

## The Morom of Chad

The Morom live in the Guera region of Chad. Morom village was founded before the 12th century, according to tradition. There are 1,500 inhabitants of this village, and about 25 families living in mixed communities elsewhere in Chad. The Morom are subsistence farmers living in a dry, mountainous area. They have no modern amenities like running water or electricity. Men and women live segregated lives. The Morom are adherents of Islam and have been for centuries. There are churches in some of the surrounding communities, but none in the village of Morom. There is a primary school in the village which most children attend, though attendance is not regular. No one from the village receives more than a primary education. The closest hospital is about an hour away by vehicle.

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**Primary Religion:**

Islam

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

0%

**Churches:**

0

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

None

**Population (date):**

1,500 - 2,000 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Call Themselves Christian (%)	0%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	100%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	0%	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	0%	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	0%	
Number Of Pastors	0	
Number Of Missionaries Working	0	
Response To The Gospel	There is no evidence of them having heard the gospel. A previous survey team noted that the villagers were suspicious that they were there for church related reasons.	
Number Of Churches	0	
Comment (Churches)	No churches are planted among the Morom.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No.	
Translation Medium	None	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Low literacy rate, undeveloped language, Bible not available in a language which they understand well. There is a school in the community and most of the children attend, but not regularly.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	None	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Outside assistance will be required for any kind of evangelism in this community. Medical help would likely be well accepted. It is unlikely that they will be open to Christianity as they are Muslim.	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	1,700	
World Population (Date)	2002	
World Population (Urban Percent)	0%	
Comment (World Population)	This doesn't agree with the Ethnologue but this is the information the village leaders gave us after they checked their census information. They told us that there are 1500 in Morom village and about 25 families living elsewhere.	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Chad	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	Guera Prefecture	
Country	Chad	
Ecosystem Type	Savannas	
Geological Type	Plains	
Elevation	350 Meters	
Longitude	18 East	
Latitude	12 North	
Climate	Hot and Dry	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	BERNDE	
Comment (Language)	In the Ethnologue it is listed under Bernde, a name that the people do not use for themselves.	
Comment (Alternate Names)	None	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Second Languages	Most speak some Chad Arabic and Kenga - perhaps 100% of the men.	

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Comment (Second Language)	in order to communicate with neighboring groups they need to speak another language.	
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Other Mother Tongues include Bayo and Morbo.	
Comments (Related Languages)	Related languages include the Bayo and Morbo.	
Neighboring Languages	KENGA	
Comments (Neighbor Languages)	Bilala, Bayo, Morbo, and Chad Arabic are other neighboring languages.	
Active Language Programs	No	
<b>Literacy</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Adult Literacy Percentage	Low	
Literacy Attitude	Very receptive	
Active Literacy Program	None for adults.	
Publications In Vernacular	None	
Comment (Literacy)	They might be able to use Kenga literature.	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Occupation	Farming	
Income Sources	Farming	
Modernization / Utilities	None	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Shelter Description	Stick huts, mud huts	
Electricity	None.	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Energy)	The Morom use wood for fuel.	
Clothing	wrap-around skirts (Pagnes) and/or body veils (lafais) for the women, jalabyas for the men, some children dress in jalabyas and some in western clothing.	
Transportation	: donkey or market truck that pass through the village.	
Comment (Community Development)	The infant mortality rate and life expectancy are likely in keeping with the national rural averages.	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Neighbor Relations	Good	
Authority / Rule	Village chief and four quarter heads	
Self Image	Neutral	
Celebrations	Typical Muslim celebrations	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Comment (Attitude To Outsiders)	It is hard to judge the attitudes based on one survey visit. They were open to our being there, but it is impossible to say how they would accept someone moving into the area. They are not open to women.	
<b>Education</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Schools	1	
Comment (Primary School Enrollment)	Most children attend, though attendance is sporadic, and the school seems to function sporadically as well.	
Secondary Schools	0	
Secondary School Enrollment	No children from this group attend secondary school.	

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Teacher To Pupil Ratio	One teacher for the whole primary school.
Language Of Instruction Early Years	French
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	French
Number Of Schools > 90% Homogeneous	One
Comment (Education)	children from nearby villages may also attend this school, but what percentage is unknown (more than 90% homogeneous)

### Church Growth

### Status of Christianity

Comment (Church Growth)	This group has been Islamized for centuries. It is unknown to us if there have ever been any attempts at evangelization.
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### Religion & Response

### Status of Christianity

Attitude To Christianity	Very resistant
Comment (Attitude To Christianity)	Suspicious might better describe their attitude towards Christianity.
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant
Comment (Attitude Religious Change)	They are likely to be resistant as they are Muslims.
Religious Analogies & Bridges	Consider those analogies and bridges that would apply to Muslim groups.
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Not likely to be open
Comment (Religion)	They were very suspicious of the previous survey team's visit, that it might be church related. We were not confronted with these same suspicions on this trip. Whether that is due to a change in their attitudes, or an acceptance that the survey is not an attempt at conversion is not known.
Recommended Approaches	Literacy, medical, agriculture, veterinary.
Current Needs	Literacy, good water supply

### Scripture

### Status of Christianity

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No