

# Fact Sheet

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## Kenya



Kenya is a land of great diversity. Its climate ranges from tropical on the Indian Ocean coast to arid in the interior highlands. While established as a republic in 1963, the nation's history is marked by much tension between the country's many ethnic groups. Kenya's economy relies on agriculture and tourism, and its main exports include flowers, fruit and vegetables, tea and coffee. Two decades of political turmoil and ethnic violence have stalled the growth of the nation's economy.

### Quick Facts:

Population: 33,829,590

Official languages: English and Swahili

Ethnic groups:

Kikuyu, 22%; Luhya, 14%; Luo, 13%;  
Kalenjin, 15%; Kamba, 11%; Kisii,  
6%; Ameru, 6%; Other African, 12%;  
Non-African, 1%

Life expectancy: 47.99 years

Population below poverty line: 50%



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# Mully Children's Family

The young people living on Nairobi's streets are the children of poverty. More than half of Kenya's families live below the poverty line, putting thousands of vulnerable young lives at risk. Children forfeit an opportunity for education when forced to work or beg to provide for income for their families. Other children on the street must fend for themselves and their siblings, having been orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

In 1989, Charles Mully—a former street child who became a self-made millionaire—and his wife Esther dedicated themselves to providing care and shelter for desperate street children. They sold their home and possessions to establish the Mully Family Home, which serves the needs of street children.

Since that time the Mully's and their staff have helped more than 350 children escape the street by teaching skills that help them find productive places in society. Now at four different locations, the Mully Family Home operates residential and community programs that care for young children up to age nine, teach vocational skills to girls and young mothers, provide formal education for older children age ten to teens and offer university level education.

At the Mully Family Home children find opportunity for a new life through:

- Formal education from preschool to university preparation
- Vocational training skills such as carpentry, agriculture, metalwork, building and construction, tailoring, and hair dressing
- Spiritual guidance through activities such as Bible clubs, choirs, and vacation Bible studies
- HIV/AIDS outreach to children, their families and their communities
- Recreation and sports programs
- Counseling and guidance programs
- Income generating programs such as horticulture, construction, and carpentry
- Street outreach programs that include feeding, games, medical care, clothing, and spiritual nourishment

The mission of the Mully Children's Family is to follow the example of Jesus Christ in assisting poor, displaced and orphaned street children. With Christ's love and power, their goal is to transform young lives and, through them, Kenyan society.

