

The Aghu of Indonesia

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There are at least 3000 speakers of the Aghu language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. They live primarily by fishing, gathering sago, hunting and logging eaglewood in the swampy lowlands of their area. With their land at an altitude of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Aghu people can best be visited by boat. Most villages are located along the Digul River.

The women primarily gather their food but they also garden a little. The clothing people wear is usually modern but rarely washed. The people eat fish, sago and vegetables. The Aghu use knives, axes, and shovels in their daily life. Wooden posts generally form houses. Walls are made of branch or boards and thatch or sheets of iron are used to form the roof. The people get their drinking water straight from the river, from wells or from rainwater. There is not much modern infrastructure in the area, but there are some generators and a community satellite TV. Malaria, cholera, and dysentery are common, but there really aren't any health clinics to take care of the people.

The Aghu are sometimes known as the Djair or Dyair people. They prefer to be called Dyair or Awyu. The Aghu people have no gospel cassettes or videos in their language. Sixty-five percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-five percent follow the tribal religion.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

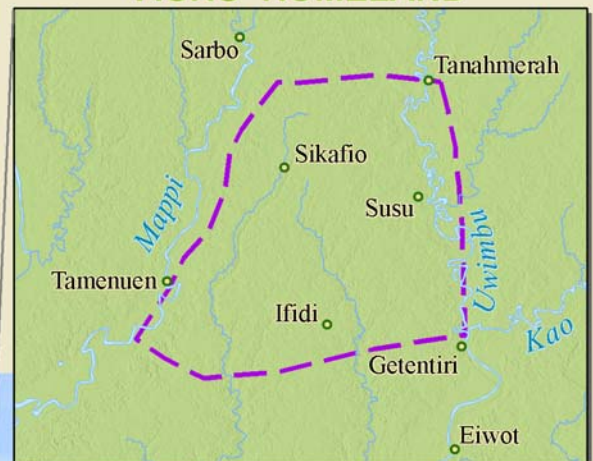
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Population (date):

3,000 (2002)



AGHU HOMELAND



10 km

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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

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| Call Themselves Christian (%) | >50% |
| Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%) | 35% |
| Is The Word Of God Translated? | No |

Population All Countries

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| World Population For This People | 3,000 |
| World Population (Date) | 2002 |

Countries Where People Group Lives

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| Country Name | Indonesia |
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Geography & Environment

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| Location | Within the province of Papua Indonesia |
| Ecosystem Type | Tropical Forest |
| Geological Type | Swampy |
| Elevation | <100 meters |
| Longitude | 140E |
| Latitude | 6S |

Economics

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| Subsistence Type | Agriculturalists |
| Subsistence Type | Fishers |
| Occupation | Fishing, gathering sago, hunting and logging eaglewood. |
| Income Sources | Occupation |

Community Development

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| Health Care (Quality) | None |
| Comment (Health Care) | There are no health clinics |
| Diet (Quality) | Fair |
| Comment (Diet) | The people eat fish, sago and vegetables. |
| Water (Quality) | Poor |
| Comment (Water) | Drinking water from the river, a well or rain. |
| Shelter Description | Houses are generally formed by wooden posts. Walls are made of branch stems or boards and thatched leaves or sheets of zinc is used to form the roof. |
| Clothing | The clothing people wear is usually modern but rarely washed. |
| Transportation | Boat |
| Comment (Community Development) | There are a few generators and a community satellite TV. |

Society & Culture

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| Local Language Broadcasting | None |
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Church Growth

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| Reached Status | Evaluated |
| Reached Classification | Unevangelized |

Religion & Response

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| Attitude To Christianity | Somewhat receptive |
| Comment (Attitude To Christianity) | 65% of the people claim to be Christian. |

Profile Summary

Group Description

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Status of Christianity

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| Item Name | Item Note | Status of Christianity |
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| Scripture | | |
| Translation Status | Possible | |
| Available Scripture | None | |
| Form Of Scripture Available | None | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings | No | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos | No | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio | No | |