

Gurmana

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**
Resources: **LIMITED**
Threat Level: **MEDIUM**
Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



SUMMARY

5,000 population, Islam, heavily influenced by the Hausa people group living in the area.

DETAILS

Who are they? The Gurmana have an estimated population of 5,000. They live in a remote area with no good road leading to their villages.

What is their primary religion? Islam

Where are they? The Gurmana can be found in Niger State in Nigeria. They are centered around Sofon Gari and Sabon Gari (Old Town and New Town). The new Gurmana is now the center of the Gurmana people.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are perhaps 50 Gurmana Christians. There is an evangelical church which has a few Gurmana in the congregation. There are no known evangelical organizations currently targeting the Gurmana.

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. There is a Nigerian Home Missionary working in the area, but he is targeting another people group. He would be a good resource and could be helpful in meeting Gurmana Christians.

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 Gurmana live, especially during rainy season (May-October).
- Teams would face remote and primitive living conditions.
- There are no known gospel resources in the Gurmana language.
- Presence of Islam presents an obstacle though there is currently openness to the Gospel. They have asked that the Jesus film be shown in their village.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Gospel resources are available in the Hausa language, which is widely spoken, particularly among those Gurmana.

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