2020 Calendar IKSDP-Harambee Project Gwassi Kenya IKSDP International Kenya Scout Development Project

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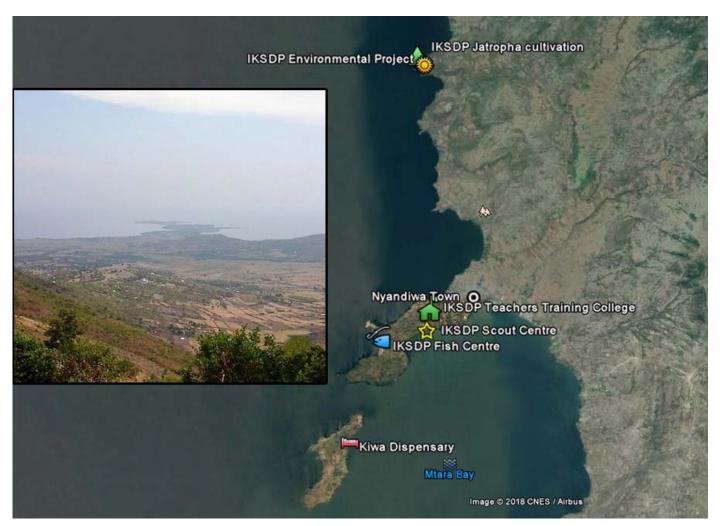
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January 2020

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

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IKSDP-Harambee Project Gwassi Kenya includes sustainable and replicable self-development interventions, which aim at social cohesion and gender equality. The project area is about 500 km² with an average density of 140 inhabitants per km² (high poverty index); it extends on the **Nyandiwa** peninsula, from the shores of Lake Victoria to the surrounding hills (Homa Bay County - Kenya).



February 2020

One drop after another fills the glass (Swahili proverb)

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Harambee in Swahili means "work together" in the local language: it's the cry used by fishermen when, joining forces, they pull the nets ashore. This is the spirit of the project, which involves planning the interventions together, collaborating in the interest of the community and establishing bonds of equal friendship. Between 1991 and 1993, scout volunteers built the first infrastructure: a **potable water supply** from the Kisaku Forest to Nyandiwa (20 km), to solve the serious problem of drinking water and health in the region.



March 2020
A willing hand helps you work better (Swahili proverb)

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The climate alternates arid seasons with periods of great rainfall and makes farming and breeding difficult to practice, with serious consequences on health and nutrition. For this, sustainable models are experimented, managed by cooperatives of young people and women: from the first two chickens of 1989 to the 250 laying hens of today, the **IKSDP farm** has expanded with large tanks for breeding cat-fish and tilàpia, some cows for milk and above all crops and vegetable gardens, where all kinds of vegetables grow, recycling the chicken house waste.



April 2020
The patient man eats the food well cooked (Swahili proverb)

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The **experimental cultivation of sunflowers** began in 2014 in the Kitawa fields: after the first small productions, the production of oil from 2017 is up and running. A great success, thanks to the pressing machine donated by the 'Calabria for Harambee'. In Kitawa, In Kitawa also **jatropha plants** are cultivated, from whose seeds we get an oil used to produce soap and bio-fuel..



May 2020
Where there is will there is also the way (Swahili proverb)

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The Nyandiwa IKSDP Creative Center successfully promotes local crafts and community artistic talents, involving women and men from neighboring villages as well. The production is very varied: oil paintings, dishes, furniture, baskets, statues, costumes, traditional jewels and straw bags, woven with banana leaves. The products are exhibited and sold in the **Art Gallery of the Creative Center** and also in Europe.



June 2020 *Kid's smile it's the home foundations (Swahili proverb)*

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In the **IKSDP Center of Nyandiwa**, the educational cycle for girls and boys begins and ends, from kindergarten to the University College: these are the two activities of excellence that currently characterize the educational sector of the project. In fact, some of the young graduates of our College are the very children who attended the schools built in the early years of the Center! Read our African fairy tales in an e-book version: **http://www.conquistaweb.it/harambee**



July 2020Knowledge is power (Swahili proverb)

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The **IKSDP Teachers Training College** is a great success: with registrations are constantly growing, the girls are now in the majority, almost all the students arrive at the university with excellent assessments and find work quickly. In addition to the degree course for elementary teachers and ECD (Childhood Education Program), technological training has also involved Innext, Google Cloud, Google for Education and local staff in community development initiatives for some years.



August 2020
Little by little, a little becomes a lot (Swahili proverb)

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The opening of the **Ongombeh Stadium Sports Center** has encouraged the development and organization of sporting events, involving the community and neighboring villages. The **IKSDP Nyandiwa Sport Center** pays the utmost attention to gender equality and to the development of ethical values and personal talents in young people (they are around 70% of the population). Sport is thus used as a means of aggregation and a meeting point for the local community.

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September 2020

There is no distance that has no end (Swahili proverb)

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Since 2007 the **IKSDP Center** has an **Internet Service** that offers text editing, photocopying, scanning and binding. Since then similar activities have opened in the commercial area of Nyandiwa, showing that offering replicable examples leads to the growth of the community. Now the Center has a WiFi network and a 4G broadband connection spread throughout the area. After the high school diploma it's possible to attend different levels of courses: from the professional diploma in Computer Studies and IT, to more academic and specific ones, from the Basic IT Essential, to Computer Maintenance & Repair, to Video Editing and Digital Photography, from Web Design to Computer Programming.



October 2020

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

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The **IKSDP Hostel** with 10 rooms for groups, families and individuals has a large dining room: open all year, it hosts volunteers and visitors who wish to experience a "solidarity tourism". Wi-Fi service is available during the day for the visitors of the Center that require Internet connection, subject to a fee and to the activation of a voucher. All facilities and services self-finance IKSDP projects.

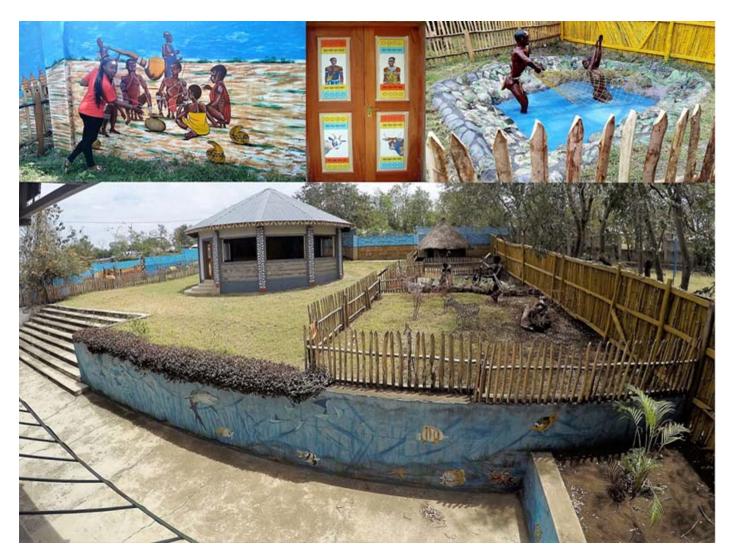


November 2020

After hardship comes relief (Swahili proverb)

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IKSDP and **GHT** (Global Health Telemedicine) have set up and run a station at the Nyandiwa hospital for the *Telemedicine service via the Internet*. A software allows you to put in local medical communications with a network of specialists who, depending on the medical branch required, answer the medical question giving diagnostic and therapeutic advice or reporting instrumental exams.



December 2020

One who leaves his ancestry is like a slave (Swahili proverb)

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In 2019, the **Nyamgondho Mini Park** was completed at the IKSDP Center in Nyandiwa. The artists of the Creative Center have represented, with works of art made with different materials, the six main episodes of the **Nyamgondho legend**, a myth native of the Gwassi region but known and studied in the schools of the whole Kenya. Purpose: the promotion of art and the local culture. The **Nyamgondho legend** is available here: www.conquistaweb.it/harambee/ebook/nyamgondho and told by the Gwassi Artists of the IKSDP Creative Center: https://youtu.be/J6CuHD636iQ

"Working together for a concrete and sustainable development"



The IKSDP project aims at enhancing and exploiting the *local natural and renewable resources* more and more: in the **naturalistic site of Kitawa** (17 hectares of arid land, now irrigated) a part of the land is cultivated, while another area is reserved for research, given the richness of the ecosystem.

From next year we intend to address, together with the authorities and local communities, the environmental and social challenges, within the objectives of the Agenda 2030 of the UN-Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs (Framework Agreement signed last September at the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria).



Another important step forward: from last year a "Water Bus" service connects Nyandiwa with Sori, Mbita and all the main Kenyan islands of Lake Victoria (Mfangano, Kiwa, Remba).



