

# Kupto

## Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**  
Resources: **NONE**  
Threat Level: **LOW**  
Freedom: **SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED**



### SUMMARY

3,000 population, Islamic, camping required, no resources, some freedom in sharing because strict Islamic law not present

### DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Kupto (also known as the Kutto) have an estimated population of 3,000. They are said to be fishermen.

**What is their primary religion?** Islam

**Where are they?** The Kupto live in two primary villages in the Gombe State of Nigeria. There is also the possibility of one or two villages in Borno State.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** There are no known Christians or churches among the Kupto. No known evangelical organizations are targeting this people group.

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

**Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group:** This people group is small but they have no access to the gospel at this time. They are located near the Magha and Bole people groups, which are larger and also unreached. A small Engaging Church could adopt the Kupto, or a large Engaging Church might want to adopt the three groups together.

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

- Because they are heavily Islamic, care must be taken in witnessing to them. Measures must be taken to avoid drawing persecution to those wanting to listen.
- No resources are available in the Kupto language, but Hausa is widely spoken in the area and many Hausa resources are available. Fulfulde is also spoken in the area.
- The Kupto language is said to be derived from Bole and Magha combined. Research could be done to see if the Kupto could understand resources in either of those languages.
- The area may be a bit difficult to reach in rainy season.
- Small hotels are available, but camping would be required of teams who actually want to stay among the Kupto.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- At this time Shari'a law (i.e. strict Islamic law) is not present in Gombe State, giving a bit more freedom to witness as far as government intervention.

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