

Iramba District

Iramba is one of the 4 districts of the Singida Region of Tanzania. The population of Iramba is 236,282 (Tanzania National Census, 2012). The main economic activity of residents of the district is agriculture, with some livestock keeping.

Our Program in Iramba District focuses on 4 primary schools, namely: Kizega, Tutu, Lulumba and Igumo and 4 secondary schools, namely

Among the key problems that faced schools in Iramba at the start of the program in 2012 included lack of cooperation among school stakeholders, leading to poor trends in school development,

The key change we have noticed in Iramba is a shift of working relationships among school administrators, parents/community members, teachers and school committees. Effective school committees, made possible through training and support that HakiElimu offered has seen improvements in the readiness of parents to contribute towards school development. For example, At Kizega Primary School, parents have built a modern food store to prevent food wastage at the institution due to poor storage. This action has inspired similar steps at Tutu, Lulumba and Igumo primary schools.

In all the schools, School Committees worked with parents to improve their schools. At Kizega, parents raised funds to fabricate 98 new desks to deal with a persistent problem of inadequate desks in classrooms. At the school, and also at Lulumba and Igumo, school committees have established a poultry project to boost income needed for continuous school improvement. In all schools, parents worked together to make bricks and contribute money to purchase other items required for renovations or construction of required school facilities.

The Kizega School Committee also successfully built a partnership with an independent agency that sponsored the digging of a well close to the school compound to alleviate problems associated with water shortage.