

The Bendi of Congo (DRC)

Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	70%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	10%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	0%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	20%	
Comment (Pastors)	1 pastor or evangelist for every village	
Number Of Missionaries Working	5	
Comment (Number Of Missionaries)	In the last ten years there have been five missionaries working with them on and off	
Number Of Churches	3	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	They need some consultant help for checking their translation and need help in the publishing of books. The Anglican, Brethren, and Catholic Church and AIM are well established in the area.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	34,000	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Congo (Kinshasa)	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The Bendi live in the Northeast Democratic Republic of Congo, north of Bunia between the Shari river and the tropical rain forest.	
Country	Congo (Kinshasa)	
Ecosystem Type	Gallery Forest	
Geological Type	Mountain Slopes	
Elevation	1000 - 2000 meters	
Climate	Tropical	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	BENDI	
Alternate Language Names	Mabendi, Mabeni	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Percent Monolingual (%)	75%	
Second Languages	98%	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	SWAHILI, CONGO	
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	They also speak Bangala, Lese and Lendu.	
Linguistically Related Languages	LESE	
Comments (Related Languages)	They also speak Bangala, Lese and Lendu.	
Neighboring Languages	MANGBUTU	
Neighboring Languages	LESE	
Neighboring Languages	NDO	
Neighboring Languages	LENDU	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	40%	
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat resistant	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	

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Occupation	Farmers, Gold miners	
Income Sources	Agricultural produce, gold	
Trade Partners	The Lendu and the Hema	
Modernization / Utilities	Existing infrastructure disappearing	
Comment (Economy)	They are threatened by immigration because of the gold deposits in the area.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	Almost non-existent, one clinic	
Diet (Quality)	Good	
Water (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Water)	clean streams and springs	
Shelter Description	Adequate	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Energy)	Wood	
Clothing	Men wear western style clothes, women wear Zairen national dress	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	Family clan	
Neighbor Relations	Threatened by immigration because of gold deposits. Enemies of the Lendu and to a lesser extent the Lese.	
Authority / Rule	Traditional succession chief who are now no longer recognized as the government has taken over.	
Cultural Change Pace	Slow	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Threatened	
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat resistant	
Attitude To Change	Somewhat resistant	
Education		Group Description
Primary Schools	1	
Primary School Enrollment	700	
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	170	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat resistant	
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant	
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Hostile	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	In Progress	
Comment (Scripture)	There is a hymn book, but the grammar in it is poor. There are two folk tale transition reading books, leaflets on the prodigal son and the good Samaritan. There are also a few songs and sermons that are recorded.	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No	
Christian Literature And Media Status		Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note
Literature Available	none
Films Available	none
Videos Available	none