

Ukerewe District

Ukerewe is one of the 8 districts that make up the Mwanza Region of Tanzania. According to the 2012 National Census, Ukerewe has a population of 345,147. The major economic activities in Ukerewe are fishing and tourism.

Ukerewe District has 123 primary schools and 25 secondary schools. Out of these, HakiElimu works with 4 primary schools namely: Murutanga, Nansole, Buzegwe and Nkilizya and 4 secondary schools, namely: Bukanda, Namagondo, Bukindo and Bukongo.

Among the challenges affecting schools in Ukerewe identified in the 2012 baseline study include poor enrolment at pre-primary level, poor learning environment in schools due to poor state of facilities, poor community participation and ineffective School Committees.

We observed positive changes in all these above listed areas in 2014, with improvements in pre-primary enrolment and improved capacities and performance of trained School Committees. However political affiliations and differences among members of School Committees as well community members continued to spill into schools, hence impeding movements towards more effective relationships in the interest of schools and children.