



Senegal



Introduction to SENEGAL

THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL, independent since 1959, has existed in its current state since 1989 after breaking off a failed union with The Gambia. Though relatively poor, Senegal has a history of stable government, international peacekeeping, and economic improvement – not to mention world-famous white sand beaches.

The SENEGALESE people

Total population:	13,711,597
Children under 15:	5,789,128
Average Life Expectancy:	59 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,600
% children in primary school:	71.92%
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	39.3%
Internet users:	1.02 million
Cell phones in use:	5.389 million
Major/official language(s):	French, Wolof, Pulaar, Jola
Risk issues impacting children:	

- Malaria, malnutrition, diarrheal diseases and acute respiratory infections claim the lives of many young children.
- Chronic food insecurity threatens the healthy growth of children.
- Traditional attitudes about gender roles persist.
- School completion rates, particularly among girls, remain low.

More about SENEGAL

Capital city:	Dakar
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	196,722
General terrain:	Generally low, rolling plains rising to foothills in the southeast
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture and fish processing, mining, petroleum
National motto:	"One people, one goal, one faith"
Major airport(s):	Dakar

Reaching SENEGAL

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

- Muslim - 94%
- Christian - 5%
- Indigenous - 1%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 94.1%
- Independent - 3.2%
- Protestant - 2.3%
- Other - 0.4%

Unreached People Groups:	27 (80.2% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.035
Average annual baptisms:	20,397
Foreign missionaries:	1,300
Per million:	110.45
National Christian workers/pastors:	800
Per million:	67.97
Number of churches/congregations:	351

Children's ministry in SENEGAL

- Overview:**
- There are a lot of ministries in Senegal focusing on the physical and social needs of children. Compassion ministries are a strength in this nation.
 - However, finding trained teachers in local churches with a vision for ministry to and with children is a struggle.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
351 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,789,128 children for Christ