

KWATOMBE UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

KISII FOLK SONG

CLASS: 272

SYNOPSIS

"Konde Seito" is a vital Kisii (Abagusii) communal folk song tradition performed by both men and women during major joyous celebrations like weddings, harvest festivals, child naming ceremonies, reunions, and peace resolutions; its core purpose is to amplify collective happiness, strengthen social bonds, express gratitude, and invoke blessings. Characterized by energetic call-and-response vocals (led by a soloist answered powerfully by the group), rich vocal harmonies, and inseparable synchronized dancing, these songs feature lyrics praising individuals, thanking God or ancestors, emphasizing unity ("Oboswetu"), wishing prosperity, and celebrating Kisii culture, ultimately serving as a profound ritual that reinforces social cohesion, sanctifies important occasions, transmits cultural values, connects generations, and generates an essential collective euphoria central to the event's success.