



Tunisia



Introduction to TUNISIA

THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC is an arid nation wedged between Algeria and Libya. Home to relative wealth and freedom, and a popular tourist destination, this Saharan country still shies away from fully embracing modernity. Tunisia is notable for allowing more rights for women than many other Arab nations.

The TUNISIAN people

Total population:	10,486,339
Children under 15:	2,377,034
Average Life Expectancy:	75.78 years
Per capita annual income:	\$7,900
% children in primary school:	95.05%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	74.3%
Internet users:	2.8 million
Cell phones in use:	8.569 million

Major/official language(s):

Arabic
French

Risk issues impacting children:

- Thousands of young children were left unprotected against Hib disease, which presents a serious threat to young children.
- Maternal mortality is high.

More about TUNISIA

Capital city:	Tunis
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	163,610
General terrain:	Mountains in north, dry central plain, semiarid south merges into Sahara
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum, mining, tourism, agriculture
National motto:	"Freedom, Order, and Justice"
Major airport(s):	Tunis

Reaching TUNISIA

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

Muslim - 98%
Christian - 1%
Other - 1%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 95.5%
Independent - 4.5%

Unreached People Groups: 15 (98.8% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: -0.01

Average annual baptisms: 267

Foreign missionaries: 210

Per million: 20.78

National Christian workers/pastors: 40

Per million: 3.96

Number of churches/congregations: 21

Children's ministry in TUNISIA

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

- Overview:**
- The nations of North Africa, almost exclusively Muslim, are some of the most unreached and closed countries on the planet. There is a great need to reach out to Muslim children and families.
 - Conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.
 - Nations closed to missionary activity may only have covert children's ministry opportunities, including significant radio and media exposure to the gospel.
 - A few leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct some children's ministry. Though there is some training available for children's leaders, there are far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
21 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
2,377,034 children for Christ