



"The Peoples Electricity Link"

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AGENCY

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Eng. Deborah Nantume inspecting a burnt electric pole in Karamoja Sub-region.

She further explained that some of our key criteria for rural electrification are initiatives that target women. Some of these are health centers and water sources that are directly used by women in rural areas.

"When we are undertaking feasibility studies to choose project sites, we always look out for water bodies and health centers, things that are majorly associated with women. People provide such services as interventions for gender mainstreaming interventions," Litho said.

"Women in rural areas travel long distances looking for water. To reduce that distance and free up some time for women and girls to engage in other activities, we target water bodies as a direct benefit," she added. When we target water bodies women now move shorter distances and are not only safe but also free to engage in other income generating activities and also time for girls to go to school in time like their male counterparts.

She also added that most of the kitchens and bathroom facilities in rural areas are standalone structures independent of the main houses, by virtue of which compromises the safety of women at night. We therefore encourage wiring of these places including having security lights to ensure women's safety.

"It is the women who are always out in the kitchens. When we bring light to an area, there is safety for women," she said.



Dr. Patricia Litho of REA exhibiting the electricity distribution model during the Jinja Agricultural Expo in 2018.

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