

## The Asue Awyu of Indonesia

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There are at least 6,500 speakers of the Asue Awyu language. The people live southwest of Wildeman River and east of Kampong River in the south coast area, inland from Pirimapun in the province of Papua, Indonesia. Most of the villages are on the Kampong, Asue, and Emogon rivers at elevations of less than 100 meters above sea level. Considering their proximity to the coast and rivers, the people can be best visited by boat, but there is also an airstrip in Miaro.

The Asue Awyu primarily live by fishing, gardening, hunting, food gathering and eaglewood logging in their lightly wooded home area. The women primarily gather food and garden. The people eat fish, yams, sago, sago worms, pig, and vegetables. Their clothes are generally modern but rarely washed. For tools the Asue Awyu use knives, steel axes, and shovels. Log posts, with wooden floors, and plank or stem walls, generally form houses. They often also build and utilize a second hunting home.

The physical development in the area does not include roads, but there are three (3) SSB radios (in Eci, Kaibu, Homang) and a few individuals use personal generators to make electricity. The people get their drinking water (which they sometimes boil) from either a river or wells. There are some health workers in the area and eight (8) clinics, but there is a lack of medicines and equipment. Malaria, skin and lung diseases are common.

It is estimated that less than 50% of the Asue Awyu speakers have understood the gospel, but there is a Pentecostal church, ten (10) Bible fellowship churches and a number of Catholic churches in the area. The Asue Awyu people have the gospel of Mark on cassette, but no film or videos in their language.

**Primary Religion:**

Christian

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

**Churches:**

>12

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

One gospel on cassette

**Population (date):**

6,500 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Number Of Communities	There are more than three communities.	
Number Of Churches	>12	
Comment (Churches)	1 Pentecostal, 10 Bible fellowship and a number of Catholic	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	The Gospel of Mark on cassette	
Translation Medium	Audio	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	6,600	
World Population (Date)	2002	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Indonesia	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	South coast area, southwest of Wildeman River and east of Kampong River, inland from Pirimapun in the province of Papua Indonesia.	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	100 meters	
Longitude	139 degrees east	
Latitude	5 degrees south	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	Awyu, Asue	
Alternate Language Names	Miaro Awyu	
Alternate Language Names	PISA	
Corrections To Ethnologue Entry	Population should be 6,500 instead of 3,500.	
<b>Literacy</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Publications In Vernacular	There are a few written songs	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Modernization / Utilities	A few homes have electricity. There are three SSB radios.	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Health Care)	There are eight clinics but they are poorly stocked.	
Diet (Quality)	Poor	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	Well or river water.	
Shelter Description	Houses are generally formed by log posts, with wooden floors, and plank or stem walls. They often also build and utilize a second hunting home.	
Electricity	Some home have electricity supplied by personal generators.	
Clothing	The clothing people wear is generally modern but rarely washed.	
Transportation	Mainly by boat.	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>

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### Item Name

Celebrations

### Item Note

They enjoy dressing up traditionally with gourds and kasuari bird feathers to greet visitors. They also perform welcome dances with drums and arrows.

### Education

Secondary Schools

2

Language Of Instruction Later Years

Indonesian

Comment (Education)

Secondary schools are junior high schools.

### Group Description

### Church Growth

Reached Status

Evaluated

Reached Classification

Unevangelized

### Status of Christianity

### Scripture

Translation Status

Possible

Available Scripture

Portions

Form Of Scripture Available

Audio

Comment (Form of Scripture Available)

The Gospel of Mark

### Status of Christianity

### Missions and Churches

Organization Name

Roman Catholic Church

Organization Name

Bible Christian Fellowship

Number Of Congregations

10

Organization Name

Pentecostal

Number Of Congregations

1

### Status of Christianity