



MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
AND PETROLEUM  
STATE DEPARTMENT  
FOR PETROLEUM  
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE LPG PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

# Towards increasing LPG uptake in Kenya

### STATEMENT BY THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENERGY AND PETROLEUM

The official launch of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Programme for Public Institutions of Learning yesterday at Jamhuri High School represents a major step forward in implementing a Presidential Directive issued on February 24, 2023, and reflects our collective commitment to delivering transformative energy solutions.

Jamhuri High School is among 20 public institutions selected for the pilot phase of this programme, where LPG infrastructure is being installed through the Ministry's State Department for Petroleum. This programme is one of six initiatives under the Enhanced Liquefied Petroleum Gas Uptake Project (ELUP), which is aligned with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) of the Kenya Kwanza Government.

The Six LPG Initiatives under the National LPG Growth Strategy approved by the Cabinet on October 9, 2023 are:

1. Development of Bulk LPG Import, Storage, and Handling Infrastructure;
2. LPG for Households;
3. Reticulation of LPG under the Affordable Housing Project;
4. Review of LPG Policy and Regulatory Framework;
5. Additional LPG Programmes, including Autogas; and
6. The LPG Programme for Public Institutions of Learning, launched yesterday.

The Ministry is keen to increase LPG uptake through various policy interventions to ensure affordability, accessibility, safety and security across the LPG value chain. To enhance LPG uptake, the Government has introduced key policy measures, including:

- Zero-rating LPG, locally manufactured cylinders and tanks to lower costs and improve accessibility.



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- Development of an LPG Open Tender System (OTS) to consolidate regional LPG requirements, ensuring quality and affordability.

Recognising the evolving LPG sub-sector, the Ministry has strengthened the policy, legal, and regulatory framework through initiatives like the National Petroleum Policy and revised Draft Petroleum (LPG) Regulations, 2024, currently awaiting clearance. The Ministry is also supporting the Kenya Bureau of Standards in formulating safety standards for LPG installations in learning institutions, prioritising the safety of learners and staff.

Implementing the National LPG Growth Strategy will bring notable benefits in health, safety, and environmental sustainability, including:

- Improved respiratory health;
- A reduced carbon footprint from LPG's lower emissions; and
- Progress toward achieving SDGs 3,

5, and 7 – good health and wellbeing, gender equality, and affordable clean energy.

However, realising these benefits requires robust financial support. I humbly request His Excellency the President to consider ring-fencing the Anti-Adulteration Levy (Ksh18 per litre of imported kerosene) to support the implementation of the National LPG Growth Strategy.

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## Teamwork as Government implements the National LPG Growth Strategy

### REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PETROLEUM

We thank His Excellency the President for having honoured our invitation to the official launch of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Programme for Public Institutions of Learning yesterday.

The Government is implementing the National LPG Growth Strategy through a coordinated, whole-of-government approach led by the State Department for Petroleum. The key partners include:

- The National Treasury;
- Office of the Attorney General;
- Ministry of Education;
- Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development;
- Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority;
- National Environment Management Authority;
- Kenya Bureau of Standards;
- Department of Occupational Health and Safety Services;
- County Governments; and
- Heads of the 20 public institutions of learning participating in the programme.

LPG plays a crucial role in our economy and holds significant potential for further impact. Its applications include:

- Supporting decentralised energy systems with efficient and cost-effective supply chains;
- Creating entrepreneurship opportunities, local jobs, and stimulating economic growth;
- Providing clean cooking solutions for households and institutions, improving community well-being and environmental health;
- Enhancing socio-economic activities such as education and small enterprises, thereby promoting gender equality and social development.

LPG is preferred due to its numerous benefits, including:

- Easy storage and transportation;
- Reduced carbon footprint compared to firewood and charcoal;
- Consistent burning performance;
- Wide range of applications;
- Energy efficiency;
- Economic empowerment and social progress;
- Innovation in the industry, such as smart meters and reticulation systems.

The pilot phase of the LPG Programme for Public Institutions of Learning targets 20 public institutions selected using criteria that adhered to constitutional principles of fairness, equity, regional bal-



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ance, and consideration for minorities and marginalised groups. This phase will benefit 30,502 learners from:

- Three Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions;
- Seventeen secondary schools, including two special education schools;
- Institutions across nineteen counties.

Each institution will receive:

- Two bulk LPG tanks and four 50kg cylinders, securely enclosed;
- Reticulation piping to the kitchen;
- Initial seed gas supply;
- Training for kitchen staff;
- Sensitisation sessions for the school community.

These installations comply with all regulatory requirements to ensure safety and security for learners, staff, and the LPG infrastructure. They will serve as model facilities for replication and case studies for best practices.

The pilot phase aims to test critical parameters, including:

- Accessibility of LPG;
- Consumption patterns;
- Cost analysis;
- Comparison with current cooking fuels;
- Price variation based on supplier proximity;
- Institutions' ability to afford refills;
- Acceptance and perception of LPG use;
- Impact of LPG adoption on learning outcomes.

Moving forward, we are committed to delivering the remaining installations for the next 19 institutions within a month, and expanding to phase two, targeting 30 institutions across the country during the FY 2024/2025. Lessons learnt from the two phases will inform full implementation of the programme in over 5,000 public institutions of learning across the country by the year 2028.

