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The Minister of State for Power, Mr Goddy Jedy-Agba, has commissioned the first Volsus Solar For Health (VSFH) electricity mini-grid to energise the Karu Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Abuja.

He said his office supported Volsus Energy Limited, a renewable energy and inverter-making start-up firm to flag off the first VSFH programme. "I was informed that at a time, Karu primary health centre had to suspend night shift because of the epileptic power supply and the challenges that come with that. I believe that this is now a thing of the past with the commissioning of this first VSFH 12 kilowatt power (KWP) solar mini-grid with 58-kilowatt hour (KWH) battery bank." He said the project also comes with solar power refrigerators and cooling systems to preserve vaccines.

The Managing Director of Volsus Energy, Engr. Tomiwa Bayo-Ojo said the project, which will be replicated nationwide, promotes the attainment of Goal 7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), on access to energy for all. "The firm is providing access to sustainable and uninterrupted electricity by deploying state-of-art solar power facilities across Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) nationwide.

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On Thursday, 27th of June 2024, the REA officially handed over 150KWp solar hybrid containerized systems, 50KWp each to Asokoro, Karu, & Zuba General Hospitals in the FCT. These interventions have been delivered under the Nigeria Electrification Project(NEP).

Over the years, through its broad-based engagements with frontline institutions in the healthcare and energy access ecosystems as well as the invaluable support from the World Bank, the Agency has committed to alleviating energy poverty in the healthcare sector using renewable energy technologies, as access to electricity remains a fundamental necessity and a lifeline that powers life-saving equipment, enables effective healthcare services, and supports the well-being of patients and healthcare workers alike.

Sadly, many healthcare facilities in Nigeria face significant electricity challenges, hindering their ability to provide quality healthcare services. The REA's Energizing Healthcare initiative continues to mitigate energy access-related problems being faced by hospitals and healthcare centres in Nigeria.

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