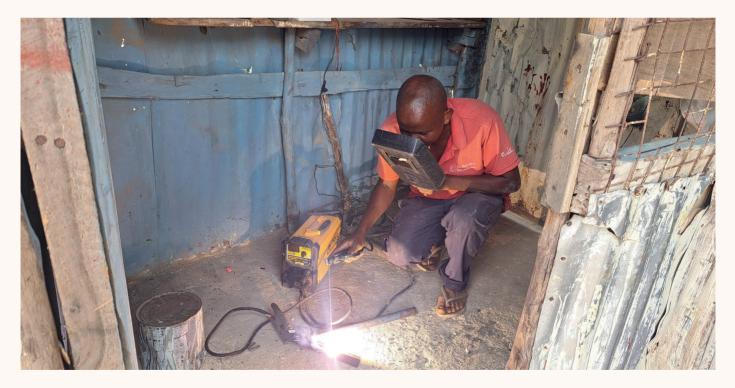
Kenya Power and Lighting Company, or simply "KPLC," is the principal electricity distribution and retail company in Kenya. It bridges the gap between power generation and the end-users by ensuring the efficient and equitable distribution of electricity across the nation. Some of their key responsibilities include:

Electricity Distribution. Kenya Power is responsible for transmitting electricity from power producers to homes, businesses, and industries in Kenya. This involves delivering power not only to urban centers but also to periurban areas and remote regions.

Billing and Revenue Collection. Kenya Power handles the billing process for electricity consumption and the collection of revenue from consumers, which is essential for the sustainability of the entire energy ecosystem.

Network Management. The company manages the operation and maintenance of the distribution network, which includes substations, power lines, transformers, and other critical infrastructure.

Customer Service. Kenya Power provides customer support services, addressing inquiries, complaints, and technical issues related to electricity supply.



These three organizations serve different but interconnected roles within Kenya's energy sector. Kenya Power primarily focuses on electricity distribution and retail services, ensuring that electricity reaches end-users. KETRACO specializes in high-voltage electricity transmission and the development of the national grid. REREC has a specific mandate to promote rural electrification and renewable energy.

As they work together in their respective capacities, these organizations collectively contribute to a more inclusive, sustainable, and electrified future for Kenya, where access to reliable and clean energy is a fundamental right for all.

Fostering a Sustainable Future Through Renewable Energy



GM. Renewable Energy, Eng. Fred Ishugah (far right) participating at a panel discussion on accelerating carbon projects in Africa to meet global climate goals during the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi

By Joy Gichangi

By training artisans and women groups on renewable energy technologies, REREC promotes bioenergy resources and clean cooking

Tast majority of people these of climate change, popularly known as global warming. This awareness is often from first-hand experiences such as unpredictable or extreme weather and rainfall patterns.

Effects of climate change are felt even more by rural communities who depend on agriculture and pastoralism to play a substantial role in their cultural and economic well-being.

With the expectation of escalating days are aware of the impact climate crises in terms of frequency and intensity, there is need for urgent, community-driven actions that emphasize on knowledge exchange and collaborative problem-solving that will help combat climate change effectively.

> Republic of Kenya, His Excellency participation of Rural Electrification Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H, and Renewable Energy Corporation Kenya hosted the inaugural Africa (REREC) in this summit provided

Climate Summit, aimed to address the increasing exposure to climate change and its associated costs, both globally and particularly in Africa.

The Summit, which brought together various Heads of States and other dignitaries, served as a platform to inform, frame, and influence commitments, pledges, and outcomes. It also provided a platform for policymakers, practitioners, businesses and civil society to exchange on climate solutions, barriers to overcome and opportunities realized in different regions

Being the lead agency for promoting all other renewable energy sources Championed by the President of the except geothermal, attendance and



REREC's Energy Center Staff watering tree seedlings at the Wambungu energy center, Nyeri.

the Corporation with an opportunity to advocate for productive use of renewable energy technologies and highlight their role in mitigating the effects of climate change in rural Kenya.

REREC is climate sensitive and ensures that rural communities in Kenya have access to clean energy. Through the Corporation's 17 energy centres which are spread across the country, we bring potential solutions closer to the communities so that they can buy in and help us mitigate the levels of carbon emissions to the environment. By training artisans and women groups on renewable energy technologies, REREC promotes bioenergy resources and clean cooking technologies to reduce the use of fossil fuels.

During Africa Climate the Summit 2023, our General Manager Renewable Energy, Eng. Fred Ishugah was one of the panellists that participated in a discussion about accelerating carbon projects in Africa to meet global climate goals. He pointed out that the Corporation is contributing towards reducing carbon emissions by distributing and planting tree seedlings to public facilities to create wood lots which are effective natural carbon sinks.

Renewable energy is the way to go. To foster a sustainable future, let us keep the conversation going.



Delegates visiting the REREC stand during the Africa Climate Summit

The Future is Green



REREC Board Chairman, Mr. Godfrey Lemiso, accompanied by directors; Mr. Milton Lucheri and Mr Phillip Cherige hosting Bungoma County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Trade, Energy and Industrialization Ms. Carolyne Makali Khalayi. The County recently signed an MOU with REREC for project implementation under the Matching Fund Programme

"A Shilling for a Shilling" Accelerating Rural Electrification

By Susan Nderitu

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation's mandate is to spearhead Kenya's renewable energy drive, in addition to implementing rural electrification projects.

The Corporation, primarily funded through the exchequer, diligently works to fulfill its mandate with the aim of achieving universal connectivity for all. However, the pace of project implementation is hindered by financial constraints.

To address the funding challenge, REREC developed a participatory approach, forging alliances through

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cost-sharing arrangements with the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), county governments, and other stakeholders. At the heart of this innovation lies the Matching Fund Program, a game-changer in supplementing traditional funding sources. Under this program, REREC matches every shilling contributed by stakeholders, up to a maximum of Ksh.5 million per Constituency, on a first-come, first-served basis. The benefits of this program are profound and far-reaching.



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The program contributes to elevated County and Constituency connectivity levels, bridging gaps in rural areas by fostering community development. Unlike traditional funding, Counties have the power to prioritize projects based on local needs. With readily available funds, projects that would have taken longer to implement can be prioritized, ensuring a swift transformation.

The Council of Governors hosted the Devolution Conference 2023 from 14th to 18th August 2023 Themed "10 Years of Devolution: The Present and the Future," the conference provided a platform for REREC to showcase the strides made in electrifying rural Kenya and engage county government collectively.

REREC's Board Chairman, Mr. Godfrey Lemiso, accompanied by Board members Milton Lucheri, Hussein A. Mohammed, and Philip Cherige, attended a Frontier Counties Development Council (FCDC) Governor's breakfast meeting. The meeting, held in conjunction with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), was organized as part of the conference and brought together various Development Partners engaged with the FCDC region to discuss strategies for advancing mutual goals.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Lemiso encouraged Frontier Counties to join hands with REREC through the Matching Fund Program to enhance electricity connectivity in the region.

The response was overwhelming, with governors, county government officials and other delegates flocking to REREC's stand during the conference, eager to understand how their Counties could benefit from this innovative program.

As a result of these engagements, REREC anticipates a surge in collaborations with County Governments, paving the way toward universal access to electricity. The Corporation, in its quest for 100% rural electrification, recognizes the indispensable role of County governments in fulfilling its mandate.

Since 2016/2017 financial year, the Corporation has executed 847 matching fund projects at a cost of Ksh 2.3 Billion. The 16 Counties that have participated are; Bomet, Busia, Embu, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kilifi, Kirinyaga, Kisumu, Kitui, Machakos, Makueni, Meru, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Tharaka Nithi and Vihiga. REREC beckons the remaining counties to join hands, facilitating the acceleration of rural electrification. The Matching Fund Program stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation, lighting up the future for communities across Kenya.



REREC's General Manager, IEC Dr. Rose Mkalama hosted Hon. Farida A. Salim – Kisumu County CECM Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing. Kisumu is among the 16 counties already benefiting from Matching Fund programme.



Dr. Rose Mkalama GM. IEC, and Board director Mr. Philip Cherige hosting Homabay delegates at the REREC stand during the Devolution Conference in Eldoret.

Embracing Clean Cooking Technologies: The Fireless Jiko

By Stanely Njaramba

Did you know that indoor air pollution is responsible for 5 % of all female deaths in developing world, causing more deaths than malaria each year?

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), household air pollution (HAP) released by inefficient combustion of solid fuels for cooking and heating is currently responsible for the world's largest single environmentally-related disease burden.

Household air pollution is generated by the use of inefficient and polluting fuels and technologies in and around the home that contains a range of health-damaging pollutants, including small particles that penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream. In poorly ventilated dwellings, indoor smoke can have levels of fine particles 100 times higher than acceptable. Exposure is particularly high among women and children, who spend the most time in the kitchen and around pollutants. They do not use firewood but work under the three common heat transfer principles which state that heat always & only moves from a region of high heat to one of low heat.

It is therefore very important for us to embrace clean cooking methods so as to reduce on chances of household air pollution. Clean cooking technologies refer to stoves, fuels, and practices that produce fewer harmful pollutants during the cooking process, improving health and environmental outcomes.

With REREC's mandate expanding to spearheading the adoption of renewable energy, we are actively involved in the development and advocacy for clean cooking technologies. Our Energy Centers located across 16 counties provide training and outreach programmes at the grass root level. Some of the technologies that we exhibit in these centers include solar cookers, solar driers, fireless cookers, maendeleo jikos, the Kenya ceramic jikos, among others.

The Fireless cookers are insulated containers that allow food to continue cooking for an extended period of time after being removed from the heat source. They do not use firewood but work under the three common heat transfer principles which state that heat always and only moves from a region of high heat to one of low heat. This means from a hot to a cold region as it can move to a vacuum air-liquid or solid matter by radiation, convection and conduction.

Fabrication Process

At the energy Centers, we fabricate the fireless cookers as one of the clean cooking technologies. We also train individuals and groups on how to fabricate them. This is a simple process that anyone can do by themselves, using locally available materials.

Materials & Tools

- A reed basket, wooden box, plastic bails or baskets,
- Black clothing material, preferably cotton
- Polythene sheet (black if possible)
- Insulation materials (either cotton waste, blanket waste, wood shavings, banana leaves, grass, papers or tailoring wastes thread (glue, tucks and nails for wooden container)
- Tape measure, needles, pair of scissors, sufuria.

Steps To Take

- 1. Measure the length & width (top of the basket or container you want to use.
- 2. Spread clothing material and polythene sheet and measure using measurements of the container adding 4" (inches) extra.
- 3. Cut the clothing material and polythene sheet along the marked measurements.
- 4. Wrap the container's (reed basket) inner side with old newspapers.
- 5. Spread enough insulators at the bottom of the container.
- 6. Spread the polythene sheet then clothing materials in the container ensuring all is covered, and bring the edges to the top opening of the container.
- 7. Place a 'sufuria' of the desired size inside the container ('sufuria' used determines the size of the cooking chamber)
- 8. Place more insulators (cotton or blanket waste) between the polythene and container firming it all around.
- 9. Re-arrange four polythene sheets to hold cotton firmly onto the container.

- 10.Pull the clothing up to the outside of the container brim (basket) but just up to the wooden container and join the two edges (slide one on top of the other)
- 11.Start stitching from the joined edges (for a wooden container, glue and tugs are used instead)
- 12. Continue stitching till you finish the upper part of the container (finishing by joining the remaining two edges, by sliding one on top of the other)
- 13.Stitch all around the middle of the container.
- 14. Finish by stitching at the bottom, spreading the clothing properly to create room for cooking and decorating it to make it attractive.15. For the Lid:
 - Fold clothing material into two pieces.
 - Mark on material by placing a basket top (upside down)
 - Cut along marked line.
 - Stitch together the two pieces leaving a small area.
 - Turn the lid inside out.
 - Stuff in an insulator (cotton) to make it firm.
 - Stitch the left gap to seal off the lid

As we advocate for the use of renewable energy, clean cooking tops the list as cooking is a daily activity which consumes a lot of energy. With the fireless cooker, we conserve energy and also practice sustainability.

- Slow cooking retains more of the food's nutrients and vitamins.
- Fuel saving.
- Food can be kept warm for a longer time.
- Food can be left unattended without burning.
- They are multipurpose because depending on the material used, fireless cookers can also be used as coolers.

We have 16 Energy Centers across the country. These centers function as the technical outreach branch of the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC). Their main goal is to promote renewable energy technologies by conducting demonstrations and providing training to communities at the county level.

We encourage you to join the #RenewableEnergyMovement by getting a fireless cooker for yourself or a loved one in the village. Let's save our world by choosing the sustainable option always.



Women's group undergoing a training session on the fireless jiko at the Mtwapa Energy Center.

Implementation of the Citizen's Service Delivery Charter

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By Lucy Muricho

In today's public service landscape, the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) recognizes the importance of efficient and effective service delivery to citizens. The purpose of a Citizen Service Delivery Charter is to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in service delivery. To uphold this commitment, REREC has implemented the Citizens' Service Delivery Charter as a guiding document that outlines REREC's commitments and standards to provide quality services to citizens.

Some of the guidelines in REREC's Citizen Service Charter include; -

Performance contract requirements in implementing the charter.

An effective Citizens' Service Delivery Charter should clearly communicate the expected service delivery standards, including access requirements, cost transparency, and turnaround time for services. REREC is dedicated to meeting performance contract targets set by the government to ensure successful implementation of the service delivery charter. The following requirements are to be met:

- a) Display the Citizens' Service Delivery Charter prominently at entry points and service delivery areas in both English and Kiswahili. The charter should be visible and legible to customers, with a minimum size of three feet in width and four feet in height.
- b) Customize the charter to meet the unique needs of customers, such as translating it into Braille, providing sign language interpretation services, offering audio recordings, and making it available on online platforms.
- c) Sensitize staff on the Citizens' Service Delivery Charter to ensure they are knowledgeable about the commitments and standards outlined in the charter. This empowers them to provide accurate information and maintain a customer-centric approach.

d) Establish compliance mechanisms to ensure conformity with the commitments and standards in the charter. This includes maintaining records of service delivery and upholding accountability.

Review of the Charter To ensure that the Citizens' Service Delivery Charter aligns with REREC's expanded mandate under the Energy Act 2019 and meets the requirements of the Public Service Commission, an ongoing review process has been ongoing. The Public Service Commission is collaborating with public sector organizations to ensure uniformity in charters regarding common services provided by the public sector. The aim is to effectively cover mandate services and meet the public's needs.

Cascading the Charter to Departmental Levels

To enhance implementation effectiveness, the Citizens' Service Delivery Charter will be cascaded to departmental levels within REREC. This ensures that all REREC services are covered, with each department displaying and adhering to the commitments and standards outlined in the charter. By doing so, REREC aims to provide consistent and highquality services across all departments.

In conclusion, by implementing the charter, REREC demonstrates its dedication to delivering quality services, building trust, promoting inclusivity, and continuously improving the customer experience.

You can access the citizen's service charter on our website www.rerec.co.ke



Emotional Wellness Nurturing Your Inner Balance

By Sarah Belinder

Emotional wellness is a vital component for our overall well-being, encompassing the ability to understand, manage, and express our emotions effectively. It plays a crucial role in how we navigate life's challenges, form meaningful relationships, and maintain a sense of contentment and resilience. Cultivating emotional wellness is not just about being happy all the time; it's about developing the skills and mindset to handle a full spectrum of emotions in a healthy and constructive way.

There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't. ~John Green.

Self-awareness is at the core of emotional wellness. Understanding your emotional landscape means recognizing and acknowledging your feelings without judgment. This introspective practice allows you to identify the sources of your emotions, whether they are rooted in past experiences, current stressors, or your immediate environment. When you're in tune with your emotions, you can respond more thoughtfully and authentically to them.



Emotional Intelligence (EI) is another essential aspect of emotional wellness. EI involves recognizing and understanding not only your emotions but also the emotions of others. It enables you to navigate social interactions, build empathy, and communicate effectively. Developing emotional intelligence can lead to better relationships, reduced conflict, and improved collaboration in both personal and professional settings.

Stress management is a key skill in maintaining emotional wellness. Life is filled with stressors, and how you respond to them can significantly impact your emotional state. Techniques like mindfulness meditation, deep breathing exercises, and time management can help reduce stress levels. Learning to set boundaries and say "no" when necessary is also crucial in preventing burnout and maintaining emotional balance.

Cultivating a strong support

system is another component of emotional wellness. Sharing your thoughts and feelings with trusted friends or a therapist can provide valuable insights and emotional relief. Social connections not only offer emotional support but also provide a sense of belonging and purpose, which are essential for overall wellbeing.

Engaging in activities that bring joy and fulfillment is a fundamental aspect of emotional wellness. Hobbies, creative pursuits, physical exercise, and spending time in nature can boost your mood and provide a sense of accomplishment. These activities promote the release of endorphins, natural mood-enhancing chemicals in the brain. **Practicing self-compassion** is essential in nurturing emotional wellness. Be kind to yourself, acknowledge your imperfections, and understand that it's okay to experience negative emotions. Selfcompassion allows you to bounce back from setbacks and failures with greater resilience.

In summary, emotional wellness is a dynamic and ongoing process that involves self-awareness, emotional intelligence, stress management, a strong support system, engaging in enjoyable activities, and practicing self-compassion. It's about embracing the full range of human emotions, learning from them, and using that knowledge to lead a more fulfilling and balanced life. By investing in your emotional well-being, you can enhance your overall quality of life and better navigate the complexities of the human experience.

Through the Lens



Ms. Wangari Githii Manager Advocacy, hosting stakeholders at the REREC stand during the Africa Climate Summit (ACS) 2023 where REREC was promoting the adoption of renewable energy for electrification of off-grid areas.



The Corporation's Board Chairman, Mr. Godfrey Lemiso, accompanied by Board members Milton Lucheri and Hussein A. Mohammed, and senior management at the REREC stand during the Devolution Conference in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

Through the Lens



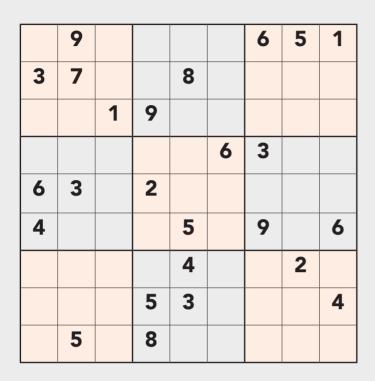
Awarding ceremony for the #myrenewableenergychampion which was held at REREC headquarters. The winners were appreciated advocating for the use of renewable energy for a sustainable future and participating in the social media campaign. The awards were presented by REREC's senior managers led by Sophia Githuku; GM Human Resource & Administration, and Davis Cheruiyot, GM Finance & ICT.



REREC staff and Board members during the first staff meeting this year where all staff from across the country, including regional offices and Energy Centers, congregated to celebrate the shared vision and commitment to excellence.

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On a Light Note



When do computers overheat?

When they need to vent.



Advocacy



Beware of Fraudsters!

The Corporation has noted that there are fraudsters who are calling, sending texts and emails to susceptible Kenyans asking for money to be shortlisted for the recently advertised positions. It has also come to our attention that some job seekers have supposedly been invited for interviews at the Corporation's offices, by people purporting to be the Corporation's representatives.

While it is true that we recently advertised for qualified personnel to fill various open positions, the Corporation wishes to notify all the applicants that we are at the preliminary stage of recruitment and therefore, there are no ongoing interviews at the moment.

To cross check any information you receive, please contact us on 0709 193 600 / 0709 193 000 or send an email to info@rerec.co.ke.

DO NOT BE CONNED.





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Bukura Energy Centre Within Bukura ATC P.O. Box 92-50105 Bukura

Busia Energy Centre Busia Town next to Busia Market P.O. Box 421-50400 Busia

Garissa Energy Centre Off Garissa to Sankuri Road P.O. Box 1253-70100 Garissa

Uasin Gishu Energy Centre next to Kiplombe cemetery P.O. Box 9050-30100 Eldoret Jamhuri Energy Centre Nairobi, showground P.O. Box 21552-00505 Nairobi

Kericho Energy Centre Off Kisumu road behind Siloam Hospital P.O. Box 1959-20200 Kericho

Kisii Energy Centre Within Kisii ATC P.O. Box 2238-40200 Kisii

Kitui Energy Centre Next to Kitui High School P.O. Box 737-90200 Kitui Lodwar Energy Centre Off Lodwar to Lorgun road P.O. Box 501-30500 Lodwar

Marsabit Energy Centre Within Marsabit County Commissioners Office P.O. Box 143-60500 Marsabit

Migori Energy Centre Migori town next to the County HQ P.O. Box 329-40400 Migori

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