

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GWASSI

Kenya

In the south west of Kenya, next to lake Victoria, mountainous Gwasssi can be found. Red een Kind is implementing a community development program in this area as children in this area are having a hard time. Drinking water is polluted, health care services are lacking and malnutrition is very common. Because of poverty and lack of education children grow up in a very difficult situation. Child marriages for example are very common. Many men marry more than one women. As a result unhealthy and broken families are very common. Gwasssi is also one of the areas with the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Kenya. Due to lack of work and education opportunities there are little future prospects for youth.

## Daily life

Nearly all families make a living with agriculture. Maize is the most common crop. As production levels are low most children have only one or two meals a day. The diet is not very nutritious. Some families make an additional income by selling of chickens, goats or sheep. Houses are small, made of mud with a thatched roof. On average families consist of six to eight members.

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## A promising future for children

We are committed to provide children with better opportunities for their future! This is done by setting up self help groups. A self help group consists of 15-20 men and women. The groups receive training. Agriculture training for example contributes to better and higher yields. With the help of Red een Kind these groups also initiate income generating activities. By having a group saving account members are able to borrow money which they can use for example for the payment of school fees and medicine.

We also work together with the government of Gwasssi to improve the provision of education, health care and the adherence to child rights. The work is done by Red een Kind in collaboration with the local organization Undugu.



“It takes a village  
to raise a child”  
African proverb

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