

# POWER-FOR-ALL IN LANGO SUB-REGION BY 2025

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **XSABO EMBARKS ON TOUR TO SPUR PROSPERITY IN LANGO SUB-REGION**

After successfully completing East and Central Africa's largest and best performing solar power plant in Kabulasoke, acquiring the permit from Uganda's Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) for another 20MW solar power plant in Nkonge (Mubende District) and closing a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) with Lira District Local Government for an additional 50MW of solar power, Dr. David Alobo, CEO/Managing Director of The Xsabo Group today embarked on a tour of the remaining eight districts of Lango Sub-Region for what he calls "putting projects in place to spur prosperity across Uganda."

Xsabo's Kabulasoke solar power plant (20MW) was commissioned by President Yoweri K. Museveni, assisted by Vice President Edward K. Ssekandi, on 9 January 2019. It amounted to an investment by The Xsabo Group of 24.5 million US Dollars (UGX 98 Billion).

Next in line are Xsabo Nkonge Solarline (Mubende District) for which the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) has already issued a permit for 20MW as well as Xsabo Lira Solarline (50MW).

For the Nkonge solar project, The Xsabo Group will be investing 22 million US Dollars (UGX 88 Billion), for Lira a little over 45 million US Dollars (UGX 180 Billion).

The 50MW Solar Power Park in Lira has been designed as a *Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)* between Lira District Local Government and The Xsabo Group

following overwhelming documentary support of both the Lira District Executive and Lira District Council as per duly passed District Council Resolution and a corresponding *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)*.

Dr. Alobo's current tour of the eight districts of Lango Sub-region, which comes on the heels of a similar visit to Lira District, started in Otuke District on 22 October 2019.

While stressing that he does not have to be in Government to help the people of Uganda out of poverty, Dr. Alobo has been telling district leaders across Uganda that by supporting the initiatives of The Xsabo Group, they will as leaders be taking a bold and indeed pivotal step to sustainably improve the lives of the people who they represent.

On their part, the district leaders of Lango have all accorded Dr. Alobo, a son of the sub-region, the unique honour and privilege of addressing their respective District Councils.

A by-product of this Public-Private-Initiative of The Xsabo Group is that the currently weak financial base of the districts would be strengthened substantially since Dr. Alobo, who also owns The Xsabo Group, is offering them shares in the respective special purpose vehicle.

The Xsabo plan is directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to which Uganda as a member of the United Nations Organization (UNO) subscribes.

Dr. Alobo says that the proposal he has made to the leaders of the districts of Lango Sub-Region will, if adopted, mean that all the people of Lango will within less than five years from today be able to light their homes while families are spared from severe health risks from firewood and environmental degradation halted.

Further, the initiative will light and help run schools and hospitals more efficiently and reliably.

And by powering opportunity in diverse commercial and economic fields, the Xsabo initiative would raise the standard of living of the people of the sub-region to decent levels both socially and economically.

“That is the golden thread that connects economic growth, social equity, a stable climate and a healthy environment,” Dr. Alobo concludes, adding that the district leaders have the incredible opportunity of making all this happen in their own district and beyond through their collective will and effort.

“Think of this,” Dr. Alobo concludes:

“Today, practically every Ugandan has a mobile phone. This was unthinkable in the 1980s. Just as that was so unthinkable then, solar power can do for Uganda in the next 15 years what mobile phone technology did for communications in the 1990s.”

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The Xsabo Group, 22 October 2019