

Welcome to the witch doctor's. Bad spirits have no place here.

This is a place of healing. This is a home to many. This is a hidden world to most. Curiosity had brought me here and the warmth of its people made my staying an inevitable choice.

Here you will see a glimpse of lives hidden in a remote village in the heart of Tanzania. Acres of land have been owned for decades by Bibi, a Witch Doctor master said to have helped thousands heal from evil spirits and curses. Bibi died several years ago but has passed on her knowledge to the doctor now in residence, her grandson.

Sitting in a small mud-brick-hut, his doctor's office, he sees dozens of patients daily. Some are long-term residents. Using herbal medicine & procedures, his work involves repelling spirits that have been cast, and with that heal illnesses. An evil spirit is believed to take many forms in a person, from physical disabilities, to mental diseases to loss of fortune or luck.

Witch Doctors & their rituals have been one of the most controversial & long-standing practices in East & mid Africa. While outsiders might see it as regressive, witch doctors continue to hold great influence over communities in several African countries.

The following shows scenes of daily happenings of the community of this complex during my stay there. My first documentation of what will hopefully become a series of exploring ancient healing practices.