



Guinea

Introduction to GUINEA

THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA is a country of both celebrated music and dance, and increasing poverty and political corruption. Unstable conditions in the bordering West African nations of Sierra Leone and Liberia have spilled over into this small country as well. Despite the country's many natural resources – especially minerals – Guinea remains one of the poorest nations in the world.

The GUINEAN people

Total population:	10,057,975
Children under 15:	4,304,370
Average Life Expectancy:	57.09 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,100
% children in primary school:	73.64%
Average years of education:	8 years
Literacy rate:	29.5%
Internet users:	90,000
Cell phones in use:	2.6 million

Major/official language(s): French, Indigenous

Risk issues impacting children:

- Just over half the population has access to safe drinking water sources.
- HIV/AIDS has orphaned thousands of children. Children who are separated from their parents often become the victims of violence, abuse, exploitation or trafficking, or are recruited into militias.
- Female school enrolment rates lag significantly.

More about GUINEA

Capital city:	Konakry
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	245,857
General terrain:	Generally flat coastal plain with hilly interior
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, gold and diamond mining, assembly
National motto:	"Work, Justice, Solidarity"
Major airport(s):	Konakry-G'bessia International

Reaching GUINEA

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

- Muslim - 85%
- Christian - 8%
- Indigenous - 7%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 37.1%
- Other - 36.5%
- Protestant - 20.6%
- Independent - 5.3%
- Anglican - 0.5%

Unreached People Groups: 29 (85.6% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.05

Average annual baptisms: 22,680

Foreign missionaries: 110

Per million: 12.22

National Christian workers/pastors: 350

Per million: 38.88

Number of churches/congregations: 910

Children's ministry in GUINEA

Overview: Children's ministry has been growing in some regions of West Africa. Some churches in Guinea are giving space, resources and priority to work with children.

- Yet in many areas, children's ministry is limited in Guinea. Where it does exist, usually in the form of Sunday School, very little discipleship takes place.
- Christian adults, families, and church leaders still need to be motivated to recognize the importance of children to the church and as valuable for ministry.
- A substantial number of outside teams do ministry to children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
910 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
4,304,370 children for Christ