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6,000 Narok residents to get electricity this year

Kenya Power will connect 6,000 Narok residents with electricity as part of the Company's ambitious plan to connect one million additional customers this financial year, the Company's Managing Director & CEO, Dr. Ben Chumo has said.

Dr. Chumo said the target will help increase the number of customers in Narok to 15,000 customers up from the current 9,000 representing a 60% growth by end of June next year.

To meet the expected growth in demand for power in line with increase in number of customers, Dr. Chumo said the Company has invested Shs.60 million to carry out a network upgrade and expansion works this weekend which "entails construction of new power lines, extension and upgrade of existing ones, conducting repairs on transformers and replacement of rotten wooden poles with concrete poles among other works."

He said the Company has entered into several agreements with local banks such as, National Bank, Jamii Bora and Equity Bank to help potential customers especially in rural areas to access affordable loans for new connections even as the country races to meet 70% electricity access target up from the current 32% in the next five years.

“The financing arrangements will bolster Company- managed StimaLoan, a Shs.638 million credit facility spearheaded by Kenya Power in collaboration with the government and the French Development Agency AFD to help ease the cost of power connections,” he said.

Dr. Chumo said the Company will build on last year’s success to accelerate the rate of connections which saw the company record 443,000 new customer connections up from 307,000 recorded the previous year.

Narok Deputy Governor, Mrs Everline Aruasa noted that hospitality industry in Narok town has a growth area that depended on stable supply of electric power.

As the home of world renown Maasai Mara game reserve, Narok County was looking towards providing basic infrastructure that would support investors in the tourism industry in addition to development of commercial and industrial investment.

She welcomed partnership with Kenya Power to extend the power infrastructure to ensure more Kenyans access power. This way, she noted they would improve their social and economic wellbeing.

The Chairman of Narok town Central Business District Association, Dr David Sankok said availability of stable power would support commercial development of Narok town and the larger county.

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