

## Swaziland a Country in Crisis:

- Swaziland has a population fewer than one million people and is home to the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the world.
- In Swaziland over half of the general population is HIV positive.
- Children in Swaziland are being orphaned at an alarming rate, 10% of all households are being run by children.
- In Swaziland if you are 15 years old living you have a 6% chance of living to be 29 years old.

*Let the Children Come*



*Do Not Hinder Them*

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He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Mark 10:14

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*'El Shaddai School'*  
Partnership Program



**Feeding and Educating  
Children in Swaziland**

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## *'El Shaddai School'* *Swaziland Africa*

Individuals and organizations are being invited to join 'Compassionate Life' as we partner with 'El Shaddai School'.

The children who attend El Shaddai School are the most under-privileged children in the village of Ekufikeni. Many of the families in this village cannot afford to send their children to the local government schools.

Become a partner today and help these children receive the education they need. Your donations will help to pay for, school supplies, uniforms, food, building materials, and playground equipment.

This important work will help to assist 235 children and their families by giving them self-respect, hope for the future, a feeling of well-being and the knowledge that someone loves and cares for them.

*You must be the change  
You wish to see in the world.*

The smallest country in the Southern Hemisphere Swaziland is a landlocked independent Kingdom about the size of New Jersey. It's bordered on three sides by the Republic of South Africa with a 70 mile eastern border with Mozambique and is about 40 miles from the Indian Ocean.

The climate varies from tropical to near temperate. Drought is a major problem. The terrain is mostly mountains and hills; some moderately sloping plains. A good portion of the land is covered in rocks, boulders and tall green grass.

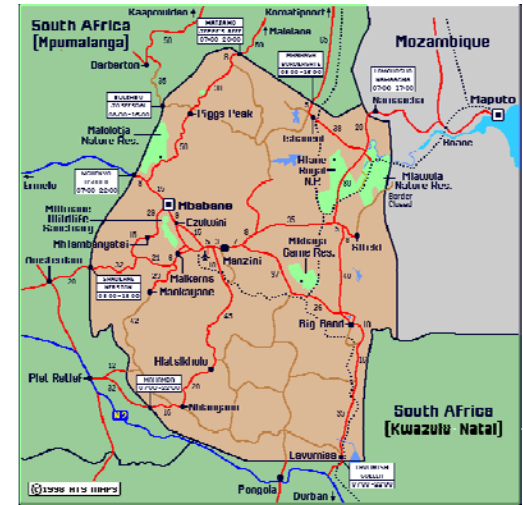
Farming is a way of life for the Swazi people. Most families grow maize as their main food source. Cattle, goat's, and chicken are an important part of every homestead.

The unemployment rate in Swaziland has reached an all time high of 50%. Many people struggle to find employment.

Swaziland's religions consist of 40% Zionist a blend of Christianity and ancestral worship, 20% Roman Catholic, 10% Muslim, and 30% of various other religions such as Methodist, Anglican, Bahia, Mormon, and Jewish.

Paying for an education is one of the biggest problems Swazi families face. The price of sending a child to school has doubled and many families must choose between sending their children to school and feeding their families.

Most Swazi people speak English and classes are generally taught in English. Siswati is the official language.



Most people living in the rural areas of Swaziland live in houses made of mud, rock and stick with thatched roofs. People living near the cities live in houses made of brick and cement with roofs made of corrugated metal.

Most rural villages have small trading stores. Larger clothing and grocery stores can be found in the cities. Water is carried from streams or springs sometimes a great distance. Some have access to running water. Electricity is available in many villages but most people live without because they cannot afford it.

The Swazi people eat one or two meals per day usually consisting of porridge for breakfast and maize and beans for dinner.

Life for the Swazi people consists of a constant struggle to have enough food. The need for cash to buy clothing, pay for school fees, uniforms and personal needs is always an issue.