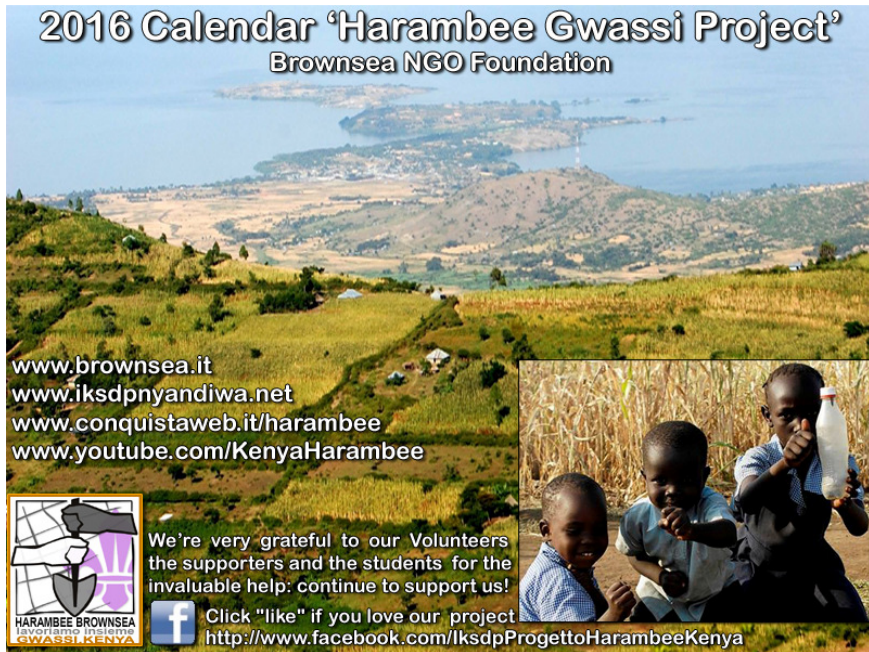


2016 Calendar 'Harambee Gwassi Project' Brownsea NGO Foundation



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2016 Harambee Calendar

'Gwassi-Kenya Harambee' 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.

'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.

We're very grateful to our Volunteers and Supporters for the invaluable help!

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The "IKSDP-Harambee Project" was started in 1983 in Nyandiwa village, on the shore of Lake Victoria, one of the poorest one in Kenya, and still is going on.

VOLUNTEERS HOUSE

VIEW POINT
 Peninsula of Nyandiwa and Kiwa Island
 Welcome to the community of Gwasssi
 and to IKSDP-Italian Kenyan Scout Devpt project

The IKSDP project area covers about 500 km² with about 40 inhabitants per km², from the shores of Lake Victoria to the surrounding hills. Brownsea Foundation in partnership with Kenya Scout Association, World Scout Bureau-Africa and volunteers has realized, working with local people side by side, many projects and successful interventions.

"Kid's smile it's the home foundations" (Swahili proverb)

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JANUARY 2016



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

In Swahili language Harambee means 'working together': is the cry used by fishermen to pull the nets. Harambee is based on the concept that every person and every community has an immense potential within. A community is not simply 'a place with the problems to be solved' but has in itself the capacity to find solutions to their issues. Joining the forces it's possible to grow together in mutual understanding, working for an veritable sustainable and independent development. It's the spirit of I.K.S.D.P. (International Kenya Scout Development Project).

IKSDP "Gwasssi Aqueduct"

It was created by the Brownsea Foundation Harambee Project between 1991 and 1993. The aqueduct runs for 20 km from Gwasssi Forest in Nyandiwa. These pics were taken last August (2015) and they show one of the 14 fountains on the trail. The management and maintenance has always been done by local volunteers coordinated by IKSDP.

"The earth and the water we have, not have been given by our fathers, but borrow it from our children" (Swahili proverb)

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FEBRUARY



The first of its kind in the whole of Suba District, it's 2nd in the annual ranking of Education's Ministry among 140 colleges in Kenya, thanks to the excellent management and the great capacity of professors. Every year students and graduates are growing and reach excellent academics results, so finding quick job opportunities. The structures have expanded with a new female dormitory and the stadium of the Sports Centre. In addition to the partnership with Rongo University, the training offer has expanded with three-year Courses for a diploma in Education.



"To live long is to see much" (Swahili proverb)

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MARCH



Improve the level of education is the biggest challenge, requires a continuing help from all, volunteers and supporters. The graduates of the 'IKSDP Teachers Training College Nyandiwa are always more numerous: some of them are really the children who attended the school in construction, in early years of project!! With them, the Italian schools have made the first African storybooks and the eBooks that you find here:

<http://www.conquistaweb.it/harambee>

A project that we would like to resume soon with you!

The new library of IKSDP Teachers Training College of Nyandiwa was made thanks the 'Goethe Gymnasium Gernersheim', to the German Scouts and to Second Life group, partners of Harambee.



"It's through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It's what we make out of what we've, not what we're given, that separates one person from another." - Nelson Mandela

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APRIL



The activities of the IKSDP Creative Center continue: the group is involved in the promotion of local handicraft and the search of young artists. During the working meetings the production of the objects increases in quantity & variety: oil on canvas paintings, recycled plastic bags, decorated plates, small furniture, baskets, traditional costumes and jewelry.



Since August 2015, the IKSDP Creative Center of Nyandiwa has been officially recognized by the Government of Kenya, as an excellent example of micro-sustainable economy. These products are also sold in Italy in Solidarity Markets.

<http://dbrpeters.wix.com/iksdpcreativecentre>

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

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MAY



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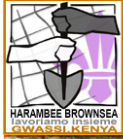
Since 2014, the Art Gallery exhibits and sells the products of IKSDP Creative Centre and it excites much interest and agreement in community. In fact the artistic productions is increasing: from objects craft to real art works that make it more beautiful the Scout Center.

< Plate engraved in soapstone, bas-relief.

"Do today what is to do today" (Swahili proverb)

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JUNE



Big party for the opening of the new IKSDP Sport Centre 'Ongombeh Stadium' which intends to use all the opportunities educational that practices sports can offer. Every attention it's aimed at young people of the community, who are the 70% of the population, with many initiatives promoted in this context.



Something that we think is of particular importance is the partnership with Association Panathlon International and Foundation Panathlon International Domenico Chiesa.

"Knowledge is power" (Swahili proverb)

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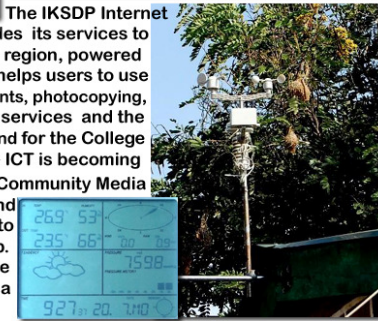
JULY



The IKSDP Internet

Point of Nyandiwa, since 2004 provides its services to neighboring villages and throughout the region, powered by solar panels. The specialized staff helps users to use the internet, to write and print documents, photocopying, fax and E-mail. The success of the services and the Computer courses for the community and for the College students, the need to know how to use ICT is becoming

widespread. Thus was born the IKSDP-CMC (Community Media Centre) between IKSDP, Rongo University and Brighton University (UK): a training project to take advantage of all opportunities of the Web. From 2015 have started training at a distance and is installed a weather station, donated by a friend of Liechtenstein.



"Everyone should contribute when collection is made." (Swahili proverb)

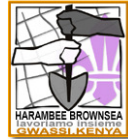
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AUGUST



Since 2014 it began a great experimental cultivation of Sunflower plants to verify the possibility of producing oil food for the community.

After a series of exceptional harvests, in November 2015 has finally begun pressing the seeds of sunflower farmed within our land in Kitawa. It's a great event because it is the first time. All this has been possible thanks to the donation from the Calabria for Harambee network of the squeezing machinery.



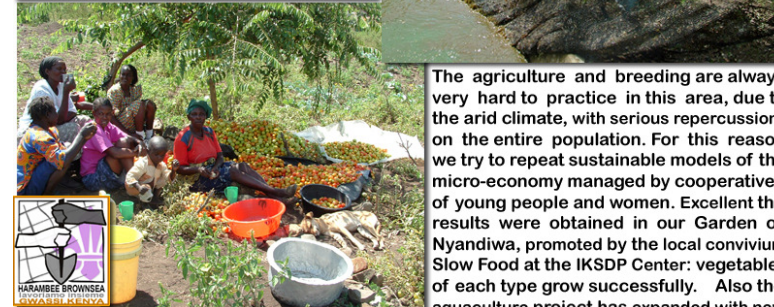
IKSDP and Brownsea Foundation thanks to all the friends and the supporters who allowed this important result.



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

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SEPTEMBER



The agriculture and breeding are always very hard to practice in this area, due to the arid climate, with serious repercussions on the entire population. For this reason we try to repeat sustainable models of the micro-economy managed by cooperatives of young people and women. Excellent results were obtained in our Garden of Nyandiwa, promoted by the local convivium Slow Food at the IKSDP Center: vegetables of each type grow successfully. Also the aquaculture project has expanded with new

tanks for the breeding of tilapia fish, as well the rearing of laying hens and dairy cows.

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

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OCTOBER



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.

"Follow bees and you will get honey" (Swahili proverb)

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DECEMBER