



## Press Release

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### **Kenya Power launches new office and uprates power supply in Elgeyo Marakwet County**

As part of its strategy to take its services closer to its customers, Kenya Power has opened a new office in Elgeyo Marakwet County. The newly launched Iten office has been carved from the larger North Rift region to facilitate the delivery of services to the utility's customers in Iten and surrounding areas. The new facilities will bring Kenya Power's services closer to its 12,000 customers in the county.

Speaking during the official opening, Kenya Power's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ben Chumo, said that the decision to open the office was strategic as it would cater to new customers who will be connected through the Last Mile project and other connectivity projects that will see the customer base in the area grow tremendously in the coming years.

The launch of the new office is in line with the company's current restructuring of its operations which has seen it create business units at both the county and regional levels that are headed by County Business Managers and Regional Managers respectively.

The quality of power supply in the county is also expected to improve following the commissioning of Cheptongei Substation by the County Governor, Hon. Alex Tolgos. The 2.5MVA capacity substation will provide additional power supply to the power firm's 7,500 customers in Cheptongei and its surrounding areas.

Speaking during the official commissioning of the substation, Dr. Chumo said that the 33/11kV substation will greatly complement the efforts that the power firm has put towards meeting the growing demand for reliable and competitively-priced electricity.

"We have so far connected about 4 million customers nationwide within the last month (3,989,698 as at September 30th) and we are determined to connect one million customers

annually in a bid to reach universal access to electricity for the country by 2020,” Dr. Chumo added.

The Iten substation’s capacity has also been upgraded from 2.5MVA to 7.5MVA as part of the utility’s rehabilitation program in Elgeyo Marakwet County that is geared towards maintenance and refurbishment of the power supply system.

Dr. Chumo said that the power firm will also connect at least 500 new customers, construct 6 new feeders, and replace 400 rotten poles with concrete ones as the rehabilitation activities continue to the end of the week.

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