

# VOA Broadcasting in Swahili

The VOA Swahili Service broadcasts to the east and central African nations of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and several pockets of Swahili-speaking communities in West and Southern Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. VOA Swahili programs air on medium wave and several FM affiliates in the region, reaching fifteen million listeners a week.

## Quick Facts

**Established:** May 1962

**Target Areas:** Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo

**Weekly audience:** 15 million

**Radio Programming:** 12 hours per week

**TV Programming:** 2 hrs, 50 min. per week

**Digital Programming:** 70 min. per week on average

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## Programs and Features

VOA's Swahili service airs four half-hour radio shows daily, Monday through Friday, and one half-hour on Saturday and Sunday, five-minute news breaks, 2 hours, 50 minutes of television programming weekly, as well as digital content. The service broadcasts news and features, complimented by stringer reports from the region on important international, regional, and U.S stories. It also broadcasts weekly segments on sports, women's issues, society and development, health, as well as programming of interest to younger audiences.

***Duniani Leo*** is a 30-minute daily news television show that reports on the most important stories of the day in the target region and the world. With reports from East Africa, Washington and VOA bureaus around the world, *Duniani Leo* delivers the latest news and analysis, along with regular segments on technology, sports, business news, and entertainment.

***VOA Express*** is a youth-oriented program that examines major social, cultural, security, youth and political issues in Kenya and the region, including American lifestyle, trends, and issues that concern mostly youth in the region.

***Kwa Undani (In-Depth)*** is a news talk show that takes a closer look at major news stories of the day. Instead of simply reporting the facts of the story, *Kwa Undani* digs deeper by asking further questions, getting more information and exploring implications. *Kwa Undani* talks to reporters from the region to provide more information on a given story as well as newsmakers to provide more context.

***Women's World*** airs every Tuesday with reports and interviews on various issues of interest to women. The program also highlights achievements made by women in the United States and the region.

***Zulia Jekundu (Red Carpet)*** is a 15-minute weekly program that covers the latest in celebrity news, fashion, sports, film and television around the world.

***Maisha na Afya*** Newly launched in January 2020, this is a 15-minute weekly show with an emphasis on prevention and practical solutions viewers in Africa can use to keep their families healthy. The show tackles issues such as maintaining good health during pregnancy, easy hygiene practices, fitness and healthy eating habits, as well as alert viewers to the latest breakthroughs in the health field. The show is also a platform for medical experts around the continent who are striving to make a real difference in the lives of individuals and positively impact communities.

***Live Talk*** is a popular and lively call-in program that allows listeners to participate in discussions with experts and newsmakers on different topics.