

KENNEDY MOMANYI BOSIRE



Brief Biography:

Kennedy Momanyi Bosire is an Engineer and civil servant working in Mombasa. He is instigator and Director of the Ekegusii Encyclopedia Projects, a Community based organisation dedicated to promoting the use and preservation of the Ekegusii language.

Ekegusii is the language of the Abagusii peoples of Kenya, and there is a danger that the world's increasing 'globalisation' will lead to its disappearance. Already it is a language spoken mainly by the middle-aged and elderly.

Kennedy is also author of a comprehensive Ekegusii-English dictionary, shortly to be published, and is a prominent 'language activist'. Most of his spare time for many years has been spent gathering materials for the dictionary; which has involved researching the memories and traditions of the Abagusii, mainly from tribe elders, and producing a clear written record. In 2009 he worked long hours preparing the dictionary for publication.

In 2008 Kennedy was invited with his project coordinator, Mrs. Gladys Machogu, to the University of California to attend training on language documentation. They also acted as language consultants to students of linguistics, some of whom are now studying Ekegusii at Masters and PhD level.

Kennedy has recently been helping to collect funds for the establishment of an archive of community artefacts.

For 2010 he has been invited to appear as a speaker on endangered languages at the University of Oregon.

Website: <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/suttonelms/ekegusii2.html>

Contact details: *cellphone* 254 722869311

Email: ekegusiencyclopedic.projects@yahoo.com