

KENYA

COUNTRY PROFILE



Despite a well-known tourism industry and developing economy, Kenya suffers troubling issues: an HIV and AIDS infection rate that is more than 11 times higher than the U.S., extreme poverty, and rampant disease from lack of access to clean water. Many Kenyans have been left out of—or even harmed by—the country’s development. One fourth of Kenya’s children do not attend school. Often, their parents’ livelihood has been hampered by drought. Mothers walk for miles to retrieve water for their families from filthy ponds. Thousands of children have been orphaned by AIDS.



Children in Kenya often lack basic necessities like clean water, health care, and education.



Bringing clean water to families in Kenya is a top priority.

WHO WE SERVE

In Kenya, we serve the poorest and most vulnerable of the population—those who live in remote villages or are not reached by other assistance.

HOW WE HELP

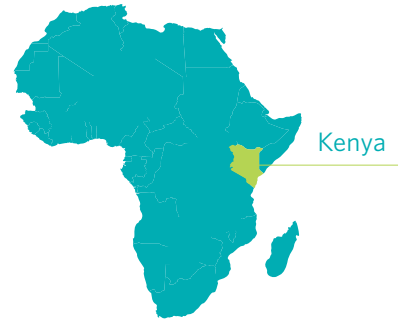
In addition to providing immediate help in times of crisis or disaster, we provide training and tools to communities for long-term solutions.

Water & Sanitation / World Concern works to promote sustainable water supply and water treatment systems, including rainwater harvesting and wells. We’re also involved in the construction of latrines and education about sanitation and hygiene.

Financial Service Associations

(FSAs) / Our village banks in rural Kenya encourage savings—a concept that is foreign to people just trying to survive. FSAs also provide small loans and investment opportunities. Now, this concept is being replicated by people in Kenya as they open their own branch offices in remote areas.

Nehemiah Project / With a specific focus on establishing sustainable livelihoods, the Nehemiah Project improves education, access to clean water, environmental protection, sanitation, adult literacy, primary health care, income generation and food security to nearly 25,000 people.



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MEET KIJOOLU

Kijoolu, a mother of six young children, lives in the rural village of Olkinyei. There is no source of clean water, no school for her children, and no healthcare.

She lives in constant fear of sickness from the contaminated water pan — a hand-dug pond intended for animals. Kijoolu has had to walk many times to the nearest village with a sick child on her back.

She does her best to feed her family a balanced diet of beans, corn and potatoes, but during the dry season, with no market nearby, they often go without food.

The lines of worry and a hard life show on Kijoolu's face. But since World Concern began working in Olkinyei, she says she has hope that things will soon be much better and the strength to keep going.



"I know that God is all able. He is the one I look up to, and I know at one time, our village is not going to be the same." - Kijoolu

Kijoolu must carry a 50lb water jug on her back to her family each day. She also carried sick children 10km to the nearest hospital.

ABOUT WORLD CONCERN

World Concern is a Christian global relief and development organization. With our supporters, our faith compels us to extend life-saving help and opportunity to people facing the most profound human challenges of extreme poverty. At World Concern, the solutions we offer, the work we do—with your help—creates lasting, sustainable change. Lasting change that provides lasting hope.

Our areas of expertise include disaster response, clean water, education, food security, child protection, microfinance and health. For more information about our work, please visit worldconcern.org.

ABOUT KENYA

Population / 40,046,566

Life expectancy / 59 years

Infant mortality rate / 53 deaths per 1,000 live births

HIV/AIDS prevalence / 1.2 million

Religions / Protestant 45%, Roman Catholic 33%, Muslim 10%, indigenous beliefs 10%, other 2%

Literacy rate / 85%

Population below poverty line / 50%

Unemployment rate / 40%

Average income / \$720 per year

Sources: CIA World Factbook