



'Gwasssi-Kenya Harambee' is a project of self-development and international, cooperation, from 1983 promotes the social, cultural and economic development, in the Nyandiwa peninsula, one of the poorest areas of Kenya. The collaboration between the volunteers of 'Brownsea Foundation onlus' (NGO organization) and the local population allows successful interventions in a large area, from the shores of Victoria Lake to the surrounding hills, with aid diversified, both social, economic and educational.

## JANUARY 2013

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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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In swahili language, '**Harambee**' means 'working together': is the project name, that expresses the willingness to share each activities, efforts and successes. Not held the charitable actions, always aiming self-development.



Italians and Africans work together, side by side with equal dignity, sharing all the projects and interventions, with the aim of improving the Kenyan community's life, but also to grow in a common effort and in mutual understanding.

The main feature of the project is taken to avoid any form of 'charity' and support the local population to independent development. 20 years ago, the first problem to be solved was the water: the construction of the aqueduct brought drinking water and wellness to about 20.000 people and, consequently, the decrease of infectious diseases. In 2013, the aqueduct will be improved.

## February 2013

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

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In Nyandiwa and in the surrounding villages, we working with the community to build new schools and improve the level of education: a continuous work that requires a great effort to give everyone the opportunity to study and grow together!



Since 2002 is active a Twinning project between Italian and Kenyan schools, which realizes exchanges of experiences, story books and eBooks made in Italy.

You can find them online: <http://www.conquistaweb.it/harambee/ebook.htm>

The next stage for 2013 is the exchange of educational materials online with the IKSDP College for the training of new teachers.

## March 2013

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

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The Training of excellent teachers for the nation and the world is a very important task of the project 'IKSDP Harambee Gwasssi'. So was born the College for teachers, the first of its kind in the Suba District, established to provide new employment opportunities to young people.



Thanks to good teachers and the great management, the Enrollments are increasing and our future teachers reach a true academic excellence. Our graduates are always more quickly find work.

The next targets for 2013 are: the 'E-learning program' between the IKSDP college and Italian-Kenyan Universities; the construction of new dormitory for the students and improvement of 'Sports Center structures'.

## April 2013

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*Knowledge is power (Swahili proverb)*

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Every day, the Internet Point of Nyandiwa attracts many people from nearby villages and from across the region: have computers, two printers and a photocopier, powered by solar panels. While before it was necessary to take a long trip to find these services, our specialized staff helps the visitors to use the network and the Internet Mail service. The population of Nyandiwa shows great interest in the services offered to the public, especially administrative and commercial use: in the Internet Point you can write and print a variety of documents, make photocopies and Fax.



## May 2013

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*Every promise is a debt (Swahili proverb)*

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The Tailoring Laboratory of 'IKSDP Creative Centre' is an example of efficient and sustainable local enterprise, created to develop and exploit local crafts and self-sustaining the projects of the Centre. In the laboratory work six employed people and are manufactured the uniforms for schools and for Scouts of Kenya, in addition to the bags and home accessories of Harambee Collection, that are sold locally and internationally.

## June 2013

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*After hardship comes relief (Swahili proverb)*

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Hospitality project and Social Hall



Today our Scout Centre has a Hostel, a wide Corporate Dining Room & kitchen, to provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Can be hosted families, individuals and groups. Among the services of public utility, there is the 'Social Hall' which, besides being a place of aggregation for the local community, is available for conferences, meetings and conferences. The Social Hall can accommodate about 500 people, with sound system and computers with Internet Connection satellite broadband. There are also classrooms from 20/30 seats for seminars and meetings.

## July 2013

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*Little by little, the container/pot gets filled (Swahili proverb)*

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## The Health projects



The priority projects are: to provide the health facilities for basic and urgent care to villages that don't have dispensaries nearby and carry out the activities of hygienic - health education and also prevention diseases. The medical dispensaries of Kisaku and Kiwa were constructed under the



project and are self-managed by the local community with specialized staff. The Dispensary on Kiwa island, particularly isolated, has solar panels. In the Nyandiwa Dispensary, which provides medical care each day and the the structures of the Scout Centre held specialist interventions with Kenyan doctors (such as the Eye Clinic provisional) and educational activities and prevention, such as the major campaign against the diffusion of virus AIDS.

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

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Crops, livestock and fishing are always difficult in this area, with serious problems for the feeding of the community. For this reason we seek new solutions, such as breeding in catfishes, to oppose the decline of fish in the lake, caused by overfishing of large fishing vessels. In Kitawa, among the jatropha trees, has been expanded the vegetables cultivation and continues the breeding of 'egg laying hens' and milking cows, with a consequent great increase of foodstuffs available.

## September 2013

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30		<p><i>If you want something under the bed, you have to bend over</i> (Swahili proverb)</p> <p>Note: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>				



Since 2009, close to Kitawa, has started an experimental cultivation of Jatropha, a plant that grows easily in arid lands and fighting the desertification. The oil produced from the seeds can be used for lighting, cooking food, producing biogas and biodiesel. From waste are derived soap, glycerine, candles and agricultural fertilizers.



In the area was built an irrigation system and a building for the processing of seeds. Since 2011, among the trees of Jatropha Curcas has been initiated the cultivation of vegetables, with encouraging results.

In addition, a portion of land was given to the creation of a Educational Park to enhance the rich variety of flora and fauna. An example of 'sustainable development' which will be fully operational in the coming years.

## October 2013

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

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The Educational Nature Park will be built near Kitawa in a coastal area that has a great wealth of fauna and wild flora. The purpose is to protect the natural environment through educational activities that can bring young people and teachers to care and respect to this great natural heritage.

In the photos: 1) Flower of the family Labiateae or Lamiaceae  
2) White Herons on the lake  
3) Hammerhead (Scopus umbretta) of the family of Pelicans, known for the shape of the head  
4) Scarlet-chested Sunbird which feeds on the nectar of flowers (Chalcomitra senegalensis)  
5) Weaver (Ploceus baglafecht) known for the construction of large nests.



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*Better delay and get there (Swahili proverb)*

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[www.iksdpnyandiwa.net](http://www.iksdpnyandiwa.net)  
[www.conquistaweb.it/harambee](http://www.conquistaweb.it/harambee)  
[www.youtube.com/KenyaHarambee](http://www.youtube.com/KenyaHarambee)

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30	31	Do today what's to do today (Swahili proverb) Note: ..... ..... ..... ..... .....				