



BRIEF TO THE PARLIAMENT

ON

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRICITY ACCESS

SCALE-UP PROJECT

20th July 2026

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1. The Government of Uganda (GoU) received USD 608 million in funding from the World Bank for the implementation of the Electricity Access Scale-up Project (EASP) to be implemented over a period of five (5) years.
2. EASP is supporting GoU's efforts to increase access to electricity for households, refugee and host communities, industrial parks, commercial enterprises and public institutions. It is also supporting short grid extensions across the country.
3. The project has five components namely: Grid Expansion and Connectivity, Financial Intermediation, Energy Access in Refugee Host Communities, Project Implementation Support and Affordable Modern Energy Solutions and Contingent Emergency Response.
4. The project became effective on 20th July 2023 and is being implemented by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and the Uganda Energy Credit Capitalisation Company (UECCC). The project closure date is 30th June 2027.

Financial Performance

5. As at the end of Q4 FY 2025/26 the financial performance was as follows;
 - Project Budget: USD 608,000,000
 - Funds disbursed: USD 190,767,885 which is 31.3% of project Budget

Service Connections

6. Under the electricity connectivity sub-component, the government plans to make about 1,571,500 connections (both on grid and Off Grid) under the project.

On Grid Connections

7. The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development signed an Implementation Agreement with Umeme Limited, and the Company was able to implement 155,088 electricity connections by the time of expiry of their concession on 31st March 2025 out of the 663,500 they were assigned under the EASP.

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8. The Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited which succeeded Umeme signed Implementation Agreements with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development in July 2025 to make 896,435 electricity connections. The company has commenced making the connections and people who require **One Pole or No a Pole** are encouraged to apply to UEDCL for government funded connections. An applicant is only required to pay UGX 26,550 to get connected of which UGX 23,600 is the inspection fees while UGX 6,400 is payment for the initial units of electricity.
9. As of 30th June 2026, UEDCL had made 79,040 connections under EASP results-based financing and shall continue to connect more customers toward their target.
10. Procurement of 30% of service connection materials including meters to facilitate Materials Implementation Agreements with UEDCL, Kalangala Infrastructure Service (KIS) and WENRECO is complete. Some materials have been received while others are ready for delivery. UEDCL is expected to connect under EASP 30,000 customers during the month of August 2026 that will increase to a monthly connection rate of over 40,000 new customers in subsequent months.
11. Procurement of the remaining 70% service connection materials to facilitate Materials Provision Implementation Agreements with UEDCL, KIS and WENRECO is ongoing. Contracts with Materials Suppliers are to be signed with MEMD during Q1 of Financial Year 2026/2027 and thereafter proceed to manufacture and delivery of connection materials.

Grid Expansion

12. On the grid extension part, the project will construct 2,900 kms of Medium Voltage (MV) network, 3,100 kms of Low Voltage (LV) network and install about 1,200 Distribution Transformers in over 100 districts. Out of this, nearly 50% of the scope of LV and MV lines under Grid expansion to be constructed under the EASP is in the Refugee Hosting Districts.
13. The project will electrify the Refugee Host Districts of Adjumani, Isingiro, Kamwenge, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Koboko, Kyegegwa, Lamwo, Obongi, Madi Okollo, Terrego and Yumbe. It will also electrify the six (6) Industrial Parks of Nebbi, Pader, Soroti, Kasese, Rukungiri, and Kisoro.



14. Procurement of the Grid Expansion materials is ongoing. Contracts with Bulk Materials Suppliers are to be signed with MEMD during Q1 of Financial Year 2026/2027 and thereafter proceed to manufacture and delivery of Grid Expansion materials.

Financial Intermediation

15. Another important component of the project which is Financial Intermediation is being implemented by the UECCC which is a Government of Uganda company that was established to facilitate investments in Uganda's renewable energy sector. Key implementing partners include Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) and Energy Service Companies (ESCOs).
16. The UECCC is providing financial, technical, and other support for off-grid and clean cooking energy access, and productive uses of energy. Financial Instruments being employed by UECCC include a Line of Credit, Partial Credit Guarantee and the Technology Risk Guarantee, Subsidies under Results Based Financing (RBF) and Technical Assistance to Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) that trade in Off Grid Solar Systems.
17. The Price subsidy program (Results Based Financing) became effective on November 1, 2024. Approved ESCOs have discounted prices for Ugandans and refugees for the eligible Off - Grid Solar (OGS) [i.e. Solar Home System providing capacity to charge phones, with minimum 2 separately switched lights], Clean Cooking Solutions (CCS) [including Biomass stoves, Household Biogas, LPG package, Ethanol cookstoves, Electric Cooking devices, and Solar cooker] and Productive Use of Energy (PUE) products. The products include Solar Powered Water Pump, including the components required to power the pump and including the irrigation equipment required to make best use of the pump such as piping and water storage. Solar Powered Refrigerators, including the components required to power the refrigerator, Solar-Powered Grain Milling Machines, Solar Water Heaters as well as on-grid appliances that include Refrigerators, Freezers and Grain Milling Machines.

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- 18.UECCC has signed over 100 Contingent Grant Agreements with ESCOs to sell / supply /install eligible products at discounted rates across the entire country.
- 19.The Financial Intermediation Component has achieved remarkable progress so far especially on Off Grid Solar and Clean Cooking subsidy schemes.

Public Institutions Electrification

- 20.The project is also implementing off- grid electrification interventions in Public Institutions. These include schools, health centres and water sources under Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) respectively.
- 21.Under Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE), forty water schemes across the country have been implemented and are currently in operation. Four more are currently being installed. Fifty more water schemes are being designed.
22. Under Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), 45 schools were selected to be electrified. Supply and installation works are ongoing.
- 23.Under the Ministry of Health (MoH), 172 Health Centres have been identified for electrification and the procurement of the ESCOs to do the supply and installation is ongoing.

Institutional Clean Cooking

- 24.Contracts were signed with Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) that will enable Phase I of installation of Clean Cooking Installations in public institutions as follows:
- 25.Electric Pressure Cookers (EPC) - 2 Sites: Installation works for Electricity Pressure Cookers (EPCs) are completed in Kabale Referral Hospital and Fort Portal Referral Hospital. The units are in use.
- 26., Liquid Petroleum Gas Stoves (LPG) - 5 Sites, Biomass Stoves - 113 Sites, Biogas Stoves - 11 sites. The supply and installation are ongoing.
- 27.Selection of more sites that will form phase II is also ongoing.

WAYFORWARD

28. There has been slow pace of new consumer connections by UEDCL due to local suppliers given tenders to supply connection materials not meeting their obligations in a timely manner. Going forward, UEDCL was cleared to open up to international suppliers as we build capacity in local manufacturing of electricity connections materials alongside other local industries.
29. Complete the procurement process for Grid Expansion and Connections where the World Bank is reviewing the Technical Bids for Contractors/Service Providers as part of the procurement process.
30. The Ministry is working with Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to avail funding to compensate Project Affect Persons (PAPs). The project has UGX 18 billion out of about UGX 40 billion required.

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The scope of the Grid Expansion is presented below;



No	Lot Description	MV, Km	LV, Km
1	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC) in Northern Region RHD's (Terego, Koboko and Yumbe) using Concrete Poles	180.1	376.6
2	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Northern Region RHD's (Adjumani, Obongi and Madi Okollo) using Concrete Poles	302.3	667.4
3	Procurement of Line Installation Contractors (LIC)_ Western Region RHDs (Isingiro, Kamwenge) using Wooden Poles	202.5	568.9
4	Procurement of Line Installation Contractors (LIC)_ Western Region RHDs (Kiryandongo, Kikuube, Kyegegwa) using Wooden Poles	156.3	699.0
5	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Northern Region (West Nile, Central North, North North West and Northern ST) using Concrete Poles	127.0	169.1
6	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Eastern region (North Eastern ST) using Concrete Poles	70.9	142.2
7	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Eastern Region (Eastern ST) using Concrete Poles	120.8	395.3
8	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Central Region (Central ST- Greater Mengo Sub-region, Greater Luwero Sub-region) using Wooden Poles	152.6	218.2
9	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Western Region (Mid-Western ST, and South ST) using Wooden Poles	169.1	436.4
10	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Western Region (Western ST, Rwenzori ST, and South Western ST) using Wooden Poles	88.0	297.3
11	Procurement of Line Installation Contractor (LIC)_ Western Region (North Western ST) using Wooden Poles	182.8	369.9
TOTALS		1752.4	4340.3

