

BasiGo, Rwanda's leading electric bus operator, recently opened its second fast-charging station in Muhanga Town, establishing what is now the country's first viable intercity EV corridor connecting Kigali, Muhanga, and Huye. The new station unlocks long-distance electric travel for bus operators, corporate fleets, and private EV owners.

The Muhanga station features three high-capacity chargers with dual charging guns, enabling up to six vehicles to charge simultaneously. The station will be open for 24 hrs, and charging is priced at RWF 500 for private vehicles, with custom pricing available for fleet owners.

During the BasiGo charging station launch in Muhanga, local leaders welcomed the new hub as a boost to the Southern Province's sustainability vision. "This project opens doors to green investment and elevates Muhanga's sustainability profile," said Nyamabuye Sector Executive Secretary, Nshimiyimana Jean Claude. "The station is expected to create jobs and encourage greater EV adoption, supporting Rwanda's commitment to reducing emissions, lowering fuel import costs, and building a cleaner, more resilient transport system."

Muhanga Charging Station is Rwanda's first intercity DC fast charging station, and among the fastest in Africa, with each charger delivering 240 kW capacity (charging speed). This station builds on the success of BasiGo's first charging facility at Rwandex, operational since 2023. Since opening, the Rwandex station has delivered 1,500 MWh of clean energy and supports charging for up to 25 buses at night and 50 vehicles during the day, enabling reliable daily operations for BasiGo's intercity fleet.

"When we launched Rwandex in 2023, we proved electric buses could work in Rwanda. Muhanga proves something bigger: that the network works." Said Jones Kizihira, Managing Director, BasiGo, Rwanda.

"Range anxiety is the single greatest barrier to EV adoption, and the answer to this is a charging infrastructure you can trust. That infrastructure now exists on one of Rwanda's busiest corridors, and now a driver can travel from Kigali to Huye knowing exactly where to charge. That changes the commercial case for every operator, every fleet manager, anyone in Rwanda considering an electric vehicle. For us as operators on the Muhanga - Huye route, this changes everything," said Ntwari Emmanuel, the Director of operations SU Direct. "We can now run our buses with more confidence, knowing there is reliable charging along the way. It reduces

downtime by eliminating the need to travel to Kigali for charging, improves trip planning, and ultimately allows us to serve passengers more efficiently.”

Strategically positioned along Rwanda’s most-traveled intercity routes, the Muhanga station is the critical midpoint in a charging network that connects Kigali to Huye, Rubavu, Musanze, and further west. The next station, planned for Huye, will complete the Southern corridor and enable full electric coverage across the Southern and Western regions.

BasiGo’s electric buses currently operate 10 intercity routes across Rwanda with a fleet of 34 buses. Since beginning operations, the company has carried 3 million passengers and covered 2.5 million km.

The Muhanga station launch advances Rwanda’s National Transport Policy and broader e-mobility strategy, which emphasizes the development of charging infrastructure and the transition to low-carbon public transport systems.