



The Endo of Kenya

The Endo people are an agricultural group living in the Kerio valley of Kenya. Many of their houses are on the face of the escarpment above the valley floor. The area is fed by three small rivers from the mountains. Water is distributed by an intricate series of irrigation furrows, which is thought to be over 400 years old. These are cleared and maintained by the people throughout the year. Farming includes a wide variety of crops: millet, cow peas, corn, bananas, mangos and papaya. In addition, families keep sheep, goats and some cattle, although theft and raiding by other tribes in the valley keep those herds small.

When a man marries he will petition his clan elders to be assigned several plots of land, one a homestead on the escarpment of perhaps 100 feet by 100 feet, the others are farming plots of 2-5 acres down in the valley.

Marriage still follows an unusual ritual. Some are still arranged but more and more modern young people find one another. In either case the young man dons a special pair of leggings with many bells. He dances vigorously outside the hut of the maiden, who expresses complete surprise at the visit and feigns distaste for the young man involved. If she seriously does not wish to marry her suitor she may beg her father to not send her away. Inasmuch as the father has probably already negotiated and received the "bride price", which has increased his wealth substantially, these pleas are not often taken seriously.

Children are considered an asset on the farm and any teachings of family planning are strongly resisted. It is estimated that 12-14 pregnancies may be required to achieve 4-7 adolescent children.

The Endo are a people in crisis and desperately need a strong Christian faith and support. About 15 percent are nominally Christian. The people fight an uphill battle against the forces of civilization.

Primary Religion:

Tribal Religion

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

15%

Churches:

20

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

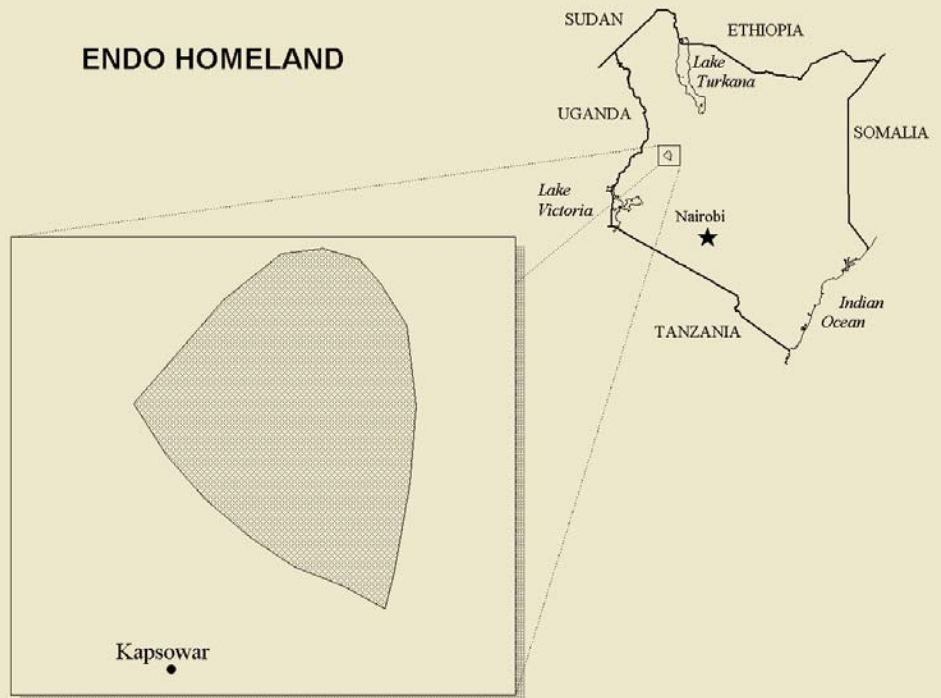
Portions

Population (date):

80,000 (1987)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	15	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	15%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	25	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	60	
Number Of Pastors	47	
Number Of Missionaries Working	10	
Number Of Communities	1	
Number Of Churches	20	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)		
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Yes	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	80,000	
World Population (Date)	1987	
Comment (World Population)	No urban percentage in Kerio Valley.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Kenya	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Rift Valley Province, Kerio Valley	
Country	Kenya	
Ecosystem Type	Semi-tropical	
Geological Type	Mountain Slopes	
Elevation	1,000-2,500 meters	
Climate	Moderate to Semi Arid	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	West central Kenya part of the Kelenjin area. For health and safety reasons, people live on the escarpment 5,000-8,000 feet above the Kerio valley floor.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Language)	Endo is orally spoken by 100% of Endo people, and over 80% are monolingual.	
Alternate Language Names	Endo-marakwet, Marakuwet, Markweta.	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Indifferent	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	SWAHILI	
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Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	The primary language of Endo is spoken by 100% of the population, the second language of Swahili and the third language of English is spoken by school children.	
Linguistically Related Languages	KALENJIN	
Comments (Related Languages)	Kalenjin subgroups such as Nandi, Keiyo, Tugen, Kipsigiis and Pokot.	
Neighboring Languages	KALENJIN	
Literacy		Group Description
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat receptive	
Active Literacy Program	No	
Comment (Literacy)	The Gospel of Mark and shell books have been published. There is a need for an active literacy program.	

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Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Average Annual Income	Very low	
Occupation	Farming, bee keeping	
Income Sources	Little cash income, trading with neighbors	
Products / Crafts	Rich in crafts and other artifacts	
Trade Partners	Endo mostly buy iron products, cloth or clothing, jerry cans, tea, sugar and basic staples.	
Modernization / Utilities	One phone booth is available to all residents; there are 8 private phones.	
Comment (Economy)	Communication is very difficult	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	There are only 3 hospitals in the entire area.	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Diet)	Varied diet.	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	Rivers; furrows/ditches are inadequate for irrigation.	
Shelter Description	Self made huts of stone and mud.	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Energy)	Wood and charcoal	
Clothing	Modified "western" dress; most women wear traditional dresses.	
Transportation	Very poor	
Infant Mortality Rate	Fairly low	
Life Expectancy	60-70 years old	
Leading Cause Of Death	Malaria	
Comment (Community Development)	Majority of the people have no access to modern health facilities.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	A family consists of a mother, a father, and children. There is little divorce. It is a male dominated society and the villages consist of related families/clans.	
Neighbor Relations	The relations within the group are good, and there is very little outside contact.	
Authority / Rule	Authority is held by the village elders in consensus. They allocate land and settle disputes. Government police are consulted only in cases of major and violent crimes.	
Social Habits/Groupings	They live in villages strung out along the escarpment. Each village belongs to one of 13 clans. Each clan is divided into 2 or more sections, 5 male and 5 female and by age sets. Marriages are ostensibly arranged by families, modern young people choose, then have parents negotiate bride price. Girls marry during teenage years and men during late twenties. Complicated rules govern who a man may choose to marry as determined by the age set. The choice must be approved by the clan elders.	
Cultural Change Pace	Medium	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Prestigious	
Judicial / Punishment System	Council of village elders. Punishments are usually in the form of fierce curses or fines of goats and beer. Release from these curses is very difficult to obtain.	
Celebrations	Celebrations take place when there is a good harvest, a wedding, or for a birth.	
Recreations	Hunting trips, wrestling, and other games.	
Art Forms		
Media	The is no media in the Endo language.	

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Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat receptive	
Attitude To Change	Somewhat receptive	
Comment (Culture)	Alcoholism is a problem in this group.	
Youth		Group Description
Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	Youth assist in all family farm activities.	
Youth Problems (Teens)	There is an over consumption of self made beer by men and women.	
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	Literacy program for illiterate members of the community to help improve their lifestyle	
Education		Group Description
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	40	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Swahili (specific)	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	Swahili (specific)	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	English	
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	English	
Comment (Education)	Some government schools are provided, but there is low attendance and few complete 12 levels.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Total Baptized	2,300	
Lay Leaders	60	
Christian Clinics/Hospitals	6	
Comment (Church Growth)	The Africa Inland Church and the Roman Catholic Anglican Church are working among this group.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	There are many ceremonies and a strong belief in curses and malevolent spirits. Religion includes many evil spirits or devils and is sincerely accepted. Ancestral spirits must be placated.	
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat receptive	
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Open	
Comment (Religion)	They are receptive to change	
Items For Prayer	Pray that the Gospel will make a genuine impact and overcome the drinking problems. Pray that the Churches in the valley will not act as rivals and fracture the church.	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
Year Began	1945	
By Whom	Roman Catholic Church	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Definite	
Available Scripture	None	
Missions and Churches		Status of Christianity
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church	
Number Of Adherents	6,000	
Organization Name	African Inland Mission	
Number Of Adherents	1,000	

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Item Name	Item Note
Organization Name	Bible Translation and Literacy
Main Ministry	Bible Translation
Organization Name	Church of the Province of Kenya (ANG)
Number Of Adherents	50

Christian Literature And Media Status

Status of Christianity

Literature Available	Some scripture portions have been published and distributed. Some have been consultant checked and are with the publishers. Mark's gospel is published and distributed. Acts is with the publishers.
Audio Recordings Available	Endo Christian Songs
Films Available	None
Radio Programs Available	None
Videos Available	None
Audio Visual Available	None