

Government rolls out 53 electrification projects in Kajiado



Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi commissioning the last mile power connectivity at Kimuka Mariandat Village, Ewaso Kedong Ward in Kajiado West Sub-County.

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The Government has intensified efforts to expand electricity access in Kajiado County through the implementation of 53 electrification projects under the Last Mile Connectivity Programme.

The initiative aims to boost rural development and improve livelihoods.

Appearing before the plenary of the Senate of Kenya, Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi said the projects are being implemented jointly by Kenya Power and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) to enhance power connectivity in underserved areas.

He said that out of the 53 ongoing projects, five are new electrification schemes while 48 are maximization projects targeting approximately 1,750 additional customers at a total cost of Sh165.7 million.

Wandayi noted that the Ministry has adopted several strategies to fast-track implementation, including equitable distribution of resources across constituencies based on electricity access levels and connectivity gaps.

“To further enhance electricity connectivity, REREC is engaging Members of Parliament through the matching funds programme where electrification costs are shared on a shilling-for-shilling basis depending on budget availability,” the CS said.

He added that Kajiado West Constituency has already benefited from the initiative through the installation of solar-powered street lighting worth Sh10 million, aimed at improving security and supporting local businesses.

According to the CS, the Ministry is also providing essential construction materials for ongoing projects while strengthening collaboration between REREC and Kenya Power officers to ensure timely inspection, commissioning and connection of completed works.

He further revealed that weekly coordination meetings have been established with contractors to monitor progress, address challenges and ensure adherence to project timelines.

Wandayi expressed confidence that all ongoing electrification projects in Kajiado County could be completed by the end of 2026 if the current implementation strategies are fully maintained.

Responding to a question by Kajiado Senator Kanar Seki on household electricity connectivity, the CS reported that 365,277 households in the county are currently connected to the national grid.



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN) MULTINATIONAL HORN OF AFRICA ISIOLO – MANDERA CORRIDOR UPGRADING OF EL WAK-RHAMU ROAD

LOT 1: UPGRADING OF EL WAK-GARI ROAD

Invitation for Bids [IFB] Works (Without Prequalification)

IFB Number:	KeNHA/2952/2026
Employer:	Kenya National Highways Authority
Project:	Horn of Africa Isiolo – Mandera Corridor
Contract title:	Upgrading of El Wak-Rhamu (A13) Road LOT 1: El Wak-Gari Road (74Km)
Country:	Kenya
Loan No.:	2000200005152 and 2100150042744
Procurement Method:	Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI No.:	KeNHA/2952/2026
Issued on:	12th May, 2026

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online of 3rd December, 2021 and on the African Development Bank Group's Internet Website on 3rd December, 2021.

2. The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK) has received financing in form of a loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Upgrading of El Wak-Rhamu Road Project. The project will be implemented in two lots, Lot 1: Upgrading of El Wak-Gari Road (74Km) and Lot 2: Upgrading of Gari – Rhamu Road (68Km). The Gok intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan toward payments under the contract for the Construction of **LOT 1: Upgrading of El Wak-Gari Road (74Km)**.

3. The Government of Kenya through the Kenya National Highways Authority, herein referred to as the Client now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Construction of LOT 1: Upgrading of El Wak-Gari Road (74Km). The project road starts at El Wak Town and runs in a northerly direction to Gari town. The works entail construction of single carriageway road 7.0m wide with 2.0m shoulders, two-lane, bitumen standard road between El Wak and Gari, including a loop road at Gari town, access roads and selected socio-economic infrastructure. The construction period is estimated at 36 months and 12 months Defects Notification Period.

The pavement structure shall comprise of Asphalt Concrete surfacing, Cement Stabilized Gravel Base, Cement Improved Gravel sub-base and natural material improved subgrade. A single seal surface treatment shall be carried out on the main carriageway, shoulders, junctions and accesses.

The following are the approximate quantities for the major Bill items of the works:

• Site Clearance	720Ha
• Excavation and fills	2,491,000m ³
• Improved Subgrade Material	684,000m ³
• Cement Improved Natural Material Sub-base	235,000m ³
• Cement Stabilized Natural Material for Base	183,000m ³
• Asphalt concrete	62,000m ³
• Single seal bituminous surface treatment (Chippings)	14,000m ³
• Concrete for major and minor structures	17,360m ³
• Steel reinforcement	1,570Ton

4. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework, dated October, 2015 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding documents during office hours i.e. 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below:

6. A complete set of bidding documents prepared in English language will be available from **12th May, 2026** and may be obtained free of charge from the Kenya National Highways website –

www.kenha.co.ke or the Government of Kenya Supplier Portal – PPIP Procurement Portal: www.tenders.go.ke or purchased from the below address by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **KShs. 1,000.00 (Kenya Shillings One Thousand Only)** in form of a banker's cheque payable to: Kenya National Highways Authority.

7. There shall be a physical pre-bid meeting and organized site visit on 27th May 2026 from 9.00am at El Wak (meeting point will be at the El Wak airstrip). Bidders are encouraged to visit the site on the above date and to familiarize with the project road before submission of bids.

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Kshs. 100,000,000 (Kenya shillings One Hundred Million Only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.

9. Bids must be enclosed in plain packages and clearly marked with the Tender Reference Number and Description for identification as appropriate, sealed and transmitted by courier or delivered by hand so as to be received at the address below, not later than **1100hrs local time on 23rd June, 2026**.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management),
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza,
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842**

10. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Opening of the Bids will take place immediately thereafter at the KeNHA Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, on **23rd June, 2026, 1100Hrs local time** in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.

11. Further information and clarification on the bidding documents may be obtained at the address below:

Attention: Director (Development)
Street Address: Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao road (Opposite Aviation House)

Floor/Room Number : 1st Floor, North Wing, Block A
City: NAIROBI, KENYA
Telephone: +254 700423606, +254 20 4954200
Email addresses: directordevelopment@kenha.co.ke
procurement@kenha.co.ke

12. Kenya National Highways Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any (or all) bids.

13. Interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
For: Director General**