



Equatorial Guinea



Introduction to EQUATORIAL GUINEA

THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA, under Spanish rule until 1968, is comprised of a mainland segment and five islands off the Atlantic coast of Africa. The discovery of off-shore oil has improved Equatorial Guinea's economy, but for most of the country's poorer residents, the standard of living has yet to change.

The EQUATOGUINEAN people

Total population:	633,441
Children under 15:	265,131
Average Life Expectancy:	61.61 years
Per capita annual income:	\$37,300
% children in primary school:	67.08%
Average years of education:	10 years
Literacy rate:	87%
Internet users:	12,000
Cell phones in use:	346,000

Major/official language(s):

Spanish
French
Fang
Bubi

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Capital city:	Malabo
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	28,051
General terrain:	Coastal plains rise to interior hills; islands are volcanic
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum, fishing, sawmilling, natural gas
National motto:	"Unity, Peace, Justice"
Major airport(s):	Malabo

Reaching EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Roman Catholic
Pagan

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 88.3%
Other - 4.6%
Independent - 3.8%
Protestant - 3.4%

Unreached People Groups:	2 (2.5% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.041
Average annual baptisms:	16,231
Foreign missionaries:	320
Per million:	661.02
National Christian workers/pastors:	500
Per million:	1,032.85
Number of churches/congregations:	454

Children's ministry in EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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

Overview: • Children's ministry has been growing in some regions of West Africa, with many pastors coming to understand the importance of ministry to children as part of a church's role. In outlying areas and villages, a strategic focus on children is less common.

- Some nations in the region have strong Muslim or indigenous religious influences which present significant challenge to reaching and discipling children.
- Lack of finances, resources, and training continue to slow the growth of children's ministry in this area.
- There are a substantial number of outside teams doing ministry to children in this region.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
454 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
265,131 children for Christ