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Mfangano Island residents get connected

Thousands of residents of Mfangano Island will benefit from a special programme that Kenya Power is implementing in conjunction with the World Bank to provide safe and affordable electricity connection in informal settlements.

Kenya Power Managing Director and CEO, Dr Ben Chumo said this today during an exercise to launch the programme at the Island.

Dr. Chumo said the project aims to connect customers of informal settlements with the aim of providing them with safe, legal and affordable power connection.

“More than 1346 customers have already been connected at a total cost of Shs. 25 million.” He added.

He said this while he launched the Global Partnership of Output-Based Aid- GPOBA programme, a World Bank supported programme that is tailored to subsidise the cost of electricity connection to residents in informal settlements and other low-income areas to make electricity accessible to all.

Kenya Power has backed up its support of the programme by constructing connection lines, and installing transformers and other power distribution

infrastructure in the Island to facilitate connections. All the residents of Mfangano Island are served through the Company's prepaid metering system.

The programme will be implemented in settlement areas in the Island such as Sena, Mrongo, Mauta, Ugina and Kitawi.

Dr. Chumo was accompanied by the Homabay County Governor, Hon. Cyprian Awiti who helped to officially launch the Mfangano Station at the Island.

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