

WHV – Thimlich Ohinga

Thimlich Ohinga Archaeological Site, Kenya

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Situated north-west of the town of Migori, in the Lake Victoria region, this dry-stone walled settlement was probably built in the 16th century CE, and seems to have served as a fort for communities and livestock, but also defined social entities and relationships linked to lineage. It is an exceptional example of the tradition of massive dry-stone walled enclosures, typical of the first pastoral communities in the Lake Victoria Basin, which persisted from the 16th to the mid-20th century.

Project objectives:

The project aims to educate and inform the volunteers and the local communities on the needs to protect and conserve the site, and to promote inclusiveness and peace through providing opportunities for people to learn from each other's culture and heritage.

Project activities:

Under the supervision of the site manager, the volunteers will be involved in renovation and rehabilitation of the walls, along with the local community, following a technical training workshop on the art of brick laying and mortar placement. They will engage in awareness raising activities by supporting the organization of drawing and writing competitions around the theme of heritage and Thimlich Ohinga in schools, by distributing leaflets to the public and engaging them in the interviews.

Partners:

National Museums of Kenya, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO

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