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UEGCL COMMISSIONS ISIMBA CDAP PHASE II - GRID EXTENSION AND RETICULATION PROJECT IN KAYUNGA DISTRICT.

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Today, Uganda's rural electrification drive took a major step forward as the Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (UEGCL) officially commissioned the Grid Extension and Reticulation Project under Phase II of the Isimba Hydropower Project (HPP) Community Development Action Plan (CDAP).

The commissioning ceremony, held in Kayunga District, was officiated by the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Dr. Canon Ruth Nankabirwa, as Chief Guest. The event was also attended by Hon. Amos Lugoloobi, Member of Parliament for Ntenjeru North and Minister of State for Planning, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in the timely and successful execution of this transformative project.

Signed on 19th November 2021, the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contract between UEGCL and MTSL Energies paved the way for the creation of Medium Voltage (MV) and Low Voltage (LV) networks, along with the installation of 47 distribution transformers across 49 villages in Kayunga District. This eventually saw the construction of 57 km of MV lines and 81 km of LV lines, and the installation of 926 MV poles and 1,886 LV poles.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa reiterated the GoU's commitment to expanding electricity access, emphasizing the transformative impact of rural electrification on communities. She further emphasized Government's determination to expand the power supply, under the Electricity Access Scale-Up Project.

"Government will continue to extend power to rural communities, and also implement the free connection policy. The communities should therefore reach out to the network operators in their area (Umeme or UEDCL) for more details on the free connection" " she said.

Hon. Amos Lugoloobi thanked UEGCL and all partners for their steadfast efforts in delivering the project, emphasizing its role in improving livelihoods in his constituency.

The Grid Extension and Reticulation Project marks a significant milestone in UEGCL's journey to deliver on Uganda's electrification goals. It underscores the government's broader vision of increasing electricity access to stimulate economic transformation, particularly in rural areas.

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