

# 2014 Calendar 'Harambee Gwasssi Project'

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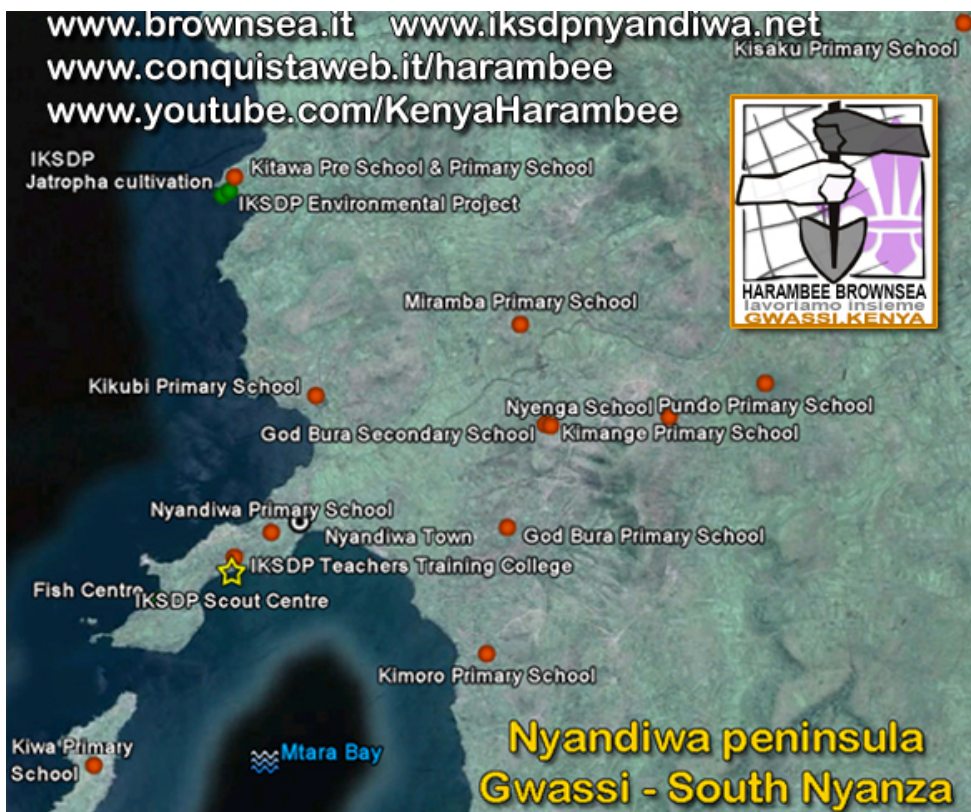
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'Harambee Gwassi-Kenya' is a project of international cooperation and solidarity of Brownsea NGO Foundation that, since 1983, promotes the social, cultural and economic self-development in the Nyandiwa peninsula, one of the poorest areas of Kenya. Volunteers and local people work side by side and realize successfully interventions in a large area, from the shores of Lake Victoria to the surrounding hills.

## JANUARY 2014

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*If you want to get first run alone. If you want to go far, walk together (Swahili proverb)*

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**'Harambee'** in Swahili means 'working together': it indicates an effort in common, is the cry used by fishermen to pull the nets... This is attitude that moves our actions, not just 'aid' but many shared actions which are always self-development of the community. Italians and Africans working together sharing efforts and successes.



By joining forces it's possible to grow together in mutual understanding, working for the independent and sustainable development.



Main features of an 'Harambee' event are:  
join forces, sharing and taking on responsibility.  
Little by little, a little becomes a lot!



23 years ago, the most pressing and dramatic problem was the water: the construction of the aqueduct brought drinking water to approximately 20000 people, improving living conditions in Nyandiwa and neighboring villages. Consequently decreased the spread of infectious diseases.

The IKSDP (Italian Kenyan Scout Development Project) aqueduct is 20 km long with 5 tanks and 14 fountains.

Are now underway the works of maintenance and improvement.

## February 2014

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*One drop after another fills the glass (Swahili proverb)*

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Improve level of education is a continuous work and requires great efforts in common, to give all the opportunity to study and grow together.

The reconstruction of Kitawa school, collapsed in 2010, is almost completed thanks to the help of all: more and more children attending Primary Schools and continue their studies!

Discover the Kenyan Fairy Tales and eBooks: it's a twinning plan between the Italian and the Kenyan schools, since 2002:

<http://www.conquistaweb.it/harambee/eng/ebook.htm>

An Online Exchange Program with the 'IKSDP Training Teachers College' will be the next step to reinforce the educational skills.



## March 2014

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31	<p><i>Kid's smile it's the home foundations (Swahili proverb)</i></p> <p>Note: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>					



The IKSDP Teachers Training College is the great challenge of our project. It's the first of its kind in the whole of Suba District, thanks to the good managerial and the professional tutors, every year it always has more students and graduates, reaching a true academic excellence. Our young teachers have so great and immediate job opportunities. This year was inaugurated the new female dormitory, improving facilities of Sports Centre and the College has opened new graduate courses in partnership with Rongo University.



## April 2014

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*Knowledge is power (Swahili proverb)*

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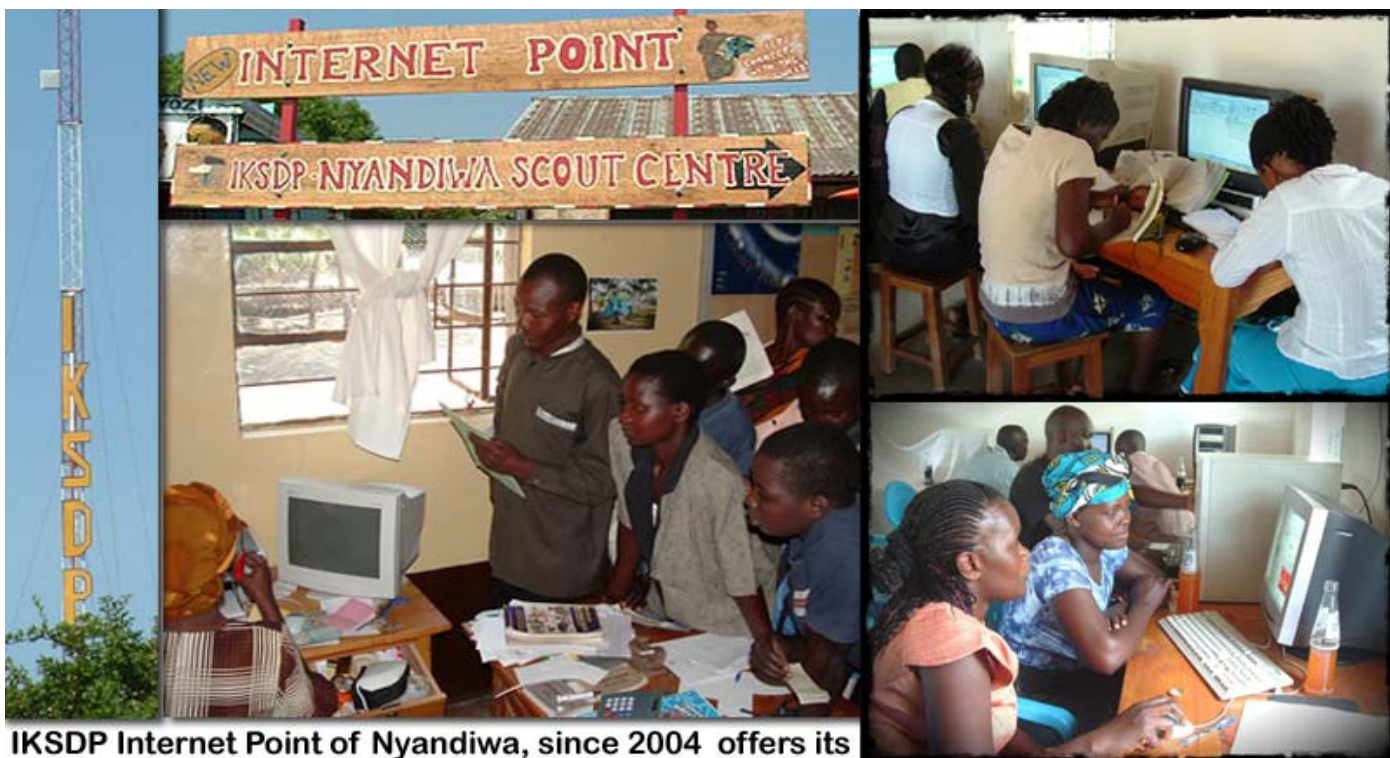
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IKSDP Internet Point of Nyandiwa, since 2004 offers its services to neighboring villages and throughout the region. At one time you had to make a long journey to find these services: now our specialized Staff helps the visitors to use the network and the Internet Mail service, to print a variety of documents, make photocopies and Fax.



Even here, the use of technologies is increasingly important to communicate to study and to find work. For this there are Computer Courses aimed the community and IKSDP Teachers College students.

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*Every promise is a debit (Swahili proverb)*

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IKSDP Nyandiwa Creative Centre was created with aim of promoting local arts and crafts, as an example of efficient and sustainable micro-economy. Special attention is given to the most vulnerable groups: young people and women, excluded from economic environment. The Creative Centre works as cooperative Self-help group and produces traditional African costumes, bags, miniature statues, baskets and paintings made with local natural resources or recycled materials. The purses are crocheted with banana leaves or plastic bags cut into strips. An original recycling eco-friendly and a creative source of income!



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30	<p><i>After hardship comes relief (Swahili proverb)</i></p> <p>Note: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>					





The Hostel IKSDP of Nyandiwa can be hosted families, individuals and groups: all rooms have essential and comfortable furniture with wide Dining Room.



The Social Hall of Centre is a public utility service, ideal for conferences and meetings, but also a suitable point for community events, Drama festival and weddings. The Hall can accommodate about 500 people, with smaller rooms for seminars. The structure is equipped with voice amplifiers, computers with internet connection and secretarial service.

All activities contributes to self-finance the projects of Centre.

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*Little by little, a little becomes a lot ! (Swahili proverb)*

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## Health projects



The priority needs are able to provide the care urgent to the most isolated villages that don't have any surgeries in the neighbourhood and in addition to extending activities of hygienic-health & prevention diseases. The medical dispensaries of Kisaku and Kiwa were built under the project



and are now self-managed by the local community,

The Kiwa island Dispensary, particularly isolated, has been fitted with solar panels. The Nyandiwa Dispensary provides daily medical help and are held periodic preventive campaigns and specialized interventions to spread the hygienic culture, knowledge of the most common and serious infections, as HIV and viral diseases.

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*They is no distance that has no end (Swahili proverb)*

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Agriculture, livestock and fishing are very difficult in this area, with serious impact on the community. For this reason, we're trying new and small businesses, stimulating development of local cooperatives.



For example, the breeding of catfish and tilapia (a tropical species of Lake Victoria) started years ago to tackle the crisis caused by overfishing of multinational corporations. Continues the rearing of laying hens and dairy cows: activity deemed impractical due to climate of this region.

Today, this is able to improve family food availability, enhancing the work of young people and women.

Repeatable and sustainable models of microeconomics.

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*If you want something under the bed, you have to bend over* (Swahili proverb)

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Since 2009, was launched the 'Kitawa Environmental Project' (6 km from Nyandiwa), with an experimental cultivation of Jatropha; the plant grows in arid land fighting desertification. From seeds produces fuel oil, used for lamps, cookers and for production of biogas and biodiesel; from waste are derived soap, glycerine, candles and agricultural fertilizers.



The plantation grows on about 17 hectares of never-before cultivated, arid and stony land, with irrigation system and structures for seeds processing. Since 2011 the production of vegetables planted between the jatropha trees has been carried out with encouraging results.

On the coast, we're working on a Natural Park, which aims to appreciate the wide variety of flora and fauna: a great project for the next few years.

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*The patient man eats the food well cooked (Swahili proverb)*

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The IKSDP Naturalistic Oasis will be built near Kitawa in a coastal area of Gwasssi forest that has a great fauna wealth and wild flora. The goal is to develop educational activities for knowledge and care of a precious natural environment, aimed at young people, teachers and guests of the IKSDP Center.

In the photos: 1) Flower of Labiatae or Lamiaceae family  
2) White Herons on the Lake Victoria  
3) Hamerkop (Scopus umbretta, of the Pelicans family) is known for bizarre shape of his head!  
4) Scarlet-chested Sunbird which feeds on nectar of flowers (Chalcomitra senegalensis)  
5) Baglafaecht Weaver (Ploceus baglafaecht) known for construction of very large nests.

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*Better delay and get there (Swahili proverb)*

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*Do today what's to do today (Swahili proverb)*

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