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After the year 2013 when we had a time of consolidation and little increase in the demand for electricity, it was decided that we had the capacity to connect more ordinary customers. We are still waiting to connect the new extension near the hospital which was agreed some time ago. This is being undertaken by contractors for the Rural Electrification Agency.

By the end of December we had 372 customers connected. These new connections required an increase in line extensions.

Finances

Sales income for the year totalled 135 million shillings. Other major income was

60 million shillings for customer connections and line extensions

19 million shillings for hospital work

Current expenses were 102 million shillings, of which the main components were,

35 million Staff costs

3 million Generator maintenance

26 million Distribution maintenance including a replacement transformer

12 million Transport costs

12 million VAT

11 million Administration

There were high capital costs for poles, cables and meters to support the new connections.

5,000 GBP was paid back of the long term loan reducing the remaining loan to 5,000GBP

Equipment operation

The generating plant has continued to run well except when the river flow is low. This occurred from mid-January to the end of February and again from the 9th June to the 22nd of July. Load shedding was introduced rotating between four blocks of users including hospital staff.

Challenges for 2015

The main challenge for 2015 is to agree an acceptable charging system for use of electricity by hospital staff. Meters have been installed in all the houses but we are waiting agreement before we connect them. We anticipate that meters will reduce electricity use by staff and make more electricity available for outside customers.

We also need to build reserve funds to allow for future maintenance and equipment updates.

We need to list the essential spares we should have and buy them.

One urgent need is to buy a second sales computer as we are entirely dependent on a single machine.



