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### **Shs.50 million to boost electricity supply in Naivasha and Gilgil Townships**

The quality of power supply to the residents of Naivasha Town is set to greatly improve following a massive exercise by national electricity distributor Kenya Power to rehabilitate the power equipment and network serving the area at a cost of Shs.50 million.

Speaking in Naivasha, Company's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ben Chumo, said that the project forms part of the second phase of a countrywide refurbishment exercise known as *Boresha Umeme* that involves conducting master repair works at existing substations and upgrading power lines.

"We are currently serving a customer base of 37,685 and we want to work towards growing that number as we upgrade our supply network and accelerate connectivity and electricity access to Kenyans," Dr. Chumo stated.

Dr Chumo said the Company's technical teams are on the ground to ensure that the massive repair exercise is completed within the shortest time possible "to allow residents enjoy better quality of power which includes reduced power outages that are sometimes caused by operational and system maintenance works," he added.

He said that the teams on the ground will also be refurbishing the 38 substations serving Naivasha and Gilgil residents.

“This refurbishment exercise will stabilise power reliability and, ultimately, reduce power outages which have been experienced in these areas due to overloaded transformers brought about by the growing demand for electricity,” Dr. Chumo emphasised.

Dr. Chumo emphasised the need to improve the quality of supply especially as the system and network upgrades will help gear efforts to accelerate electricity supply to over 70% of the national population by 2017 and universal access by 2020.

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