

The Arifama-Miniafia of PNG

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Primary Religion:

Christian, Animism

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

12

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Bible portions (1990)

Population (date):

2,147



ARIFAMA-MINIAFIA HOMELAND



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Number Of Pastors	8	
Response To The Gospel	Rapid church growth	
Number Of Communities	20 - 25 villages	
Number Of Churches	12	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	YES - N.T. being revised for publication; Bible portions (1990) Only in Miniafia	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Sea travel only or rough walking trails	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Printed form only	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Papua New Guinea	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Country	Papua New Guinea	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest & mangrove swamp	
Geological Type	Islands, Volcanic	
Geological Type	Coastal and volcanic	
Elevation	0 - 200 METERS	
Longitude	140 E	
Latitude	9 Degrees S	
Climate	Tropical	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	Ecosystem also includes Mangrove Swamps	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	ARIFAMA-MINIAFIA	
Alternate Language Names	MINIAFIA-ARIFAMA	
Dialects	ARIFAMA, MINIAFIA	
Dialects	MINIAFIA	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Second Languages	ENGLISH, HIR-MOTU, MELANESIAN PIGIN	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	KORAFE	
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	ALSO, UBIR, & MAISIN	
Neighboring Languages	KORAFE	
Comments (Neighbor Languages)	ALSO UBIR & MAISIN	
Active Language Programs	YES - ONGOING TRANSLATION	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	30%	
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat receptive	
Active Literacy Program	Yes, ongoing translation	
Publications In Vernacular	only literacy plus scripture portions	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Average Annual Income	less than \$100	
Occupation	Subsistence agriculture	
Income Sources	Sell fish & vegetables at market, receiving gifts from relatives in the city	

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Item Name	Item Note
Products / Crafts	Make canoes, sell sleeping mats out of pandan leaves.
Trade Partners	Neighboring groups
Modernization / Utilities	Kerosene, cotton cloth, fish hooks, tobacco, speed boats
Comment (Economy)	An additional subsistence type is swidden agriculture

Community Development

Group Description

Health Care (Quality)	Poor
Diet (Quality)	Good
Water (Quality)	Good
Shelter Description	houses with thatched roofs
Electricity	no
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Good
Comment (Energy)	firewood
Clothing	western
Transportation	walking & canoes
Infant Mortality Rate	50%
Life Expectancy	50-55
Leading Cause Of Death	Malaria complications, TB, pneumonia

Society & Culture

Group Description

Family Structures	Patrilineal & extended
Neighbor Relations	Friendly but guarded
Authority / Rule	clan leaders
Social Habits/Groupings	clan
Cultural Change Pace	Slow
Identification With National Culture	Distinct
Self Image	Prestigious
Judicial / Punishment System	Sorcery, group censure
Celebrations	Church (Christmas, Easter), Saints Days
Recreations	Visiting, soccer, basketball
Art Forms	no
Local Language Broadcasting	None
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat receptive
Attitude To Change	Somewhat receptive

Youth

Group Description

Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	follow parents & mimic behavior of them
Youth Problems (Teens)	Petty theft, adoption of Western cultural forms
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	Improved training for rural life in the 21st century. Dissatisfied with home life.

Education

Group Description

Primary Schools	4
Language Of Instruction Early Years	English
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	English
Comment (Education)	English, but national policy of first 2 years is ARIFAMA-MINIAFIA. The Textbooks are in English, except literacy primers.

Church Growth

Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note
Total Baptized	100%
Lay Leaders	60 - 100
Bible Schools	1
Christian Clinics/Hospitals	3 SECULAR AID POSTS (GOVT RUN)
Christian Literacy Centers	1

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Very receptive
Attitude To Religious Change	Indifferent
Resistance / Receptivity	Very receptive
Religious Analogies & Bridges	They exist but have not been beneficial
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Open to new ideas, but not looking for a new spiritual experience.

Status of Christianity

History Of Christianity In Group

Year Began	1898
By Whom	Anglican
Significant Events	Started church & school

Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status	In Progress
Scripture Published When	1990 Portions were published; Genesis abridgement & Matthew
Scripture Use	Private use only
Reason For Urgent Need Of Translation	Because of lack of fluency in any other language

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Missions and Churches

Organization Name	Anglican
Comment (Organization)	Evangelism, Bible translation, literacy
Year Started	1898

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