



Brunei



Introduction to BRUNEI

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM is comprised of two small segments of land on the northern coast of Borneo in Southeast Asia. Wealthy with oil reserves, the sultanate – which has been ruled by the same family for over 600 years – provides free health care and higher education for citizens.

The BRUNEIAN people

Total population:	388,190
Children under 15:	103,423
Average Life Expectancy:	75.74 years
Per capita annual income:	\$51,300
% children in primary school:	92.8%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	92.7%
Internet users:	217,000
Cell phones in use:	376,000

Major/official language(s):

Malay
English
Chinese

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about BRUNEI

Capital city:	Bandar Seri Begawan
Type of government:	Constitutional Sultanate
Square kilometers:	5,765
General terrain:	Flat coastal plain rises to mountains in east; hilly lowland in west
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum and refining, natural gas, construction
National motto:	"Always in service with God's guidance"
Major airport(s):	Bandar Seri Begawan

Reaching BRUNEI

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

Muslim - 67%
Buddhist - 13%
Christian - 10%
Other - 10%

Christian groups:

Protestant - 21.9%
Anglican - 21.6%
Other - 18.8%
Roman Catholic - 18.8%
Independent - 18.8%

Unreached People Groups: 8 (58% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.062

Average annual baptisms: 1,423

Foreign missionaries: 30

Per million: 80.25

National Christian workers/pastors: 40

Per million: 107

Number of churches/congregations: 43

Children's ministry in BRUNEI

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

Overview: • Children's leaders in Southeast Asia are passionate.

- People need training, tools, and empowerment to do effective ministry in this region. Tools need to be portable, as travel is difficult in many areas. Little training is currently available for children's leaders, especially in rural areas.
- Urban areas tend to be better-resourced and quality training may be available.
- In some Southeast Asian nations, religious activity is viewed with suspicion or banned altogether.
- Most children's workers are women.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
43 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
103,423 children for Christ