

***Kenya: Electricity Modernization Project (KEMP)***  
**Scaling-Up Renewable Energy Program (SREP)**  
**Responses to Comments from Japan**  
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#	Comment	Response
1	<p>Comment from Industrial Development and Public Policy Department Energy and Mining Group at JICA has been implementing the "Project for Establishment of Rural Electrification Model Using Renewable Energy" since March, 2012, with REA and MoE&amp;P being our counterparts. Through the project, off-grid electrification model/guideline using renewable energy will be established and is expected to be disseminated by REA to their prospective rural electrification projects after the project termination in February, 2015. JICA, therefore, would like World Bank to consider utilizing our abovementioned model into off-grid electrification component in the Electricity Modernization Project. We would also appreciate to be kept informed with the progress of the project.</p>	<p>The off-grid component was designed considering the different models for electrification in rural areas that are currently carried out by REA and KPLC, supported by development partners, as well as best practices for electrification. Component C2 Off-grid Electrification will test a new approach and this will be adjusted as results and lessons learned from different projects and KEMP project are available. During implementation of KEMP, the World Bank team will continue to collaborate with development partners including JICA and will share information about progress made.</p>
2	<p>In August 2014, the KPLC Training Center through the Government of Kenya presented its request to JICA for a technical cooperation project on (but not limited to) the enhancement of O&amp;M of distribution lines. Unfortunately due to constraints, JICA will not immediately be taking up this project. Therefore if there is a possibility for WB to include O&amp;M enhancement in its capacity building component, JICA Kenya would be glad to share with WB Nairobi.</p>	<p>The KEMP project includes Component A and B focusing on improving reliability of the distribution network operation, and therefore, improving electricity service. These activities are also targeting some actions on enhancing of O&amp;M of KPLC network. During implementation of KEMP, the World Bank team will continue to collaborate with JICA and other development partners and share information about the project.</p>
3	<p>Lastly it is requested to remove JICA from P.12. Although JICA understands the necessity and developmental impact that improved electrification will have on Kenya's society and economy, it is not yet in a position to publicly say that it is preparing to finance this area.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be removed.</p>
4	<p>JICA Nairobi is and would appreciate continuous close contact with WB Nairobi to share progress of this and other Projects in the energy sector.</p>	<p>The World Bank team will continue collaborating with all development partners on the power sector, and will keep sharing information about projects under implementation.</p>