

Baangi

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**
Resources: **NONE**
Threat Level: **MEDIUM**
Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



SUMMARY

15,000 population, mixture of animism and Islam, remote locations, no known Christians, possible persecution for future believers

DETAILS

Who are they? The Baangi, also known as the Cibaangi, have an estimated population of 15,000 (some sources say as high as 20,000 or 30,000). Though some speak the Baangi language, many have adopted Hausa as their language to identify themselves

with the Hausa Islamic culture, which is predominant in many parts of West Africa.

What is their primary religion? African Traditional Religion is predominant, especially in the bush. In town there are many adherents to Islam.

Where are they? The Baangi can be found in the Northern Niger State in Nigeria. They are centered around Bangi town which is south of Bena.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are no known Baangi Christians. Two evangelical churches are located in Bangi town, but members of these churches belong to a different people group (the Dakarkari). No known evangelical organizations are currently targeting the Baangi.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group? None.

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church from the U.S.A. could begin targeting this people group. This church could work to partner with Nigerian Baptist churches that might be located a distance from this area.

What specific challenges or opportunities could directly affect the engagement of this people group?

- There is a lack of accessibility in the areas where the Baangi live, especially during rainy season (May-October).
- Teams would face remote and primitive living conditions.
- There are no known gospel resources in the Baangi language.

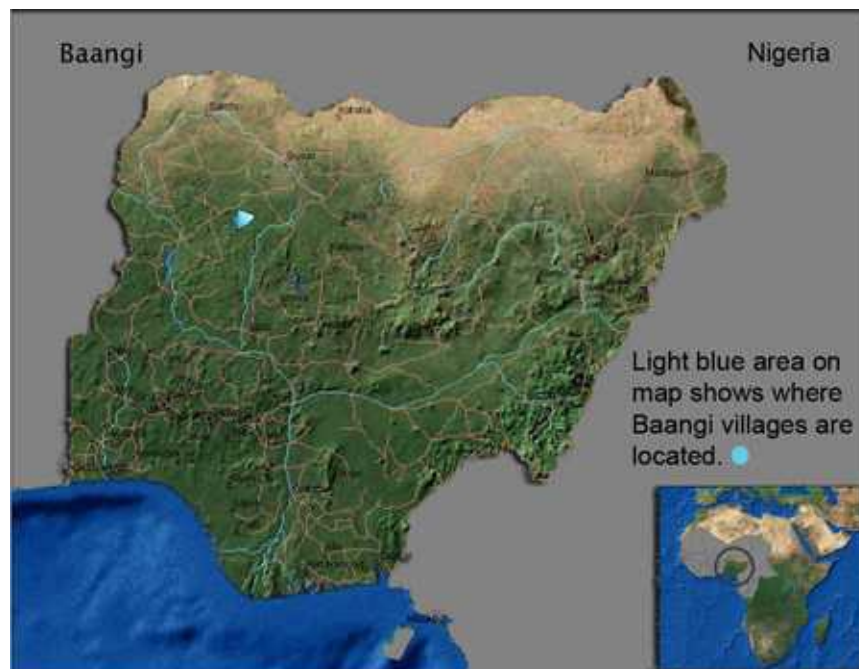
- Care would have to be taken to witness to those following Islam in a way that would not bring persecution to them. Because of the proximity to Zamfara State a more radical brand of Islam may be found.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Gospel resources are available in the Hausa language, which is widely spoken, particularly among those Baangi who live in town and have adopted Islam.

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