KENYA

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Kenya lies on the equator, on Africa's east coast. It is famous for its stunning savannahs where tourists flock to see lions, giraffes, elephants, hippos and lots more animals. Most people live in the highlands which are also home to the capital Nairobi. To the West of Nairobi is the Great Rift Valley, a 6,400-kilometer tear in the Earth's crust. It is here that some of the earliest evidence of man's ancestors has been found. People have travelled and traded across Kenya for centuries. This has created a varied culture with many different ethnic groups and over 60 languages spoken. In recent years the country has suffered from long droughts, leaving lots of people homeless and hungry.

Capital
Nairobi

Area
580,367 sq km

Official language
English, Swahili

Climate
Tropical along the coast, arid (dry) plains and cool in the highlands.

Population
44,354,000

Population distribution
25% of Kenya's population live in urban areas

Money
1 Kenyan shilling = 100 Cents

Life expectancy
62 years (men)
65 years (women)

THE BIG ISSUES

Poverty

43% of people live in severe poverty.

Young People

26% of children aged 5-14 years are involved in child labour.

Education

Only **51%** of boys go to Secondary school, whilst for girls it is only **48%**.

Women's Rights

27% of women have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM).

Land & Food

16% of children under the age of five are underweight.

ActionAid in Kenya

ActionAid has been active in Kenya since 1974. We now work with over a million people in 16 districts to improve people's access to water, health services and education. In times of flooding and drought we distribute supplies and provide support for people who have to leave their homes. For more information visit: **http://po.st/AAKenya**

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