

Why Invest in Kagera Region

Strategically located: - Kagera is directly bordering three countries: Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda. Kenya can also be directly reached through Lake Victoria. Similarly, Kagera region is a gateway to South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).



KAGERA REGION: BASIC FACTS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Districts of Kagera Region



Geographical Information

Kagera region is located at the extreme North-Western corner of Tanzania Mainland, lying just below the Equator between latitudes 1° 00' and 2° 45' South and longitudinally lying between 30° 25' and 32°40' East of Greenwich. The region has a surface area of about 3,568,600 ha or 4 percent of the Tanzania Mainland. The area of 10,173 ha, equivalent to 27%, is covered by the waters of Lakes Victoria, Ikimba, and Burigi and other 13 satellite lakes as well as rivers Kagera, Ngono, and others.

Population: - Kagera total population is 3,022,037 with (male 1,488,807 and female 1,533,230).

DRIVING DISTANCE FROM BUKOBA, KAGERA, TANZANIA TO THE SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA*

S/NO.	FROM	TO	COUNTRY	KILOMETERS
01.	Bukoba, Kagera, Tanzania	Kampala	Uganda	304
02.	Bukoba, Kagera, Tanzania	Bujumbura	Burundi	355.17
03.	Bukoba, Kagera, Tanzania	Kigali	Rwanda	462
04.	Bukoba, Kagera, Tanzania	Juba via Kampala Hwy	South Sudan	928.4
05.	Bukoba, Kagera, Tanzania	Goma via Kigali	DR Congo	617

*Obviously, these distances are shorter from the headquarters of the districts bordering respective countries

Transport Services in Kagera: -

- **Roads** are in good condition and are easily passable in all seasons.
- **Marine Transport:** Kagera has two major ports that connect the region to Mwanza, Kisumu, Kenya (354.13 Kms) and Port Bell, Uganda (313 Kms), and other Lake Victoria ports.
- **Air Transport: Bukoba Airport** whose runway is 2.5km, allowing small and medium-size planes to land and take off. There are four additional airstrips in Biharamulo, Karagwe, Misenyi and Ngora districts.



Market: -

Kagera is one of the five Lake Zone regions that constitute 27% of Tanzania's population (approximately 15 million out of 55 million). Due to its strategic geographical location, Kagera region is in proximity of the entire East African Community (EAC) market of population about 190 million. This implies that goods and services produced in Kagera Region have a potential market within the EAC region and beyond.



Electricity: -

The region is supplied with adequate electricity from both Ugandan grid and Tanzanian grid with three new projects in offing aiming at increasing the supply of electricity in the region. There two projects in construction, namely, NELSAP which will generate 80 MW to be shared by Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda; and Kyerwa-Kikagati with 14MW capacity to be equally shared by Tanzania and Uganda. The Kakono hydropower with 87 MW capacity is being designed to be constructed on Kagera River in Tanzania.

Telecommunication services:-

Kagera region enjoys high speed Internet connectivity, telephone services (both cellular and landline) and postal services.



Investment Opportunities in Kagera

(i) Agriculture:-

- Production of banana, beans, coffee.
- Irrigation of paddy, maize and horticultural crops.
- Tea farming.
- Avocado farming.
- Sugar cane production.
- Production of emerging crops such as chia seeds, cocoa and vanilla.



(ii) Livestock:-

- Feedlots production for livestock
- Veterinary clinics
- Construction of modern abattoirs
- Commercial rising of cattle (beef and dairy), goats, chicken, sheep, etc.
- Supply of livestock drugs

(iii) Industries:-

- Banana processing
- Juice making
- Cassava processing
- Meat processing
- Timber processing
- Skin and hides processing
- Cold chains
- Beans processing
- Milk processing
- Sugar production
- Fish processing
- Construction materials manufacturing
- ICT equipments manufacturing
- Publishing
- Pharmaceutical



(iv) Cross Border Trade:-

- Construction of modern border markets.
- Construction storage facilities.
- Logistical supports for cross border trade.



(v) Forestry:-

- Commercial tree estates
- Modern beehives design
- Beekeeping
- Honey processing.



(vi) Tourism:-

- Construction and management of hotels and campsites.
- Cultural and photographic tourism.
- Gaming.
- Tour operating companies.

(vii) Fishing:-

- Fish farming by cages and ponds
- Construction of fish processing industry.
- Commercial fishing in Lake Victoria and other 15 satellite lakes and rivers



(viii) Mining and Value Addition of Minerals

- Tin mineral extraction and processing.
- Nickel extraction and processing.
- Gold extraction and processing.



(ix) Social Services:-

- Education facilities (early education, primary and secondary education, vocational and higher education).
- Health services
- Logistics
- Financial services
- Transport

