

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-UG-FA0-020

Uganda - Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project I - Additional Financing
(UREAP-I AF)



Quick Facts

Countries	Uganda
Specific Location	Nakasongola, Luweero, Alebtong, Amuria, Soroti, Mbale, Manafwa, Serere, Ngora, Bukedea, and others
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-04-07
Borrower	Government of Uganda
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 8.57 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 8.57 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 121.41 million



Project Description

As stated by the AfDB, the objective of the project under the additional financing remains to provide reliable and affordable electricity to rural households and public infrastructure services in Uganda. More broadly, the original project seeks to improve access to electricity for households, commercial centres, businesses, schools, health facilities and public service offices in rural areas, thereby supporting socio-economic development and improved living standards.

The Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project I – Additional Financing (UREAP-I AF) is an additional financing operation for the ongoing Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project. The original project supports rural electrification through the construction of medium- and low-voltage distribution networks, last-mile connections for households, commercial centres and public institutions, and technical assistance to strengthen the sector. The additional financing does not expand the original project scope; rather, it is intended to close a financing gap related to the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), in particular the compensation of project-affected persons. The additional financing amounts to EUR 7.33 million in the form of an African Development Bank sovereign loan. The original project cost was estimated at USD 121.41 million, financed by USD 100 million from the African Development Bank and an EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund grant of EUR 11.205 million, alongside Government counterpart funding.

The project beneficiaries remain those of the original UREAP-I operation and are located across 16 districts of Uganda: Nakasongola, Luweero, Alebtong, Amuria, Soroti, Mbale, Manafwa, Serere, Ngora, Bukedea, Kaliro, Luuka, Buyende, Iganga, Gulu and Nwoya, as well as Bugala Island in Kalangala District. The main beneficiaries include rural households, commercial centres, business enterprises, and public institutions such as schools, health centres and administrative offices. The original project targeted connections for 58,206 rural households, 5,320 trading centres, and 1,474 public institutions, as well as additional last-mile connections for 99,077 new customers near the existing grid in already electrified rural areas. Under the additional financing, the immediate beneficiaries are also the project-affected persons (PAPs) who will receive pending compensation payments under the RAP, allowing the project to meet its environmental and social obligations and safeguard livelihoods.

The implementing agency is Bujagali Energy Ltd..



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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Bank Documents

- [PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT](#)
- [RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DE PROJET](#)



Other Related Projects

- AFDB-P-UG-FA0-015 Uganda - Uganda Rural Electricity Access Project PHASE II (UREAP-II)