



Seychelles



Introduction to SEYCHELLES

THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES, an archipelago of over 100 islands located northeast of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, has seen economic success based mainly on a thriving tourism industry. Independent from Britain since 1976, Seychelles invites visitors to enjoy its unending natural beauty.

The SEYCHELLOIS people

Total population:	87,476
Children under 15:	19,933
Average Life Expectancy:	73.02 years
Per capita annual income:	\$21,000
% children in primary school:	99.4%
Average years of education:	15 years
Literacy rate:	91.8%
Internet users:	32,000
Cell phones in use:	85,300
Major/official language(s):	

Creole
English
Others

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about SEYCHELLES

Capital city:	Victoria
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	455
General terrain:	Some granitic, rocky and hilly, others are coral flat elevated reefs
Major industries/jobs:	Fishing, tourism, food processing
National motto:	"The end crowns the work"
Major airport(s):	Seychelles International

Reaching SEYCHELLES

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 93.2%
Other/none	- 3.6%
Hindu	- 2.1%
Muslim	- 1.1%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 89.8%
Anglican	- 7.3%
Protestant	- 2.8%
Independent	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	3 (0.8% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.014
Average annual baptisms:	1,362
Foreign missionaries:	160
Per million:	1,870.65
National Christian workers/pastors:	70
Per million:	818.41
Number of churches/congregations:	46

Children's ministry in SEYCHELLES

Overview: • Despite a strong Christian (mostly Roman Catholic) presence on the islands, syncretism with mystical religions is common.

- Less-populated outer islands are isolated and difficult to reach with the gospel.
- Missionary and evangelical influence has grown slowly over the years, but is present nonetheless. There is a need for leaders to see outreach to children as essential to growth. Also, there is great need for committed workers to serve the current church.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
46 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
19,933 children for Christ