



Kenya



Introduction to KENYA

THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA is the crossroads of Africa, boasting vibrant tribal culture and modern, urban cities. This nation is home to a diverse population amid an equally diverse natural landscape. Having gained independence in 1963, Kenya has since become a popular tourist destination famous for wildlife safaris. However, it is also known for street crime and tainted elections.

The KENYAN people

Total population:	39,002,772
Children under 15:	16,482,291
Average Life Expectancy:	57.86 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,600
% children in primary school:	86.29%
Average years of education:	10 years
Literacy rate:	85.1%
Internet users:	3.36 million
Cell phones in use:	16.234 million
Major/official language(s):	English, Kiswahili, Indigenous

Risk issues impacting children:

- More than half a million people in drought-affected districts need emergency water supplies.
- An estimated 10,000 to 30,000 children have been caught up in the commercial sex trade. Many children resort to prostitution as a way to support themselves after fleeing violence in their homes.
- Female genital mutilation remains commonplace.

More about KENYA

Capital city:	Nairobi
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	580,367
General terrain:	Varies from tropical along the coast to arid in the interior
Major industries/jobs:	Small-scale consumer goods agricultural products, horticulture, oil refining
National motto:	"Let's work together"
Major airport(s):	Jomo Kenyatta International, Kilimanjaro

Reaching KENYA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 78%
Muslim	- 10%
Indigenous	- 10%
Other	- 2%

Christian groups:

Protestant	- 33.8%
Independent	- 26.8%
Roman Catholic	- 26.5%
Anglican	- 10.5%
Orthodox	- 2.3%

Unreached People Groups:	35 (5.2% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.086
Average annual baptisms:	1,095,394
Foreign missionaries:	6,300
Per million:	176.97
National Christian workers/pastors:	35,000
Per million:	983.18
Number of churches/congregations:	72,585

Children's ministry in KENYA

Overview: • In major urban centers, children's ministry is thriving. Many larger churches place a high value on ministry to children, and outside ministry are very common. • The vision for reaching children is enthusiastic and large, though many ministries focus on the same areas over and over. Organizations do not always work well together, making some ministries ineffective. • In tribal areas, organized, consistent children's ministry can be difficult to establish due to nomadic lifestyles and the diversity of languages spoken. • Storytelling is an important aspect of the culture; family beliefs are passed on in this way.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
72,585 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
16,482,291 children for Christ