

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-UG-FA0-015

Uganda - Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project PHASE II (UREAP-II)



Quick Facts

Countries	Uganda
Specific Location	Damba Island in Mukono District, in the Central Region
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-04-07
Borrower	Government of Uganda
Sectors	Education and Health, Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 101.18 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 122.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the AfDB, the development objective of the project is to increase electricity access for households, public institutions, and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises through a combination of main grid and mini-grid solutions. The project seeks to improve access to affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity, while supporting socio-economic development, productive use of energy, and improved service delivery in education and health.

The Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project – Phase II (UREAP-II) is a rural electrification project designed to expand access to electricity in Uganda through a combination of main grid expansion, solar PV mini-grid development, and last-mile connections. The project will finance distribution grid extensions, a solar PV mini-grid on Damba Island, household and MSME connections, project management, institutional support, and environmental and social management measures, including RAP implementation. The total project cost is estimated at EUR 104.39 million, financed by an African Development Bank loan of EUR 86.58 million, a Climate Investment Funds (CIF) loan of USD 15 million, a CIF grant of USD 2 million, and a Government counterpart contribution equivalent to EUR 3.16 million.

The project will directly benefit households, MSMEs, schools, and health centres through a total of 259,723 new electricity connections over the six-year implementation period. These include 256,330 households, 3,194 MSMEs, 161 schools, and 38 health centres. Of these, the solar PV mini-grid on Damba Island in Mukono District, in the Central Region, will serve 1,990 connections, including 1,896 households, 88 MSMEs, 4 schools, and 2 health centres. More broadly, the main grid interventions will cover 41 districts across Uganda's central, eastern, mid-western, northern and western regions, namely: Adjumani, Agago, Amuru, Arua, Maracha, Oyam, Yumbe, Buliisa, Kagadi, Kamwenge, Kassanda, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Kitagwenda, Kyenjonjo, Luwero, Otuke, Amudat, Bugiri, Busia, Buyende, Kamuli, Kween, Manafwa, Namayingo, Namisindwa, Namutumba, Serere, Bundibugyo, Bunyangabu, Gomba, Kabarole, Kanungu, Kisoro, Lyantonde, Ntoroko, Ntungamo, Rubirizi, Rukungiri, and Sembabule. Based on the number of new connections and average household size, the project is expected to provide first-time electricity access to nearly 1,179,118 people, including approximately 601,471 women and 271,252 youth.



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)



Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, Bujagali Energy Limited is a leading power producer, delivering affordable and clean energy in Uganda through the Bujagali Hydro Power Plant located near Lake Victoria, on the Victoria Nile.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Bujagali Energy Ltd.	Contractor	Energy



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- AFDB-P-UG-FA0-020 Uganda - Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project I - Additional Financing (UREAP-I AF)