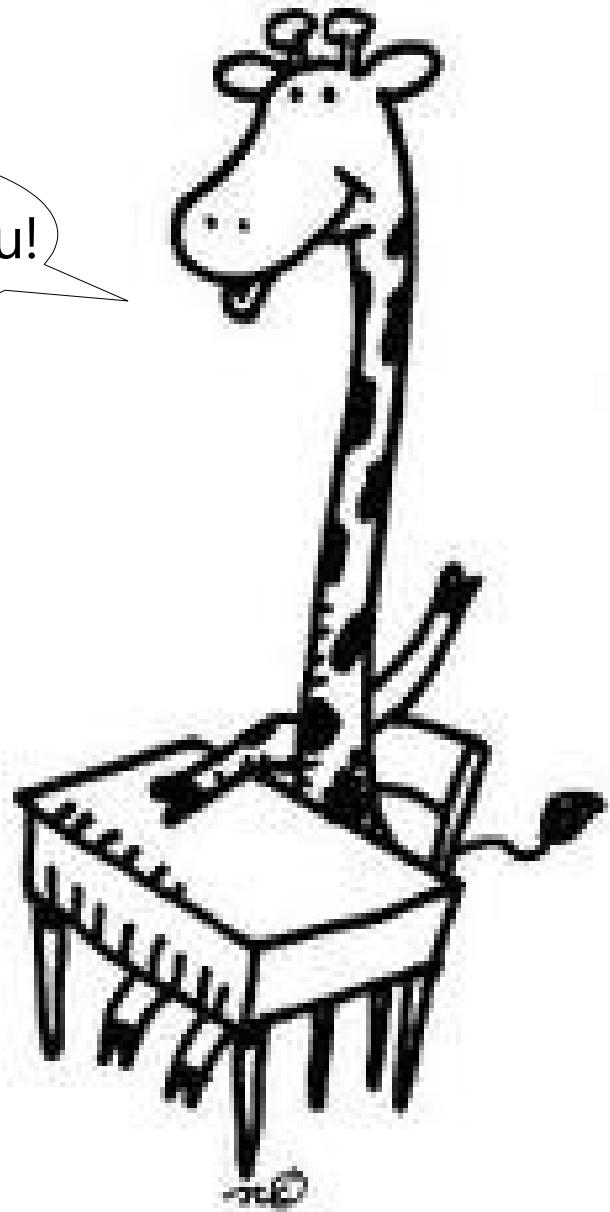


Jambo mzungu!



# Peace Corps Tribal Greetings Dictionary

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# KILIMANJARO/ARUSHA

## What to do

### Moshi

- All you can eat meat (Brazilian BBQ) near Gracier Pub (15,000/=) lamb/chicken/beef/pork served on swords!
- Granado Hotel downstairs 15,000tshs ½ hour massage and 30,000 for 1hr

### Arusha

- Japanese restaurant with great sushi
- Arusha Yaz's Mexican and Italian food (Great pork burritos!)

## Kipare

**Where:** Kipare is a widely used language throughout the Kilimanjaro region but it is primarily used in the Same and Mwanga Districts.

Washinjiadhe?  
Washindadhe?  
Urewedi?  
Habari ja chehemagheri?  
Chedi (yedi).

Habari za asubuhi?  
Habari za mchana?  
Habari yako?  
Habari za jioni?  
Nzuri/ Safi sana.

Emchecku!  
Evava!  
Eava!  
Eeapae!  
Wavuka mama!  
Navuka, mwanawavuka.

Shikamoo! (said 3x, man to woman)  
Shikamoo! (said 2x, man to a man)  
Marahaba (said by male elders)  
Shikamoo! (from girl to man)  
Shikamoo! (girl to woman)  
Marahaba. (said by female elders)

Niitangwa \_\_\_\_.  
Uitangwa-ani?  
Naidhihirwa kukumanya.

Jina langu ni \_\_\_\_.  
Jina lako ni nani?  
Nimefurahi kukufahamu.

Wefumiehi?  
Nefumie \_\_\_\_.  
Utongahi?  
Nitonga \_\_\_\_.

Umetoka wapi?  
Natoka \_\_\_\_.  
Unaenda wapi?  
Ninakwenda \_\_\_\_.

Iyee.  
Hai.

Ndiyo.  
Hapana.

Kio chedi.  
Natonga.  
Tunevonana.  
Havache.

Usiku mwema.  
Kwaheri.  
Tutaonana.  
Asante.

## Kichagga

**Where:** around Moshi

Shimboni  
Nashicha (nzuri)  
Haika  
Haikamai  
Haikambe

Habari yako?  
(Answer to Shimboni)  
Asante.  
Asante mama.  
Asante baba.

**See also:** Kiiraiqw or Kimburu (spoken Karatu district in Arusha)

## TANGA – Northern Tanzania

### What to do

- Lushoto – Lawn's hotel – good discount
- Tanga Raskazone Swim Club – swimming, good Indian

### Kisambaa

**Where:** Usambara Mountains, Tanga region

Wenukezeze!

Good morning!

Tizenuke (wedi)!	(Response)
Uhumwezeze! Tizahumwa (wedi)!	Good afternoon! (Response)
Ongamahundo? Niwedi!	Habari za kuamka? (Response)
Ongamshi! Niwedi!	Good day/evening! (Response)

## **DODOMA** – Central Tanzania

### **What to do**

- New Dodoma Hotel “Pool” and decent Chinese
- L'eone Africa – OK Pizza/Italian

### **Kigogo (Chigogo)**

**Where:** Manyoni district

Mbukwenye! Mbukwa!	Good morning! (Response)
Mihanyene! Misaa!	Good afternoon! (Response)
Masinuka! Welaa!	How did you wake up? Salaama! (Response)
Masweza? Msuaru?	Umeshindaje? Salaama! (Response)
Ngudiache? Ndigwa!	What have you eaten? Ugali!
Wanondo?	Watoto hawajambo?

Waswano!

Hawajambo.

Kubita hai?  
Ghubita \_\_\_\_\_.

Where are you going?  
I am going to \_\_\_\_\_.

Asande.

Asante.

## **SINGIDA** – Central Tanzania

### **What to do**

- Eat ice cream
- Eat bomb masala mishkaki next to the old posta
- Stand in awe outside of the best posta in TZ
- Flamingos on lake Singida (at certain times of the year)

### **Kinyaturu**

Habariki?  
Njija.  
Amocha?  
Aiyou  
Umufanga?  
Nimufanga.  
Waifiya?  
Naifiya

Hujambo?  
Sijambo.  
Hujambo? (men only)  
Sijambo. (men only))  
Mzima?  
Mzima.  
Umeamka salama?  
Salama.

Habari ya dio?  
Habari ya mumwi?  
Habari ya mpihdi?  
Njija.

Habari za asubuhi?  
Habari za mchana?  
Habari za jioni?  
Nzuri.

Gwhifoo!  
Wajifiya!

Tupo!  
Asante

## Kibarbaig

Ni Muchu?

Ni Muchu.

Seyu?

Opening greeting, Asubuhi only!

(Response)

How are you? (for Mchana or Jioni, or after Ni Muchu)

Seyu.

Gwain Hedang'

(Response)

How is your health? (After the Seyu greetings)

Kwashindaa

Gona bega laida.

Gona munung'wadedda.

Salama.

Naomba maji ya kunywa.

Nipe chakula.

Gegalieni.

Gilabeni.

Gilabieni.

Unaenda wapi? Where are you going?

Unatoka wapi? Where are you from?

Unatoka wapi? Where are you from?

Badischòda.

Awechanda (mü).

Gajero nyeno idu.

Asante.

Siku njema.

Let's meet later on, tutaonana baadaye

## MANYARA — Central Tanzania

### What to do

- Take a leisurely boat ride in Babati
- Take a not-so-leisurely hike to the top of Mt. Hanang (from Katesh)
- Look at dust (everywhere)

### Kiiraiqw or Kimburu

**Where:** Hanang Mbulu districts in Manyara and Karatu district (Arusha)

Saitaa.

Saiyu.

(First greeting)

(Response)

Idomaa.	(Second greeting if you see someone again)
Idori.	(Response)
Laugute	Good morning
Lautsindo.	Good evening
Tiho	Fine
Nas.	Asante.

Desi lawai!	Shikamoo Dada!
Baba lawai!	Shikamoo Baba!
Ako lawai!	Shikamoo Babu!
Ai lawai!	Shikamoo mama!

Umok a hema?	Unaitwa nani?
Umkee a ...	Ninaitwa...
Mile ale.	Continue, as you were saying
Fa'a iderr?	Is there ugali?
Fuk	Imeisha
Kiiraqw kugawit lowale.	Kiiraqw is a very difficult language
Khawé.	Njoo. ("Kh" sound comes from the back of the throat)
Xwera hhoa	Good night (x is pronounced like "kh" – think Darth Vader)

## **Kimaasai**

Sobai?	Hujambo?
Yaiba.	Sijambo.
Ayaa?	Mambo vipi?
Sidai na lei.	Salama.
Sidai tukuru!	Mzuka!
Unamwelemwele	Shagalabagala (or f-ed up)



# IRINGA – Southern Highlands

## What to do

- A lot of eating: burgers and milkshakes and french toast at Hasty Tasty, delivered pizzas at Ejs, goat meat at Stereo Bar or Miami Pub, anything at Neema's, including pretty reasonable bacon
- Hike up to Gangilonga Rock for a great view
- Take a tour at Neema's Crafts
- Drink espresso at the info center

## Kihehe

**Where:** Iringa region, Northern Mafundi district

Kamwene!  
Kamwene!

Hello  
Hello

Mnoge?  
Mnoge Yuve?  
Ndimnofu (hela).

How are you?  
How are YOU?  
I'm (just) fine.

Makasi?  
Mwa whi?  
Muwhe ndauli?  
Ndauli?  
Ale.

How's work?  
Za hapa?  
How's your day?  
Vipi?  
Good, fine, peaceful.

Vanoge kukaye?  
Vanofu (hela).

How're they at home?  
They're (just) fine.

Ndilumba.  
Twilumba.  
Twionaga.  
Twiwona.

Ninashukuru.  
Tunashukuru.  
Good bye.  
Good bye (for now).

**See also: Kibena in Njombe region, spoken in Southern Mafundi district**

# NJOMBE — Southern Highlands

## What to do

- See the nearby waterfalls during the rainy season
- Play squash at the Kibena Club
- Drink with kondas at the Stendi bar

## Kibena

**Where:** Southern Mufundi in Iringa, Njombe rural

Kamwene!

Hello!

Kamwene!

Hello! (Response)

Lamweekay yuve?

How are you?

Ongo

Fine

Wewuli?

Hello (2<sup>nd</sup> time in a day)

Wewuli (tena)

(Response)

Ma kasi? or Ma chengo?

How is your work?

Ongo or Hali

Good or Fine

Vanwow?

How is your family?

Howwow.

They all good.

Anagomwana?

How is your child?

Mmnofu.

They are good.

Wihelalawia?

Where are you going?

Indihelala\_\_\_\_\_.

I am going to\_\_\_\_\_.

Indihumilewia?

Where are you coming from?

Indihumile\_\_\_\_\_.

I am coming from\_\_\_\_\_.

Tuhongiche

Thanks.

## **Kipangwa**

**Where:** Ludewa district

Kamwene!

Kamwene!

Lamwike.

Lamkuve.

Ongo.

Cha fikono?

Cha leleo?

Cha saichi?

Cha honyumba?

Cha kazi?

Nofi.

Hello!

Hello!

Hujambo?

Sijambo?

Nzuri.

Za siku nyingi?

Za leo?

Za saa hizi?

Za nyumbani?

Za kazi?

Nzuri.

Cha wvana?

Vasima.

Watoto hawajambo?

Wazima.

Widalika.

Padebe.

Pole na kazi.

Kidogo.

Pambele.

Baadaye.

## **MBEYA** — Southern Highlands

### **What to do:**

- Utengule Hotel near town has awesome coffee, swimming pool, tennis, squash, pool, etc. and pizza on Sunday's
- Matema Beach – swimmable lake with a cheap guesti
- Metro Cuisine – pizza and try the creamy avocado burger
- Mbeya Hotel – OK Indian food
- Uhindini Soko – stocks cauliflouwer, broccoli, lettuce, mushrooms, etc.
- Ngozi crater lake – beautiful hiking!

## **Kinyakusa**

Utwā masiku?  
Utwarivunjuu?  
Utwambombo?  
Utwamkukaje?  
Ndaga .  
Figo.  
Ena.  
Olinkafu (ulinkafi).

How is the day?  
How is the morning?  
How is work?  
How is your house?  
Thank you.  
Very much.  
Very very good.  
Mzima/well.

## **Kinyiha**

Mwakata  
Wworeha  
Ena  
Tuombombo  
Mpozile  
Mwasalipa

How is...  
  
Very good  
-Tuinza  
-nansi  
Thank you.

## **Kimalila**

Za kuhaya?  
Mwa-DAHM-ila?  
Mwa-yata?  
Zinbombo  
Mwomba.  
Mwagona uli  
Zinsiku?  
Msheehey.  
Washeehay.

How's home?  
How did you wake up?  
Za kutembea?  
Za kazi?  
Hello (for 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the day)  
Hello (to sick person or family)  
Za siku?  
Mzima.  
Wazima?

Ninza.  
Tusheehewelve

Good.  
Fine.

Mwagona

Hey

Hey-yahhhh  
Asi.

Hey  
Pole.

Wafumahqui?  
Wa wa la quee?

Where are you coming from?  
Where are you going?

Mwa-sah-lipa

Thank you.

## Kisafwa

Mwagona.  
Mwaomba.  
Zimbombo.  
Nyinza.  
Essega.  
Endaga.  
Oshi a whii?  
Zsho shambwii?  
Zpasanya?  
Z(gh)hiya?

Hello (morning)  
Hello (afternoon)  
How is work?  
Good  
Karibu  
Thank you  
Where are you going?  
How is the morning?  
How is the afternoon?  
How is your home?

## **RUVUMA** – Southern Highlands

### What to do:

- Climb Mt. Matogoro just outside Songea town
- See the coffee hills in Mbinga
- Hike to Lake Nyasa from rural Mbinga
- Krista Park Fast Food in Songea– amazing cheeseburgers, pizza, yogurt,
- Peramiho Mission – cheese and sausage factory
- Supercafe – Indian food and delicious breakfast
- Meet random volunteers from all over in and and out

## Kiangoni

**Where:** Songea Rural

Habari za lukela?  
Habari za kuyumka?  
Habari za muhi?  
Habari za kuwela?

Uhumakoki?  
Nihuma ku mjini/shule.  
Uhambakoki?  
Nihamba kunyumba/ ku shuli.

Tionana chilau.  
Tionana baadaye.  
Ulichakulya?  
Ena.  
Bava zikom.

Za asubhi?  
Za kuamka?  
Za mchana?  
Habari za kushinda? (evening)

Unatoka wapi?  
Ninatoka mjini/shuleni.  
Unakwenda wapi?  
I am going home/ to school.

Tutaonana kesho.  
Tutaonana baadaye.  
Have you eaten?  
Ndiyo.  
Asante sana.

## Kimatengo

**Where:** Mbinga district

Jambo!

Hejambo!

Abari ja leleno?  
Ja masoba?  
Abari jukunyumba?  
Abari ja saa jeno?  
Inyai!  
Bana hajamwichi?  
Gujumwichi?  
Nyumwichi.

Guhumi kwa?

Jambo! (not the touristy kind, to greet adults only)  
Sijambo!

Habari za leo?  
Za siku?  
Habari za nyumbani?  
Habari ja saa hizi?  
Nzuri!  
Watato hawajambo?  
Mzima? (also Umeamkaje?)  
Mzima.

Unatokea wapi?

Huma kwa \_\_\_\_  
Gujendakwa?  
Nyenda kuna \_\_\_\_\_.

Twibonana Chilabo!

Ninatokea.  
Unaenda wapi?  
Ninaenda \_\_\_\_\_.

Tutaonana kesho!

## **MTWARA** — Deep South

### **What to do:**

- Mtwara town – fresh fish on the beach in Mtwara town, rent a sailboat outside of town
- Ndanda – printing press and safi water
- Newala – most out-of-the-way nice town of Mtwara, from here you can look right at Mozambique

### **Kimakonde**

**Where:** Mtwara region, primarily Mtwara Urban, Mtwara Rural, Tandahomba, and Newala districts. Also in Mozambique.

Ja iyamba?	Za asubuhi?
Ja muhi?	Za mchana?
Ja ambi?	Za saizi?
Ja nelo?	Za leo?
Ja chilo?	Za usiku.
Uchiduchi?	Unasemaje?
Madengo yawenaje?	Mambo yanaendeleaje?

## **LINDI** — Deep South

### **What to do**

- Kilwa Masoko – nice beach, you can get a guide to take you over to Kiswani on a dhow and see 700 year old remains of slave trade
- Snorkeling! And seafood abound
- Not speak any tribal languages!