

Serengeti District

Serengeti is one of the 5 districts that form the Mara Region of Tanzania. It has a population of 176,609 according to the 2012 National Census. Its residents mainly practice nomadic pastoralism and some farming. Tourism is also a major economic activity in the district as it is the home of the world-famous Serengeti National Park.

We work with 4 primary schools, namely Kambarage, Tamkeri, Mugumu B and Mbalibali.

Among the major problems affecting these schools at the time the program started included poor attendance due to a nomadic economic lifestyle and prevalence of FGM, which affects especially girls; low competencies in basic reading, writing and numeracy, poor access to learning materials, lack of adequate sanitation facilities, congestion in classrooms and poor school management and community participation among others.

Among the key changes resulting from HakiElimu's engagement in this district include improvements in community participation in developing their schools. This is seen in the strong collaboration among parents, School Committees and head teachers to deal with problems like constructing toilets and providing 107 desks for pupils at Kambarage, collaboration, with the support of HakiElimu to complete renovations of a pre-primary class and building of a community library at Mugumu B Primary School.