

## **Kilosa District**

Kilosa is one of the 6 districts of the Morogoro Region of Tanzania. It has a population of 438,175 as per the 2012 National Census. The collapse of the sisal industry in Tanzania significantly affected residents as they mainly practiced sisal farming for

The district has 223 primary schools and 38 secondary schools. Of these, our program focuses on 8 schools: 4 Primary (Rudewa, Mvumi, Madoto and Mambegwa) and 4 Secondary (Chanzuru, Dendego, Kutukutu and Mazinyungu).

Among the changes we observed in 2014 in these schools include improved enrolment and attendance of pupils in all 4 primary schools: Rudewa (98%); Mvumi (89%); Mambegwa (77 %) and Madoto (77%). In all schools, there is also remarkable mastery of the 3Rs resulting from vibrant student clubs, more motivated teachers and improved access to learning and teaching resources.

Also, in all the schools, there is increased interest by parents to participate in school development activities. This is noticed by a reported increase in attendance at school meetings and contributions (labor, time and material) towards school improvement projects. For example, parents made contributions and renovated a classroom at Rudewa Primary School while at Mambegwa Primary School; they constructed one teacher's house and commenced building a second one. School Committees in all the schools are more effective and confident in exercising their duties.