



You have the opportunity to make a difference in Sahel/Sub-Saharan Africa. Are you up for the challenge?

KISMAYU

(Somali)



“for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”

— 1 Corinthians 16:9 —



Kismayo is a port city in the southern Lower Juba provide of Somalia. It is the commercial capital of the autonomous Jubaland region. The city is situated 528km (328 miles) southwest of Mogadishu, near the mouth of the Jubba River, where the waters empty into the Somali Sea.

The city of Kismayo had a population of around 89,333 in 2005. It has pristine beaches surrounding along the coastline. It has several mosques and the Kismayo port that attract visitors.

Kismayo has a hot semi-arid climate. Weather is hot year-round, with seasonal monsoon winds and irregular rainfall with recurring droughts. The *gu* rains, also known as the Southwest Monsoons, begin in April and last until July producing significant fresh water and allowing lush vegetation to grow. The *gu* season is followed by the *xagaa* (hagaa) dry season.

Quick Facts

Population: 89,333

Progress: Unengaged and Unreached

Language: Somali and Arabic

Religion: Muslim



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February through April are the hot months. The temperatures reach around 35C-37C during this period. The weather from May to February is cooler. The temperatures will reach a maximum of 28C – 30C.

The region consists mainly of ethnic tribes the Marehan and Ogaden being the major ones. Jubaland has approximately 953,000 inhabitants and the total area of the region is approximately 110,300km. The people there make their living with farming and fishing. The region has many Islamic influences with Somali and Arabic as the official languages. The region consists of forests and wild animals that are roam around. The wildlife such as hyaenas and lions still run freely and can be seen at any time. The Kismayu port has container ships bustling in and out of port. Passenger ships frequent the port as well.

Thousands of former refugees have return to Kismayu in recent years, many from Kenya. This has created a significant struggle for them to find adequate shelter, food, health care and jobs. Some of the returnees are youth who now are high school graduates. This has created a significant vacuum in the job market, and young, educated people without purpose. Most have come back to nothing, complaining of a lack of essential services and jobs.

“I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

— Isaiah 43:19 —

Prayer Points

Kismayu has been a city of unrest, poverty, and political chaos for some time. Please pray for long-term workers who will be willing to find open doors for the people traumatized by the events of the past.

Pray for workers who are willing to help those returning to Somalia and are finding few, if any, opportunities for jobs, education, and meaning in their lives.

Pray for long-term workers who can teach and train in creative job skills, health care, low cost shelter building, water and sanitation.

Pray for those who will be able to work among those in fishing and farming communities.

And, that God would stir the hearts of the people of Kismayu and be ready to hear the Good News of Jesus.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Sahel/Sub-Saharan Africa?

Contact us.

We would love to help you get there!

