

Staff Tidbits

Supporting Education for Girls Through Provision of Hygiene Products



Donation of Sanitary Towels at Kibirigwe School for the Deaf

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation are supporting Government efforts to increase the access for teenage girls to feminine reproductive health products to increase their retention in school and enhance their academic performance.

Girls in the country, especially those from poor families continue to miss school due to absenteeism that is related to reproductive health. They are forced to stay out of school because they are unable to access sanitary towels among other health products.

According to the State Department for Gender at the Ministry of Public Service and Gender, studies have shown that girls from poor families miss 20% of school days in a year due to lack of sanitary towels and that in Kenya, a girl that is absent from school for four days in a month which is equivalent to two weeks of learning in every school term.

The Basic Education Act (2016) Section 39 of the Constitution of Kenya makes it an obligation for the Government to provide sanitary towels to every school-going girl who has reached puberty.

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 all boys and girls have equal access to quality education.

Acquisition of Land For New Mini-grids Underway



A solar mini-grid

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

The 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.

Under KOSAP Mini-grids 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\$ 40M.

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 have expected 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-grid will combine solar PV, battery storage and thermal units running on diesel.

Those supplied through mini-grids will be KPLC customers and will pay the same tariff for each category charged.

Projects Progress Report



23 projects were commissioned in the week ending 03/09/2021, in various parts of the country.

The total number of commissioned projects currently stands at 1288 as compared to 1265 projects that had been commissioned by 27/08/2021. The number of projects in progress is 1030 out of the cumulative 2318 projects under implementation in the in 2020/2021 FY. 163 projects are awaiting either joint inspection, shut down or commissioning.