

The Assangori of Chad

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On the eastern border of Chad lives a people group characterized by rejection. Their very name, which means "send them far away," was given to them by the predominant Maba group. Not only does their past label them as rejected, but to many, the present does also.

Often, Assangori men cross the border into Sudan where they find good roads, education, industry, and developed communities. These are all things that the Assangori lack in their own area, and it leads them to question why they have been refused the luxuries that others have.

As a result, the Assangori experience a sense of hopelessness. Hours upon hours in the village are spent consuming millet beer as an escape from the responsibilities and challenges facing them. Although they say they want to see change and progress, they lack motivation to do something about it. The sting of the past and the pain of the present have marred the hope of a brighter future.

Only an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a demonstration of Christ's love to the Assangori will change their perspective. With Christians living among them to learn their ways, meet some of their needs, and give them a new outlook on life, the lives of the Assangori could be dramatically transformed. Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the Assangori for the Gospel, as well as raise up Christians who will be a part of this adventure. Also pray that soon the Assangori, who have endured much rejection, will understand true acceptance, as they experience the Father's unconditional love.

Primary Religion:

Islam

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

0%

Churches:

0

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Scripture

Population (date):

25,000



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	<0.1%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	100%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	0%	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	?	
Number Of Pastors	0	
Number Of Missionaries Working	1	
Number Of Communities	26	
Number Of Churches	0	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Translation Medium	None	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Illiteracy	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Gospel Recordings has a cassette in the language.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Medical missions, teachers, literacy workers, translators	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	38,500	
World Population (Date)	1993	
World Population (Urban Percent)	3	
Comment (World Population)	Another (unknown) source says world population is 60,000 with 45,000 in Chad in 1983. Is this including Tama?	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Chad	
Country Name	Sudan	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Quaddai Prefecture of Eastern Chad. They are primarily in the Adre sub-prefecture, south of Guereda and north of Massalit	
Country	Chad	
Ecosystem Type	Scrub Forest	
Geological Type	Mountains Mesa	
Elevation	1000 meters	
Longitude	22 degrees E	
Latitude	14 degrees N	
Climate	Hot and dry	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	SUNGOR	
Comment (Language)	In Chad it is listed in the Ethnologue as Assangori	
Alternate Language Names	ASSAGORI	
Alternate Language Names	ASSOUNGOR	
Dialects	GIRGA	
Dialects	SUNGOR	
Comments (Dialect)	Dialect situation is not clear	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Percent Monolingual (%)	0%	

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Second Languages	Arabic, Chadian Spoken	
Comment (Second Language)	Many speak at least some Chadian Arabic (spoken) in order to communicate at the market.	
Linguistically Related Languages	TAMA	
Neighboring Languages	MASALIT	
Comments (Neighbor Languages)	Comment on Second Language: All of the Assangori speak Chadian Arabic (spoken) at least with minimal ability, in order to communicate at the markets. However, only a very small percentage actually speak it with a moderate to high level of fluency and comprehension.	
Active Language Programs	No	
Language Stability	Stable	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	11%	
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat receptive	
Active Literacy Program	No	
Publications In Vernacular	None.	
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Comment (Literacy)	The literacy percentage presented (11%) is based on the national average in 2000 and is probably lower in villages.	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Average Annual Income	<\$450	
Occupation	Farmers	
Income Sources	Selling their products from farming	
Products / Crafts	millet	
Trade Partners	Arabs sell milk and meat to the Assangori	
Modernization / Utilities	GTZ runs cooperatives in the region.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Health Care)	There is a small dispensary in Molou, but the nearest well-stocked dispensary is in Adre, which is approximately 70 km away.	
Diet (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Diet)	They have millet and meat and can buy from a relatively limited source of vegetables from the market in Molou.	
Water (Quality)	Very good	
Comment (Water)	They have wells which supply clean potable water.	
Shelter Description	They live in round huts made of mud with straw roofs.	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Energy)	Nearest electricity is found in Abeche, 90 km away.	
Clothing	Men wear long robes called jalabiyas, and the women wear wrap around skirts called pagnes, usually with a fabric on top called a lafay.	
Transportation	Transport from villages to Abeche or Adre is somewhat reliable (weekly), but precarious and dangerous.	
Infant Mortality Rate	12.3	
Life Expectancy	47	
Leading Cause Of Death	intestinal infections	
Comment (Community Development)	Child mortality and life expectancy information is based on the national average in 1994. Intestinal and other infections are largely due to lack of sanitation.	

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Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	Extended family	
Neighbor Relations	good relationships with their neighbors, partially due to their religious ties.	
Authority / Rule	Village chiefs who are subservient to the canton chief (sultan) who resides in Molou.	
Social Habits/Groupings	no clan or caste system	
Cultural Change Pace	Medium	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Depressed	
Judicial / Punishment System	Village chiefs and their elders make appeals to the sultan.	
Celebrations	Islamic celebrations; no traditional celebrations observed.	
Recreations	socializing, listening to the radio, evening dances.	
Art Forms	none observed.	
Media	Chad national radio broadcasts from Abeche in French and Chadian Arabic.	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat resistant	
Attitude To Change	Somewhat receptive	
History Of People Group	Rejected in the past by the Maba, sent away.	
Comment (Culture)	There is a negative attitude toward the French people because of treatment by French soldiers during the colonial period. Because of this, outsiders would need to clarify their purposes in order to be well received. The Assangori seem somewhat receptive to change but it has been observed that getting them to work is difficult. They appear to lack motivation though would like to see things done.	
Youth		Group Description
Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	All help with farming and girls also help with childcare and housework.	
Youth Problems (Teens)	Premarital sexual activity and alcoholism	
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	A youth group program which provides group social activities would be beneficial.	
Education		Group Description
Primary Schools	3	
Primary School Enrollment	150	
Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled	25%	
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	1:50	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	French	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	French	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	French	
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	French	
Number Of Schools > 90% Homogeneous	2	
Comment (Education)	Basic education for all youth is necessary.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Evaluated	
Reached Classification	World A	
Total Baptized	0	
Lay Leaders	0	
Bible Schools	0	
Christian Clinics/Hospitals	1	
Christian Literacy Centers	0	

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Item Name	Item Note	
Comment (Church Growth)	SUM has established an orphanage for children of one-parent homes to aid in healthy growth from infancy. One WEC worker is targeting Assangori women.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Islamic ceremonies and practices	
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant	
Resistance / Receptivity	Their adhesion to Islam is strong and there are no Christians living among them.	
Religious Analogies & Bridges	Jesus as direct mediator between God and man; God referred to as Father. One God.	
Spiritual Climate And Openness	The commitment to and identification with Islam makes them resistant to religious change.	
Recommended Approaches	Living among the Assangori to help with development, education, literacy, or health care would provide opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ. Individuals working in these ways would have to be sensitive to barriers in sharing the Gospel openly.	
Current Needs	They are in need of medical missions, teachers, and literacy workers and translators.	
Items For Prayer	Pray that the Lord would begin working within the hearts of the Assangori that they might become more receptive to the Gospel. Also pray that their lack of motivation and their problem with alcohol would be dealt with so that work with outsiders is more effective. Also pray that the Lord will raise up individuals who will go to work among the Assangori and live a life that exemplifies the love of Christ.	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
Year Began	1975	
By Whom	Sudan United Mission	
Significant Events	The establishment of an orphanage in Abeche.	
Comments (History of Christianity)	Another branch of the orphanage has been built in Troane, and Assangori village.	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Definite	
Available Scripture	None	
Form Of Scripture Available	None	
Reason For Urgent Need Of Translation	No one knows Christ as their Savior.	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No	
Missions and Churches		Status of Christianity
Organization Name	SUM	
Organization Name	WEC International	
Christian Literature And Media Status		Status of Christianity
Literature Available	None.	
Audio Recordings Available	Gospel Recordings has a cassette in Assangori.	
Films Available	None.	
Radio Programs Available	None.	
Videos Available	None.	
Audio Visual Available	None.	