

# Putai

## Nigeria

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



### SUMMARY

200,000 population, Islam, less than 30 known Christians, possible persecution for future believers

### DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Putai, also known as the West Marghi, have an estimated population of 200,000.

**What is their primary religion?** Islam is the predominant religion among the Putai.

**Where are they?** The Putai are found in Damboa Local Government in Borno State in northeastern Nigeria. There are more than 35 towns and villages made up primarily of Putai.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** There are less than 30 known Putai Christians. Two evangelical churches are located in the area, but members of these churches belong to a different people groups. No known evangelical organizations are currently targeting the Putai.

**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?**

- Teams would face remote living conditions.
- There are resources in the Kanuri language which could be used with the Putai
- Care would have to be taken to witness to those following Islam in a way that would not bring persecution to them.

### Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Gospel resources are available in the Kanuri language, which is widely spoken, particularly among those Putai who live in town and have adopted Islam.
- A Putai young man has had some pastoral training and would be a good resource.

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