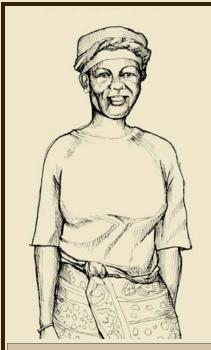
Profile Year: 1997
Language Name: Dhaiso
ISO Language Code: dhs



The Dhaiso of Tanzania

The Dhaiso live in the lush, tropical foothills of the Usambara Mountains in the northeastern corner of Tanzania. Most are farmers and are able to grow a wide variety of foods and spices such as cocoa beans, coconut, cassava, black pepper, and cinnamon. All of the Dhaiso are followers of the Muslim religion.

The Dhaiso are small in number and live peacefully in close proximity to many other people groups. A number have intermarried with people of other languages. Due to this need for a language of wider communication, the Dhaiso are very fluent in Swahili, the national language and the language of trade along the coast. They use Swahili almost to the exclusion of Dhaiso, their mother tongue. In fact for many, Swahili is their mother tongue. This is all to say that the Dhaiso are in the process of losing their original language and much of the accompanying culture and traditions. Their unique cultural identity is being lost.

Primary Religion:

Muslim

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

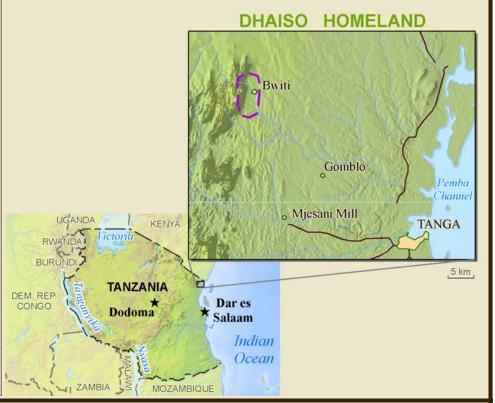
Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

29,000 (1987)





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Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Comment (Jesus As God & Only Savior)	Completely Unreached	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	100	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Influence of Islam	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	The Gospel would be understood in Swahili in whatever form of med	ia.
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Yes, cross-cultural missionaries are necessary because it is reported the neighboring churches and Christians are not reaching out to the Dhair	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	29,000	
World Population (Date)	1987	
Comment (World Population)	This figure is taken from the 1992 Ethnologue entry.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Tanzania	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The Dhaiso live at the foot of the Usambara Mountains on the north-Administratively, they belong to the Muheza District of the Tanga Renortheast corner of Tanzania.	east side.
Country	Tanzania	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Mountain Slopes	
Elevation	300 m (1000 ft)	
Longitude	W38	
Latitude	S4.7	
Climate	The mountains are so close to the coast that their climate is similar to region. Basically very warm and humid.	the coastal
Comments (Geography & Environment)	As explained later, there is also a geographically isolated group of Di- living on a 30 kilometer strip of land along the coast.	naiso (Segeju)
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Language)	The Dhaiso call themselves Daiso when speaking their own language Kiswahili, they refer to themselves as the Segeju. There is another gr people on the coast who call themselves Segeju in both their own lang Kiswahili. Reports from both peoples indicate that at one time they s language, but they have been isolated from each other for some time. variety has changed much more or perhaps it is being replaced by Kis	oup of related guage and in poke the same The coastal
Alternate Language Names	Daiso, Segeju, Sageju, Sengeju	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Indifferent	
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Almost all can speak Swahili fluently. In fact for a number of them, smother tongue. Several also say they can speak other neighboring lar or Sambaa.	
Linguistically Related Languages	KAMBA	
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Comments (Related Languages)	Ethnologue reports that it is 32% lexically similar to Digo. The coast surrounded by Digo, and they indicated that many of them also speak even mix it into their own language.	

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Comments (Related Languages) Nurse and Philippson (1980) group the inland Dhaiso with the Thagicu languages, and

they state, "For Daiso, phonological considerations would indicate its particular relatedness to Kamba, but this is not borne out by use of a 100 word list, where it shows a fairly constant relation to all the main Thagicu languages." (p.48)

Literacy Group Description

Active Literacy Program No

Comment (Literacy) No specific studies were done; there are schools in the area, and it seems that most of

the children attend.

Economics Group Description

Subsistence Type Agriculturalists

Occupation Farmers

Products / Crafts Black pepper, cassava, cocoa beans, coconuts, jack fruit, corn, coffee, cloves,

cardamon, cinnamon, lentils, and beans.

Modernization / Utilities The larger towns have stand pipes with running water, which are gravity fed from

springs in the mountains.

Comment (Economy) The coastal Segeju are fishermen. Some have gardens or grow small coconut groves.

Community Development Group Description

Diet (Quality) Good
Water (Quality) Good

Shelter Description Houses are similar to others in the region. The walls are commonly stick frames filled

with small rocks and covered over with mud. The roofs are either thatched or corrugated iron. Many homes have fenced courtyards or verandas for shade and

protection from the rain.

Clothing For men, trousers and shirts are common with Muslim hats. Some might also wear the

long Kanzu (the Islamic shirt-like dress). The women wear the African 'kanga', a cotton cloth wrap colorfully dyed. Many also wear western style dresses, skirts, and blouses. Although a Muslim society, the women do not generally wear veils or head

coverings.

Transportation Buses pass both locations frequently, and transport to Tanga is readily available.

Similarly, one can also catch a bus to Arusha, Kenya, or Dar es Salaam fairly easily.

Of course, the coastal Segeju also have boats.

Society & Culture Group Description

Neighbor Relations Good relationships. Lots of intermarrying.

Authority / Rule From observations, the children were not particularly obedient to their elders.

Cultural Change Pace Slow
Identification With National Culture Integrated
Self Image Threatened
Local Language Broadcasting None
Attitude To Outsiders Indifferent
Attitude To Change Indifferent

Comment (Culture) Their culture is basically Islamic. Much of their traditional heritage has been forgotten.

Youth Group Description

Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)

They help with the farming.

Education Group Description

Primary Schools 2
Primary School Enrollment 742
Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled 80
Teacher To Pupil Ratio 39

Language Of Instruction Early Years Swahili (specific)

Item Name	Item Note		
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	Swahili (specific)		
Comment (Education)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	wo inland schools, one was only 25% Dhaiso students, and the other was 75% students. Instead of these public schools, some children also attend an Islamic where they study the Quran.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity	
Comment (Church Growth)	The Dhaiso/Segeju are unreached. There are no known believers. At local pastor in a nearby town said that their are some Christians amon neighboring tribes, but none are Dhaiso. He further stated that their a currently trying to reach them.	g the	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity	
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat resistant		
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant		
Spiritual Climate And Openness	They are all Muslim		
Comment (Religion)	Many no longer learn their language, customs, and songs. They are a are losing their uniqueness and identity. Pray that the Lord will use to bring them to Himself.		
Recommended Approaches	Possibly some sort of service like recording their language and custor friendship evangelism.	ns combined with	
Current Needs	There is a felt need by a small portion of the people to preserve their to have it recorded and written down to show their grandchildren.	anguage, at least	
Items For Prayer	That Christians in neighboring people groups would be a living testin Gospel through changed lives and righteous living; that they would g their lost neighbors and reach out to them in love; that wise and sensi would be sent to work among them.	et a burden for	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity	
Comments (History of Christianity)	It's not known if there has ever been any Christian influence or evang Dhaiso or Segeju.	elism among the	
Scripture		Status of Christianity	
Translation Status	Bilingual		
Available Scripture	None		
Comment (Scripture)	There was no evidence of previous Christian witness among the Dhai they seem to be adequately bilingual in Kiswahili, it is possible that d Swahili Scriptures might work combined with relationships of friends	istribution of	
Christian Literature And Media Status		Status of Christianity	
Literature Available	A great deal of literature is available in Swahili. These would all be v	•	