

# KOGUTA LIBRARY KENYA

## ADDRESS

St Hyrine Preparatory  
P.O. BOX 40109-238  
Sondu,  
Kenya

## CLOSEST BIGGEST TOWN:

Closest bigger town to Sondu is Kisumu.

## HOW TO GET THERE

**From Nairobi:** Big buses which pass by Sondu leave Nairobi once a day. Alternatively, take a bus to Kisumu, which also passes by Sondu.

**From Kisumu:** take a small bus going to Sondu, get off at the petrol station/Market in Sondu. Then, get a motorcycle (*boda boda*) to go to Ndori village-Library/Mombasa house. The drive will take around 20min and costs around 150 KSh. Look out for the telephone tower, which looks like a small Eiffel tower, you should cross a bridge, after the bridge turn right. In front of you there will be a sign indicating the way to the Bookfeeding Public Library.

## LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

### Main contact:

Tina Kio - <https://www.facebook.com/tina.kio.7>

Yusuf - (+254)115141261 (use WhatsApp)

## LANGUAGES

English, Kiswahili, Luo

## VOLUNTEERS

YES - short and long term.

Accommodation is provided by Madam Tina Kio and her family, who own the library property. Volunteers will be expected to make a financial contribution towards food of approximately 10euros/week. Volunteers will teach English and basic IT skills, organize dance workshops, organise clean-ups, participate in light agriculture work, educate kids about reproductive and sexual health, library management,



## THE LIBRARY

The library in Koguta was built in 2015. Library is big, but mainly the bottom floor is being used. Library has enough books in English for all categories and ages. There are a number of books in Kiswahili.

The library is opened all day mainly by Madam Tino (owner of the property) and in her absence it is her sons Solomon or Yusuf who are responsible.

On occasions Madam Tina organizes reading session with the little ones. Lucky is tutoring younger kids and Peter is leading local football team, which is training nearby.

People tend to come and read/study/play inside. If someone wants to borrow a book, one of the 'responsibles' writes a record of it into a book and on membership card. Money from membership are used to pay for the electricity, paper and additional basic equipment of the library.

## THE COMMUNITY

This area is a poor region found in the hills on the brink of Lake Victoria. You can see the lake from the village. Most of the community members are farmers. Mostly farmed crops are maiz and bananas. Community is welcoming and full of young people. Many young girls get pregnant in an early age, because 'there is nothing else to do' and studying would be too expensive for the family. Young boys are therefore often the leaders and enthusiasts who are full of energy, ready to start new projects. We encourage volunteers to motivate mainly young men to participate and organize various activities because it also helps to fight alcoholism and drug addiction, which becomes often the consequence of life in a poor village with limited activities.