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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Shs.45 million upgrade project to stabilise power supply in Nairobi**

Parts of Nairobi were without electricity this weekend as Kenya Power intensified its *Boresha Umeme* programme to rehabilitate power equipment and network in the city.

The Company's Managing Director & CEO, Dr. Ben Chumo, said city residents and businesses in Dagoretti, Karen, Hardy, Jamhuri, Kawangware, Riruta, Ngong Road and Langata were affected by daylong power shutdowns to allow for upgrade of the power system implemented at a cost of **Shs.45 million**.

Dr. Chumo said the operation will ensure that the electricity network is robust and power supply consistent to support efforts to minimize power outages occasioned by both planned and unplanned outages.

He added that "electricity customers in Nairobi West Region, who number 390,000 in total, will enjoy the convenience of electricity in their various economic and social endeavours due to minimum power supply interruptions."

He explained that *Boresha Umeme* programme is an ongoing exercise extended to all parts of the country and it entails conducting master repair works at existing substations and upgrading power lines.

“We have recorded reduced number of outages and improved quality of service in areas that have benefited from the programme. *Boresha Umeme* programme has been implemented at a total cost of Shs.1.4 billion and the beneficiary areas include Namanga, Bungoma, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Kisii, Nakuru, Mombasa, Nyeri, Thika, Meru, Kitui, Busia and parts of Nairobi including Westlands, Industrial Area, Athi River and Kariobangi Light Industries,” he said.

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