



Press Release

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South Nyanza Region launched

Kenya Power has reaffirmed its commitment to making its services more accessible to its customers in Western Kenya through the creation of a new region. South Nyanza Region will be headquartered in Kisii town and will have jurisdiction over four counties namely Kisii, Nyamira, Migori, and Homa Bay.

Speaking during the launch of the new region, the utility's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ben Chumo said that the creation of the new region was in line with the current national dispensation to devolve services to the counties. South Nyanza Region, he said, was carved from the larger West Kenya Region to facilitate the delivery of services to the customers in this area.

"The new region is a culmination of various improvement activities that Kenya Power has been carrying out. These activities include the *Boresha Umeme* initiatives that have seen Kenya Power invest millions of shillings to refurbish the network in this area," Dr. Chumo added.

He further revealed that the utility will construct new facilities including a new substation that is under construction at Awendo and a new planned substation in Kisii.

This is in addition to the Mfangano Island Substation which was constructed at an approximate cost of Shs.120 million and was commissioned in April this year.

South Nyanza Region currently serves more than 87,000 customers and aims to connect a further 40,000 customers by the end of June 2016. It joins the nine regions in Kenya Power which together serve its expanding customer base which currently stands at 3,935,369. These are West Kenya, Nairobi North, Nairobi South, Nairobi West, Central Rift, North Rift, North Western, Mount Kenya, and Coast Regions.

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