



# Chad



## Introduction to CHAD

THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD is a nation on the edge. Rebel campaigns, border disputes with volatile neighbors, and political corruption have put the large, central African nation on the brink of disaster for years. Most citizens exist on subsistence farming, but recent efforts by foreign countries have been made to develop the country's oil reserves and improve Chad's economy.

## The CHADIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	10,329,208
<b>Children under 15:</b>	4,827,160
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	47.7 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$1,600
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	N/A*
<b>Average years of education:</b>	6 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	25.7%
<b>Internet users:</b>	130,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	1.809 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	

French  
Arabic  
Sara  
Others

## Risk issues impacting children:

- Lack of immunizations, internal displacement, poverty and HIV/AIDS all pose health risks to children.
- Refugees have infrequent aid, crowded conditions and malnutrition.

## More about CHAD

<b>Capital city:</b>	N'Djamena
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	1,284,000
<b>General terrain:</b>	Central plains, desert in the north, mountains in the northwest, southern lowlands
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Agriculture, oil, cotton, meatpacking
<b>National motto:</b>	"Unity, Work, Progress"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	N'Djamena

## Reaching CHAD

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

### Major religions:

Muslim - 53.1%  
Christian - 34.3%  
Animist - 7.3%  
Other/none - 5.3%

### Christian groups:

Protestant - 49.9%  
Roman Catholic - 24.8%  
Other - 16.9%  
Independent - 8.3%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	72 (54% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.125
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	164,570
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	790
<b>Per million:</b>	77.87
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	2,500
<b>Per million:</b>	246.41
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	4,700

## Children's ministry in CHAD

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

**Overview:** • Established churches tend to have an evangelistic heart towards children. Those in cities and towns have easier access to training for leaders, materials for outreach and other resources.

- Rural areas face more obstacles to children's ministry, including a lack of training for leaders, few resources in indigenous languages and lack of education. Syncretism is another obstacle for children's ministry workers.
- Civil war and political instability in some Central African nations put children at risk and make establishing organized, consistent ministry difficult. Travel into some of these nations by outside ministry groups is dangerous.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**4,700** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**4,827,160** children for Christ