



# Comoros



## Introduction to COMOROS

THE UNION OF COMOROS is a remote island chain east of Mozambique and west of Madagascar. Its political situation seems to be stabilizing after decades of innumerable coups, preceded by French colonization. The predominately Muslim nation is quite poor, and remains relatively untouched by tourism or industrialization.

## The COMORAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	752,438
<b>Children under 15:</b>	317,355
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	63.47 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$1,000
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	N/A*
<b>Average years of education:</b>	8 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	56.5%
<b>Internet users:</b>	23,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	42,000
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	

Arabic  
French  
Shikomoro

## Risk issues impacting children:

- Some 25% of all children under age 5 are underweight and 44% suffer from stunting.
- Children often contract severe diarrheal diseases from unsafe drinking water and poor sanitation.
- Low school enrollment, and lack of sanitary conditions in schools and toilets hamper the educational system.

## More about COMOROS

<b>Capital city:</b>	Moroni
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	2,235
<b>General terrain:</b>	Volcanic islands, steep mountains and low hills
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Fishing, tourism
<b>National motto:</b>	"Unity, Justice, Progress"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Moroni, Ivato, Dzaoudzi

## Reaching COMOROS

*Currently classified as World A: Unreached*

### Major religions:

- Sunni Muslim - 98%
- Christian - 2 %

### Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 67.2%
- Protestant - 17.4%
- Other - 13%
- Independent - 2.4%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	8 (99.5% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.034
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	114
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	40
<b>Per million:</b>	58.55
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	20
<b>Per million:</b>	29.28
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	10

## Children's ministry in COMOROS

**Overview:** • This predominantly Muslim nation has very few evangelical Christians, and nearly all of the population remains unreached.

- With few local leaders and outside ministry organizations, this little-known nation needs to experience a lot of Christian growth before children's ministry can become a priority

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**10** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**317,355** children for Christ