

Gen Jeremiah M. Kianga

Chief of the General Staff, Kenya Armed Forces



General Kianga was born 26 April 1950 in Makueni District in south eastern Kenya. He was educated in Machakos Secondary School until 1970.

On leaving school, he joined the Military in April 1971, and after two years Cadet training in Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, he was commissioned and posted to 5th Kenya Rifles as a Platoon Commander in 1973 where he performed regimental duty up to 1975.

GEN Kianga has been trained in Kenya, the United Kingdom, India and the United States of America where he obtained a Masters Degree in Military Arts and Science from Kansas University.

GEN Kianga served as a Directing Staff in Army Staff College, United Kingdom and Defence Staff College Kenya, Defence Advisor in Uganda and Chief of Military Intelligence at Defence Headquarters.

In December 1999, as Major General, he was appointed General Officer, Commanding Eastern Command; then Deputy Army Commander, and thereafter served as Assistant Chief of General Staff in charge of Personnel and Logistics at Defence Headquarters.

On 1st March 2003, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and appointed Commander Kenya Army, from where he has been promoted to full General and appointed Chief of the General Staff.

GEN Kianga is married to Christine Kianga and they have four children, a girl and three boys.