



Burundi



Introduction to BURUNDI

THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, a tiny country set between Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo, is experiencing tentative peace after a violent, ethnically-motivated civil war that ended in 2006. Volatile activity and extreme poverty still exist, though the nation is hoping to build on its pre-war ecological beauty.

The BURUNDIAN people

Total population:	8,988,091
Children under 15:	4,150,833
Average Life Expectancy:	52.09 years
Per capita annual income:	\$300
% children in primary school:	81.24%
Average years of education:	7 years
Literacy rate:	59.3%
Internet users:	65,000
Cell phones in use:	480,600
Major/official language(s):	Kirundi, French, Swahili

Risk issues impacting children:

- Civil war has increased poverty.
- Malaria, diarrhea, respiratory infections and the compounding effects of malnutrition are the main causes of mortality and morbidity among children.
- Lack of clean water and sanitary conditions are a reality for the majority of the population.

More about BURUNDI

Capital city:	Bujumbura
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	27,830
General terrain:	Hilly and mountainous, some plains
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, light consumer goods, assembly, public works construction, food processing
National motto:	"Unity, Work, Progress"
Major airport(s):	Bujumbura

Reaching BURUNDI

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 67%
- Indigenous - 23%
- Muslim - 10%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 63.5%
- Protestant - 14%
- Other - 12%
- Anglican - 8.3%
- Independent - 2.2%

Unreached People Groups:	3 (0.2% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.123
Average annual baptisms:	324,745
Foreign missionaries:	1,300
Per million:	165.42
National Christian workers/pastors:	8,000
Per million:	1,017.97
Number of churches/congregations:	11,633

Children's ministry in BURUNDI

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Burundi. The following information regards general children's ministry in East Africa, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:** • The vast number of children in the region presents both an opportunity and a challenge. There is still the need for many more workers to become involved as there are many serious challenges facing ministry to children.
- In tribal areas, organized, consistent children's ministry can be difficult due to nomadic lifestyles and language diversity.
 - As more church leaders see the importance of teaching children, there is more need for quality resources and training materials. Some larger churches place a high value on ministry to children, and outside ministry are very common.
 - Overall, children are still generally seen as unimportant to families and the church.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
11,633 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
4,150,833 children for Christ