

Bole

Nigeria

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



SUMMARY

140,000 population, Islamic, remote, camping required, estimated 10 Christians, some gospel recordings available

DETAILS

Who are they? The Bole (also called Bolewa) have an estimated population of 140,000.

What is their primary religion? Islam

Where are they? The Bole are located in Yobe, Bauchi and Gombe States in northern Nigeria.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are reported to be 2 believers in Yobe State in one village. In Gombe State there are 5 - 6 believers. There are no known churches that are made up primarily of Bole believers. Nigerian Baptists have a home missionary who is working among the Ngara, a sub-group of the Bole.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?

- Oral recordings of gospel messages
- A missionary in a village named Potiskum is working near the area where the Bole live
- There are resources in Hausa which might be used among some of the Bole who speak Hausa as well as their own language

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church can adopt the Bole and begin prayer for the area. They could also be involved in broad seed sowing of the Gospel, possibly working with a Nigerian Baptist church in the area.

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

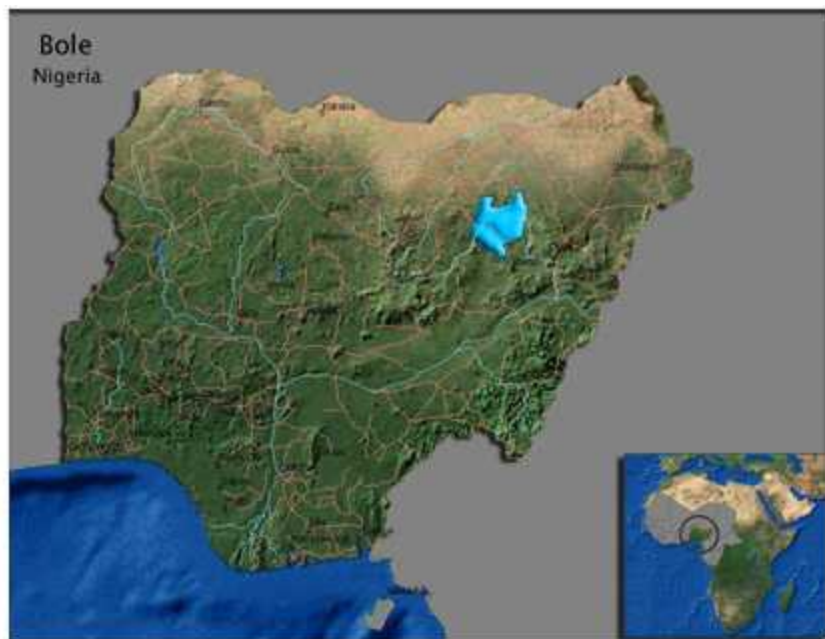
- The Bole pride themselves in being one of the first tribes to come to Islam
- Islam is both their tribal and family culture
- There is no Bible or Bible portions in the language
- The Bole do not tend to mix with other ethnic groups

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Some Bole have come to Christians in the area at night to ask questions
- There are a few Christians in the area, in particular, a home missionary with the Nigerian Baptists
- The Bole are an influential group in the area

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