



# Kenya Power

## Press Release

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### **Shs.70 million to improve electricity supply in Kisii Town**

Kenya Power will spend Shs.70 million in a week-long exercise to improve power supply in Kisii County and its environs. The refurbished power network will offer better quality and reliable power to the area and support social and economic activities.

The power firm's General Manager for Regional Coordination, Eng. Peter Mwichigi, revealed this today during an exercise dubbed *Boresha Umeme* which involves conducting master repair works at existing substations and upgrading power lines.

Speaking in Kisii town, Eng. Mwichigi said that the Company has invested Shs.70 million in the refurbishment exercise. He added that the campaign in Kisii began last year in September and that the first phase entailed upgrade of high voltage network which has resulted in a drastic improvement in the quality of power supply in the region.

Kenya Power has carried out similar exercises in several areas countrywide and the power infrastructure refurbishment program, which commenced in April 2014, has seen a marked improvement in the delivery of services from the utility.

Acknowledging the increased demand for power, Eng. Mwichigi said that Kenya Power was working in partnership with the government in increasing electricity access from the

current 41% to over 70% by 2017 and to universal access by 2020 under the Last Mile Connectivity Project. These efforts he said are aimed at improving livelihood for low-income groups and accelerating economic growth at the micro-economic level. The connectivity project aims at maximising 85 existing transformers in Kisii to connect more customers at a lower cost.

Eng. Mwichigi further urged the county governments to work hand in hand with Kenya Power on a public awareness campaign using the local media that will educate locals on the risks of falling trees on the company's power lines.

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