

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES IN KWALE COUNTY

Communities in Kwale County witnessed a significant milestone in electricity access following the commissioning and launch of rural electrification projects in Matuga and Msambweni constituencies.

Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi presided over the events alongside Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani and other national and local leaders. REREC was represented by Chief Executive Officer Rose Mkalama.

The Fuzo–Mkokoni electrification project in Matuga Constituency will connect 202 households, while the Madongoni–Majikuko project in Msambweni Constituency will bring electricity to an additional 164 beneficiaries once completed.

These initiatives form part of the Government’s broader strategy to expand reliable and affordable electricity access across the country. For many households and small businesses, electricity access will unlock opportunities for enterprise development, improved education outcomes, and enhanced security within rural communities.

Through such projects, REREC continues to support inclusive development while accelerating the national goal of universal electricity access.

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Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi and Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani join REREC CEO Rose Mkalama during the commissioning of the Fuzo–Mkokoni rural electrification project in Matuga Constituency, Kwale County.

NANDI ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT CONNECTS RURAL HOMES

Residents of Kibongwa Village in Tinderet Constituency, Nandi County are now benefiting from reliable electricity following the commissioning of the Kibongwa Rural Electrification Project.

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira presided over the commissioning event, accompanied by Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary Roseline Kathure Njogu and ICT and Digital Economy Principal Secretary John Tanui.

The project has connected approximately 200 households alongside key public institutions including churches, schools, and Kibongwa Dispensary, improving access to essential services for the community.

During the event, the Energy Principal Secretary announced

that KSh 1.35 billion has been allocated to electrification projects across Nandi County, reflecting the government’s commitment to expanding energy access and supporting sustainable development in rural areas.



Through projects such as this, REREC continues to bridge the rural energy gap while empowering communities to pursue new social and economic opportunities.

KANDUTURA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT LIGHTS UP LAIKIPIA NORTH

Residents of Kandutura Market in Laikipia North Constituency celebrated a major milestone following the commissioning of the Kandutura Village Rural Electrification Project.

The project has connected 278 homes and several public facilities including churches and boreholes to reliable electricity. The commissioning was marked by a symbolic switch-on ceremony at the salon business owned by local entrepreneur Everline Silia, demonstrating the direct economic opportunities electricity brings to rural communities.

Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira led the commissioning alongside Wildlife Principal Secretary Silvia Museiya and local leaders.

The electrification project is expected to stimulate business growth, improve access to services, and enhance livelihoods within the community.

For residents of Kandutura, access



to electricity represents more than infrastructure, it is a catalyst for entrepreneurship, improved living standards, and stronger community development

REREC SHOWCASES ENERGY IMPACT AT THE DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE



REREC participated in the 2025 Devolution Conference held in Homa Bay County, where the Corporation showcased its role in expanding electricity access and promoting renewable energy solutions across Kenya.

The conference was officially opened by William Ruto and brought together national and county government leaders, development partners, and stakeholders from across the country.

At the REREC exhibition stand, visitors were briefed on the Corporation's mandate, renewable energy initiatives, and successful collaborations with county governments through the Matching Fund programme.

The event also provided a platform to highlight real-life beneficiary stories from electrified communities in Mbita and West Gem constituencies, demonstrating the

transformative impact of electricity access on education, business growth, and household security.

Through its participation, REREC reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening partnerships with county governments in delivering sustainable energy solutions

NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS TRANSFORM LIVES IN KIRINYAGA AND MERU



Communities in Mombasa and Murang'a counties experienced significant progress in electricity access following the commissioning of new rural electrification projects.

In Likoni Constituency, more than 800 households in Shonda Maweni Village were connected to the national electricity grid during a commissioning ceremony led by Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi.

Meanwhile in Kangema Constituency, in Murang'a County, the Jambi Road Village electrification project launched by Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira will connect more than 41 households to electricity.

ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS DRIVE DEVELOPMENT IN SIIAYA COUNTY



Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi during the launch of rural electrification projects in Siaya County targeting thousands of new household connections.

Rural electrification initiatives continued to transform communities in Siaya County during a two-day development tour led by Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi.

The tour included the commissioning of the Nyamasare Village electrification project in Ugenya Constituency and the launch of additional projects across Alego Usonga and Bondo constituencies.

Through these initiatives, hundreds of households across villages including Uwaasi, Mahola, Usenge, Uloma, Migono, and Got Kopolo will gain access to reliable electricity.

The government has invested more than KSh 900 million in electrification projects across Siaya County targeting

approximately 5,000 households.

Leaders encouraged residents to leverage electricity access to expand small businesses, improve agricultural value chains, and strengthen local economies.

These projects represent a major step toward expanding energy access while supporting the government's economic empowerment agenda.



PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN THE WORKPLACE

Mental health awareness in the workplace is increasingly recognized as an essential component of employee wellbeing and organizational productivity. A supportive work environment not only improves individual wellbeing but also enhances teamwork, motivation, and overall performance.

According to the World Health Organization, promoting mental health at work helps reduce stress-related illnesses, absenteeism, and burnout while strengthening resilience among employees. Organizations that actively support mental wellbeing create spaces where employees feel valued, heard, and motivated to contribute effectively.

Workplace mental health awareness begins with open conversations. Encouraging employees to speak about stress, workload challenges, and personal wellbeing without fear of stigma helps create a culture of trust and mutual support. Managers and team leaders also play a critical role by promoting healthy work practices, maintaining realistic workloads, and recognizing signs of stress among team members.

Simple actions such as taking regular breaks, maintaining work-life balance, practicing mindfulness, and seeking professional support when needed can significantly improve mental wellbeing. Institutions can further strengthen this effort by providing employee assistance programs, wellness initiatives, and sensitization forums.