

Duwai

Nigeria

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



SUMMARY

13,000 population, mixture of animism and Islam, remote locations, no known Christians, possible persecution for future believers

DETAILS

Who are they? The Duwai have an estimated population of 13,000. Many Duwai speak Hausa but prefer their own language.

What is their primary religion? African

Traditional Religion is mixed with Islam among the Duwai.

Where are they? The Duwai can be found in the Dapchi Local Government Area of Yobe State, northeast of the town of Gashua.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are no known Duwai Christians. There are a few churches in the Duwai area, but they worship in the Hausa language. There are some Nigerian missionaries in the Duwai area, but they have had very little success.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group? Traditional church planting

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 a Nigerian Baptist church in Gashua. Evangelism and church planting would need to be done in the Duwai language.

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

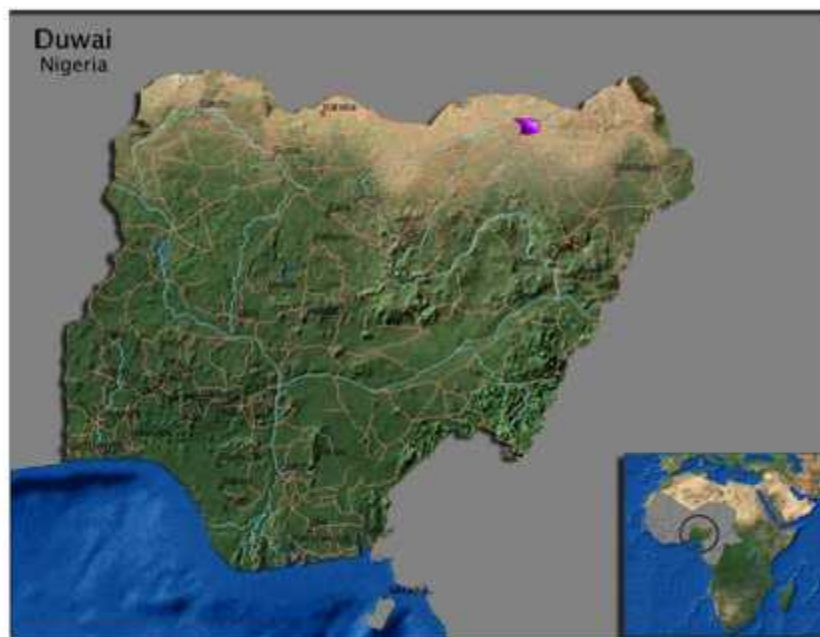
- Teams would face remote and primitive living conditions.
- Anyone targeting the Duwai would need to learn their language.
- Care would have to be taken to witness to those following Islam in a way that would not bring persecution to them.
- There are no Scripture portions in the Duwai language.
- An oral approach would be most successful.
- Hot, dry, arid climate most of the year.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- There is a Baptist Church in Gashua near the Duwai area
- Educated adults and young people may be bilingual in English.

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