

PIDG Pathfinder

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Dear friends and colleagues, I hope you are all enjoying the summer, while putting your health first, and staying safe.

Health and safety has been at the forefront of everyone's minds during the last few months, and at PIDG, we are always working to develop the most effective ways to ensure the well-being of the people we work with, especially those employed on our project development sites.

I am therefore happy to see that the Good Practice Note on Electrical Power Transmission and Distribution, which we've created along with CDC Group, Gridworks and Actis, has been so well received. It is our hope that this guidance document helps to save lives across our collective projects. Find out more below.

In 2008, 'Kenya's Vision 2030' was launched as an ambitious long term development plan aimed at transforming Kenya into a 'newly industrialising, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all of its citizens by 2030 in a clean and secure environment', with inclusive access to infrastructure featured as one of the initiative's key pillars.

With a PIDG office based in Nairobi, and several PIDG infrastructure projects already underway in the country, I am proud to say we are demonstrating a commitment to the fulfillment of Kenya's Vision.

In this edition of the PIDG Pathfinder, read how the PIDG companies are contributing to the UK's £132 million package of investments in Kenya, announced during Kenyan President, Uhuru Kenyatta's recent visit to London, and find out more about our sustainable projects which are helping to bridge the infrastructure gaps in Kenya.

Philippe Valahu, CEO, PIDG

Insights

Bridging Infrastructure Gaps in Kenya: How PIDG is Forging New Partnerships To Drive Private Sector Investment in Infrastructure

On 27 July 2021, the UK Government welcomed Kenyan President, Uhuru Kenyatta, to the Mansion House for the announcement of a £132 million package of investments in Kenya. The investments, which include the development of an International Financial Centre in Nairobi, will support efforts to build green affordable homes, boost manufacturing, and finance clean energy solutions.

Emilio Cattaneo, Head of Technical Assistance at PIDG, who was in attendance reflects on the event and highlights how PIDG is contributing to this initiative by supporting the promotion of Public-Private Partnerships in key infrastructure sectors and driving socio-economic development and capacity-building in Kenya.



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Kenya as a microcosm of InfraCo Africa's wider work

A week on from President Kenyatta's visit to the UK, InfraCo Africa CEO Gilles J. Vaes' new blog focuses on the PIDG company's work in Kenya, offering insights into its wider ambition and scope as a company and the leverage it is able to harness as part of PIDG.

In Kenya, as elsewhere across the continent, InfraCo Africa is demonstrating what is possible.

With a mandate from our Owners to mobilise private sector finance for infrastructure development across sub-Saharan Africa, Gilles describes how InfraCo Africa is well placed to support the accelerated delivery of Kenya's Vision.

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Promoting Electrical Safety: Electrical Power Transmission and Distribution

The transmission and distribution of power is critical for development in emerging economies. According to the [World Energy Outlook 2020](#), the number of people lacking electricity in sub-Saharan Africa rose to more than 590 million, representing an increase of 13 million people from 2019.

The electrical power transmission and distribution (T&D) industry is highly impactful. However, there are complex challenges associated with investments in the T&D sector, particularly surrounding Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) and Community Health, Safety & Security (CHSS). Without appropriate mitigation measures, the construction and operation of electrical infrastructure is a high-risk activity.

Ridouan Lehrissi, HSES Manager at PIDG company InfraCo Africa, introduces the Good Practice Note on Electrical Power Transmission and Distribution and highlights its importance in the T&D industry.



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Project updates

PIDG company, **The Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (EAIF)**, recently announced their support for another African renewable energy project. The company is lending €25 million over 18 years to Ivoire Hydro Energy (IHE) which will build a 44MW hydro electricity generation plant on the Bandama River near the village of Singrobo in Côte d'Ivoire. Financial close is expected in late Q3 2021. The €174 million project is forecast to take some 36 months to build.

This project delivers on three EAIF and PIDG core objectives; mobilising private capital, enabling economic development and contributing to increasing Africa's stock of renewable energy infrastructure.



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Kafue District Commissioner Gibson Spencer Sinkala has officially opened the new Chanyanya Maternity Ward Annex funded by **PIDG TA** close to **InfraCo Africa's Chanyanya Irrigation and Chiansi Irrigation** projects in Zambia.

Delivered in partnership with the government and local community, the unit will help women give birth safely in the community health care facility and will reduce the need for expectant mothers to travel for care.

Speaking at the launch of the new Ward Annex, InfraCo Africa's Project Consultant, **Felix Chizhuka** said 'InfraCo Africa believes that every successful project relies on strong partnerships as demonstrated here in Chanyanya. In particular, working together with the community and the government. By working together, we can all be confident that expectant mothers and newly born babies will get the quality care that they deserve – making child births safer for all.'



The **African Trade Insurance Agency** has announced the provision of a US\$4.4 million liquidity guarantee for the 60 MW Salima Solar PV plant in Malawi. The guarantee will cover against the risk of delayed payment by state utility ESCOM. The **Salima Solar** project is co-developed by **InfraCo Africa** with grant funding from **PIDG TA**.

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Latest news

- **GuarantCo**, through The PIDG Institute, organised a two-day virtual Vietnam green capital market event, funded by **PIDG Technical Assistance** and facilitated by Climate Bonds Initiative. The capability-building event brought together fifty stakeholders from Vietnam interested in raising debt from green and climate capital markets to deliver infrastructure projects. [Find out more.](#)
- PIDG InfraSolutions Managing Director, **Janice Kotut-Sang** joined a panel of esteemed guests on the Cardano Development CD Insights Podcast on Capital Mobilisation through Local Currency Guarantees. Janice discussed the trends and developments in the industry and what it takes to increase the number of long-term local currency financed infrastructure projects in low-income countries. Listen [here](#).

Climate

- In a **World Economic Forum** Agenda article co-authored by **InfraCo Africa** CEO Gilles J. Vaes and **InfraCo Asia** CEO Allard Nooy, we learn how 'patient capital' and development leadership can drive efforts to deliver climate-resilient infrastructure in the race to net-zero. Read it [here](#).

Announcements

- GuarantCo has provided **InfraZamin** Pakistan with a contingent capital facility of up to PKR 8.25 billion (US 50 million) with a 23 year tenor, to issue local currency credit guarantees for infrastructure projects in renewable energy, transport, healthcare, and digital communications. [Read more.](#)
- Congratulations to the **Acorn Holdings Limited** team for achieving a 146 percent subscription to the final tranche of their medium-term green note programme raising KES 2.1 billion. PIDG companies **GuarantCo**, **InfraCo Africa** and **PIDG TA** were involved in the development of the Acorn Holdings affordable student housing project in Kenya. [Find out more.](#)

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