

# Dukawa

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**

Resources: **LIMITED**

Threat Level: **LOW**

Freedom: **UNRESTRICTED**



## SUMMARY

73,000 population, many Christians, excellent opportunities for leadership training and discipleship, partnership opportunity with Nigerian home missionary

## DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Dukawa (also known as Duka, Dukwa, Dukanci, Dukanchi, Hun-Saare) have an estimated population of 73,000.

**What is their primary religion?** African Traditional Religion (but Islam is gaining ground).

**Where are they?** Specific concentrations are located in Darangi, Rijau, Wasagu and Zuri in two Nigeria states, but Dukawa can also be found in several other villages.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** There are 1,500 to 2,000 Dukawa Christians, and approximately 40 congregations comprised primarily of Dukawa believers. A Nigerian Baptist home missionary is working among this group, as are several other evangelical groups.

**What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?**

- A gospel recording in the Dukawa language is available
- Some Bible translation work is being done

**Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group:** An Engaging Church could partner with the Baptist home missionary to work in church planting, discipleship, and leadership development. This is needed because of the openness to the Gospel at the present time and the influx of Islam. Nigerian Baptists could also partner with the home missionary to do the same.

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

- The area is remote.
- It would be important to work closely with the home missionary in order to avoid conflicts with other denominations working in the area. This home missionary is personally known by IMB missionaries. He is a person of very good character and would be a great person to work with.
- Hune, the language of the Dukawa, has several dialects. They are mostly illiterate so oral presentation of the Gospel would be important. Some will have adopted Hausa as

their language to identify themselves with the Hausa Islamic culture, which is predominant in many parts of West Africa.

**Specific Opportunities/Benefits:**

- The Dukawa are open to the gospel and have many believers already in place. These believers could be trained to evangelize their own people and eventually take over outreach work.

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