



Nauru



Introduction to NAURU

THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, one of the world's smallest countries, is a single island in the South Pacific. It was once wealthy due to phosphate mines that have since been shut down, leaving the nation in economic turmoil and dependent on foreign aid. The language of the Nauruans is unique, sharing no traceable roots with other languages spoken in the region.

The NAURUAN people

Total population:	14,019
Children under 15:	4,866
Average Life Expectancy:	64.2 years
Per capita annual income:	\$5,000
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	8 years
Literacy rate:	N/A*
Internet users:	N/A*
Cell phones in use:	1,500

Major/official language(s): Nauruan, English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics specific to this country. Below is children at risk information regarding many nations in this region, and all statements may not be directly applicable to this nation.

- Poverty forces many children to drop out of school because their parents can't afford school fees.
- Poverty, illiteracy, sexual exploitation of children and the prevalence of unsafe sex practices all contribute to difficult conditions for children, and create an environment ripe for contagious disease.
- High suicide rates, drug and alcohol addiction deteriorate many families.

More about NAURU

Capital city:	No official capital
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	21
General terrain:	Sandy beach rises to fertile ring around raised coral reefs with phosphate plateau in center
Major industries/jobs:	Phosphate mining, offshore banking, coconut products
National motto:	"God's will first"
Major airport(s):	Nauru International Airport

Reaching NAURU

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 79%
Other	- 14.1%
None	- 4.5%
Unspecified	- 2.4%

Christian groups:

Protestant	- 61.9%
Roman Catholic	- 30.7%
Other	- 4.1%
Anglican	- 3.3%

Unreached People Groups: 0 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.031

Average annual baptisms: 48

Foreign missionaries: 20

Per million: 1,978.04

National Christian workers/pastors: 10

Per million: 989.02

Number of churches/congregations: 32

Children's ministry in NAURU

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

- Overview:**
- Most inhabitants of the Pacific Islands are Christian and have some kind of established church.
 - Most nations and territories in the Pacific Islands are spread across thousands of kilometers. Therefore, it is difficult to uncover all pockets of children who still need Jesus.
 - Though larger, more populated islands are better resourced, thousands live in locales that are difficult to supply with training materials and resources. Many remote islands remain isolated to outside influence.
 - Animism and traditional religions still influence Christianity on some islands.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
32 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
4,866 children for Christ