



# Egypt



## Introduction to EGYPT

THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, one of the ancient world's greatest empires, is now a country rich with archeological wonders. Located in Northern Africa but associated with the Middle East because of its Arab population, the country is a hub between Europe, Africa and the Middle East. A popular tourist destination, Egypt has the fastest growing population in the Arab world.

## The EGYPTIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	83,082,869
<b>Children under 15:</b>	26,089,378
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	72.12 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$5,800
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	95.75%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	N/A*
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	71.4%
<b>Internet users:</b>	11.414 million
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	41.272 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Arabic, English, French
<b>Risk issues impacting children:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-42% of rural households lack hygienic sanitation systems.</li> <li>-Many Egyptian girls and women have suffered from some form of female genital mutilation/cutting.</li> <li>-Children often endure violence, abuse and neglect.</li> </ul>

## More about EGYPT

<b>Capital city:</b>	Cairo
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	1,001,450
<b>General terrain:</b>	Vast desert plateau interrupted by the Nile valley and delta
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Textiles, food processing, construction, tourism
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan, Hurghada, Marsa Alam

## Reaching EGYPT

*Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached*

### Major religions:

Muslim	- 90%
Coptic	- 9%
Other Christian	- 1%

### Christian groups:

Orthodox/Coptic	- 90.3%
Protestant	- 6.3%
Roman Catholic	- 3.2%
Independent	- 0.2%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	23 (13.2% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.016
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	217,194
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	1,600
<b>Per million:</b>	21.96
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	5,000
<b>Per million:</b>	68.63
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	3,300

## Children's ministry in EGYPT

**Overview:** • Children's ministry in Egypt is a great need.

Because many adults believe children have less value, there is less emphasis on reaching them in ministry.

- Most Muslim communities remain unreached. Often, children's ministers do not always reach out to children who are from unreached communities.
- 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  
**3,300** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**26,089,378** children for Christ