

Press Release

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REREC & Uasin Gishu County Government contribute Ksh. 60 Million towards rural electrification projects in Uasin Gishu County.

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) has today signed a framework for collaboration with the County Government of Uasin Gishu to a tune of Ksh. 60 million to undertake rural electrification projects under the Matching Fund Programme.

The County Government and the Corporation has each contributed Ksh. 30 million that will go towards electrification projects in each of the six Constituencies in the County; Ainabkoi, Kapseret, Kesses, Moiben, Soy, and Turbo.

The collaborative efforts encompass the execution of electrification projects through the matching fund program, as well as the implementation of various electrification and renewable energy initiatives, including, but not limited to; electrification of learning institutions, market centers, health centers and other public facilities currently without electricity.

This collaboration framework reflects a joint commitment to extending access to reliable electricity in rural areas, marking a crucial step toward a shared goal of sustainable energy development and enhanced livelihoods for Uasin Gishu County residents.

Projects in Uasin Gishu County

Currently, REREC is implementing 50 rural electrification projects in Uasin Gishu County at a cost of approximately Kshs. 216M. Upon completion, these projects will benefit over 3,104 customers.

The table below highlights the projects' status;

CONSTITUENCY	COMPLETED PROJECTS		ONGOING PROJECTS		PROPOSED 2023/24 (More projects expected)		TOTAL PROJECT COUNT
	100% GoK	Matching Fund	100% GoK	Matching Fund	100% GoK	Matching Fund	
SOY	1	0	1	1	4	2	9
TURBO	1	0	1	0	6	0	8
AINABKOI	2	0	2	0	6	0	10
KAPSERET	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
KESSES	1	2	0	3	4	0	10
MOIBEN	5	0	1	0	5	0	11
TOTAL	10	2	6	4	26	2	50

Commissioning of a rural electrification project in Moiben Constituency

The Corporation has also, today, commissioned the Kaptik Village electrification project, in Moiben Constituency, connecting over 65 customers. During the commissioning event, the Corporation's CEO, Dr. Rose Mkalama, emphasized the importance of connected people using electricity for economic development.

"The impact of this project extends far beyond the provision of electricity. It represents a catalyst for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and enhanced opportunities for the community in Kaptik village. By investing in rural electrification, we are creating pathways for prosperity and sustainable development." Stated the CEO.

REREC is implementing 11 rural electrification projects in Moiben Constituency at a total cost of Kshs. 49 million. These projects are expected to connect approximately 698 customers.

Background on collaborations

As envisaged in the Energy Act 2019, Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) is mandated to spearhead Kenya's renewable energy drive, in addition to implementing rural electrification programmes.

To fulfill our mandate, the Corporation has primarily relied on Exchequer funding, despite facing challenges such as limited funds. In order to address this issue and diversify our funding

sources, REREC introduced an innovative participatory approach to financing projects. This involves cost-sharing arrangements with the National Constituency Development Fund (NCDF), County Governments, and other stakeholders.

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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