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### MTN South Sudan Strengthens Network Reliability Through Sustainable Solar Hybrid Energy Rollout

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MTN South Sudan is proud to reaffirm its leadership in driving sustainable, reliable, and future-ready connectivity across the country through the continued rollout of solar hybrid energy solutions across its network sites.

This initiative is a key pillar of MTN's long-term strategy to modernize infrastructure, enhance network resilience, improve service reliability, and expand digital access to communities throughout South Sudan.

Implemented in partnership with Communication & Renewable Energy Infrastructure (CREI) and supported by financing from Finnfund, the solarization program is enabling MTN South Sudan to fast-track the transition to cleaner and more resilient power solutions across its national footprint.

**"As MTN, we believe everyone deserves the benefits of a modern, connected life. This initiative ensures that connectivity reaches every community, including those without access to grid power,"** said Ms. Mapula Bodibe, CEO of MTN South Sudan.

To date, over 500 MTN sites have been modernized with solar hybrid energy technology. This investment has significantly strengthened the stability of power supply across the network, enabling more reliable voice and data services for over four million customers and reaching approximately **84% of the population**. The improved service uptime reinforces MTN's mission to deepen digital and financial inclusion nationwide.

"As part of our commitment to **Project Zero**, MTN South Sudan has successfully reduced greenhouse gas emissions by **43%** with further gains underway. This milestone is a critical step toward MTN Group's broader ambition of achieving carbon neutrality by **2040**.

By modernizing our Energy infrastructure with sustainable power solutions, we are demonstrating that environmental stewardship and network performance go hand-in-hand. As the Best mobile operator in South Sudan, we recognize our responsibility to lead the transition toward a low-carbon economy.

Our efforts remain firmly aligned with the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**, focusing on clean energy and cross-sector collaboration to address the global climate crisis. We believe that through innovation and collective action, we can build a more resilient and sustainable future for our stakeholders and the planet." **said Mr. Brian Karuhanga, Chief Technology Officer, MTN South Sudan.**

Reliable energy remains a foundational enabler of MTN South Sudan's contribution to national development. By transitioning to clean and dependable power, MTN is strengthening connectivity for education, healthcare, commerce, and mobile financial services across the country.

This milestone underscores MTN South Sudan's continued commitment to delivering **reliable, resilient, and environmentally responsible connectivity**—advancing both national priorities and MTN Group's long-term sustainability goals.

### **About MTN South Sudan**

MTN South Sudan is the leading telecommunications provider in the country, offering innovative mobile, data, and digital financial services to over four million customers. Guided by the belief that *everyone deserves the benefit of a modern connected life*, MTN is committed to expanding network coverage, driving digital and financial inclusion, and investing in sustainable infrastructure that supports national development and economic growth.

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