



Oman



Introduction to OMAN

THE SULTANATE OF OMAN is a peaceful, oil-driven nation on the Arabian Peninsula. It is a country of vast, untouched desert and mountains. Retaining close ties with the United Kingdom throughout the past century, Oman has modernized significantly over recent decades.

The OMANI people

Total population:	3,418,085
Children under 15:	1,458,381
Average Life Expectancy:	74.16 years
Per capita annual income:	\$20,200
% children in primary school:	68.3%
Average years of education:	12 years
Literacy rate:	81.4%
Internet users:	465,000
Cell phones in use:	3.219 million

Major/official language(s):

Arabic
English
Baluchi
Urdu

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about OMAN

Capital city:	Muscat
Type of government:	Monarchy
Square kilometers:	309,500
General terrain:	Central desert plain, rugged mountains in north and south
Major industries/jobs:	Crude oil production and refining, natural gas
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Seeb International in Muscat

Reaching OMAN

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

Ibadhi Muslim - 75%
Other - 25%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 48%
Other - 31.5%
Protestant - 9.4%
Orthodox - 5.5%
Anglican - 5.5%

Unreached People Groups:	25 (76% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.086
Average annual baptisms:	1,114
Foreign missionaries:	40
Per million:	15.96
National Christian workers/pastors:	50
Per million:	19.94
Number of churches/congregations:	90

Children's ministry in OMAN

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Oman. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Middle East, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

Overview: • In more open countries, children's ministry can be vital, and churches, parents and para-church organizations see its importance.

- There tends to be far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.
- Most nations in the Middle East are predominantly Muslim, and 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.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
90 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
1,458,381 children for Christ