

The Ministry of Education came up with school feeding guidelines where parents are required to take

agement committees to discuss the proposals to have them fund the purchase of maize and beans

seen solutions to the problems they face, they can address them.  
**Peter Omuse,**

## Govt should invest in alternative energy sources

Despite the continuous investments in power dams, Uganda's access to electricity is still lagging behind with only 22 per cent of Ugandans having access to electricity.

The government is claiming to have excess electricity that it can export. For example, last month, the governments of Uganda and South Sudan signed a cross-border agreement to allow Uganda to extend electricity to South Sudan.

However, my view is that there is

no excess electricity, but redundant power as most Ugandans can't afford the costs involved in having power, including high power tariffs and expensive electric poles.

The high power tariffs have affected the economy by limiting investment. Water bills are high due to the rising pumping cost and loss of lives due to absence of electricity at some health centres.

In addition to high power tariffs, the environment has been abused as poor

people resort to cutting trees for firewood hence causing degradation.

The government should invest in producing renewable energy, which is environment-friendly, readily available, and cheaper.

Taxes on, for instance, solar power, should be reduced. This will help in increasing the number of people who can access electricity.

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