

Farmers to benefit as state revives cashew nut sector

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The Government has intensified efforts to revive the cashew nut sub-sector, with a focus on increasing production, enhancing value addition, and improving farmers' incomes in key growing regions.

Principal Secretary for Agriculture Dr Paul Ronoh

speaking during a national cashew conference in Kwale, emphasized that food security remains central to the government's agenda and is critical to both economic stability and national security.

"Food security is a serious security issue. If there is no food, there is no peace. That is why this administration has placed



Agriculture PS Dr. Paul Ronoh (left) tours an exhibition stand showcasing various farm produce during a national agricultural forum in Kwale County, PHOTO: CHARI SUCHE

agriculture at the center of its priorities," said Dr Ronoh.

He noted that the cashew nut sub-sector, once a strong performer

in the 1970s, has declined sharply, with production now standing at about 9,000 metric tons annually despite supporting more than one million households across 15 counties.

"We are not here for theories. We are here for action and what works. The recommendations from this conference must translate into real change for farmers on the ground," he added.

As part of the recovery plan, the government through the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) will distribute two million

improved cashew seedlings across coastal, Eastern, and Western regions, targeting production of over one million metric tons within five years, an intervention expected to grow the sector's value from Sh520 million to about Sh60 billion.

Dr Ronoh also urged farmers to adopt early-maturing varieties. "Why invest in trees that take five to six years to mature and give low yields, when new varieties can produce within two years? We must move to what works," he said.



INVITATION TO TENDER

Contract Title:	Procurement of Single Phase Pre-Paid Meters and Miniature Circuit Breakers
Reference No.	KE-KPLC-197408-GO-RFB

- The Kenya Government has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Kenya Off- Grid Solar Access Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of Single Phase Pre-Paid Meters and Miniature Circuit Breakers. "For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing,
- The Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of Single Phase Pre-Paid Meters and Miniature Circuit Breakers as detailed in the issued bidding document.
- Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2025 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information during office hours from 0900 to 1200 and 1400 to 1630 hours, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays at the address given below.

Project Engineer, Kenya Off- Grid Solar Access Project
The Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC
Electricity House, 11th Floor
Harambee Avenue, City Centre
P.O Box 30099 - 00100 Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone: +254 - 711031026
Electronic Mail Address: JOgechi@kplc.co.ke, and copy to: NKiminda@kplc.co.ke, SMucheke@kplc.co.ke Telephone: +254-711031349
MOchiengOwuor@kplc.co.ke Telephone: +254-711031986
Web Page: www.kplc.co.ke

- The bidding document in English shall be downloaded without any fee by interested bidders at www.kplc.co.ke.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below (As detailed in item number 9) on or before **16th June 2026 at 10:00a.m.** Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below:
Street Address: Kenya Power Offices, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands
Floor/Room Number: Ground Floor- Auditorium
City: Nairobi
Country: Kenya
Date: 16.06.2026
Time: 10.00 a.m.
- All bids **MUST** be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee Only for the amount and either of the currency as specified below:

Tender No	Minimum Bid Security Amount in KES	Minimum Bid Security Amount in USD
KE-KPLC-197408-GO-RFB	5,300,000	40,400

- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- The address(es) referred to above is:
General Manager, Supply Chain & Logistics
Street Address: KPLC Offices, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands
Floor/Room number: 7th Floor, Room No.3
City: Nairobi
Country: Kenya
Date: 16.06.2026
Time: 10.00 a.m.

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CORPORATION

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PROCURING ENTITY: Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation P O Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites bids for the following tenders/Contracts. **CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION** as follows;

RFX No.	Contract name and Descriptions	Bid Security	Closing/ Opening Date
1000001568	Framework agreement for Provision of Publications & Visibility services - Retender	Amount specified in the TDS	19.05.2026 @10.00am.
1000001569	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of an Enterprise Knowledge Management System- Retender	Amount specified in the TDS	19.05.2026 @10.00am
1000001570	Supply and delivery of Office Furniture	None	22.05.2026 @10.00am

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document.
- Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday] at the address given below.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers, free of charge electronically from the Website www.rerec.co.ke under May, 2026 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website www.rerec.co.ke Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to tenders@rerec.co.ke to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tenders must be accompanied by bank tender security of amount as specified in the TDS. Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time indicated in the table above.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal; <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled (**Quick bidding reference**) can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-guide.pdf>
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.**
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website www.rerec.co.ke under the specific tender documents.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.**
- The addresses referred to above are:

Address for obtaining further information on tender documents
 For hand Courier of Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road,). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke.

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online only through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>
Address for Opening of Tenders. Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Online system

Chief Executive Officer

A. Address for Submission of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Postal Address: 34585 - 00100 Nairobi
- Physical address for hand Courier Delivery; South C, Office Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor; e-mail address: tenders@rerec.co.ke and info@rerec.co.ke

B. Address for Opening of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Physical address for the location: Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.

DR. ROSE N. MKALAMA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

