The K.P.R.L Community Open Day on 26th November 2009

KPRL recently held an open day with the purpose of bridging the gap between the community and itself. The main agenda was to educate the public on what KPRL is all about and what it does and also address the concerns of the community.

Invitations were sent via religious groups i.e. churches, mosques etc. Also among those invited were local government officials D.C., D.O. and learning institutions

The GM Mr. Mruttu officially opened the ceremony by welcoming those in attendance and gave a short speech followed by a speech from our local government officials. Mr. Mruttu presented Miritini Community Health centre with medical supplies as a sign of our commitment in enriching the community around us.

The GM presenting a medicinal donation to Miritini Community Health centre Chairman

The Human Resource manager Mr. Wahome addressed the issue of employment within the local community, and informed those in attendance on how people were selected and the skills necessary for obtaining a position at KPRL. He made an offer that the professionals working for KPRL would gladly assist the community especially schools to counsel the youth and guide them on their career paths.

Once the speeches were completed, talks were given on various departments of KPRL; these were Operations and Technology, Human resources, and Safety and Environmental. The public was briefed on the processes and routines of these departments, and the significance of each department and how they interlace with each other. Queries and concerns such as the flare and stench for LPG were addressed.

Visitors at the Safety and Environmental Tent

Tents were set up by each department showcasing the activities that the talks touched upon so that the public could get a better image of what took place in those departments. There was a VCT tent set up for free testing at the Peer Educators tent, Safety stand showcased all the protective gear required at work, and explained some of KPRL's policies and why they were in place. First Aid tent had a dummy to illustrate to the public on how to perform CPR, and Technology and Operations Departments stand had simplified charts on the refining process, samples for crude and finished products. The public was also enlightened on KPRL's continued efforts to better the community by showcasing how the waste water treatment plant would enable more water to be availed to them by recycling water and therefore consuming from the Municipal Water.

First Aid tent

KPRL also performed a fire drill to demonstrate to the community that it was equipped to deal with cases of fire.

School children participating in a fire drill

KPRL's fire engine ready and equipped

The floor was then opened to the public for questions so that they could table their concerns and get them addressed there and then. After the Q and A session was over refreshments and a T-shirt with the KPRL logo were provided for all present to take home.