

The Bobo Madare of West Africa

As a whole the Bobo Madare ethnic group is one of the largest in Burkina Faso, numbering 250,000. While there is a great mixing of dialects, the northern Bobo Madare region in general constitutes a distinct dialect group, and they understand the Southern dialect very poorly. In this northern region, the Bobo Madare number around 100,000. The Northern Bobo Madare occupy Burkina Faso's southwest region, though as many as 20,000 to 30,000 live across the border in southern Mali.

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Primary Religion:

Tribal Religion

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):

100,000 (1998)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	100000	
World Population (Date)	1998	
Comment (World Population)	There are northern Bobo Madare who occupy Burkina Faso and there are those that are in Southern Mali who number between 20,000 to 30,000 .	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Burkina Faso	
Country Name	Mali	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	They live in the Kossi province. Tansilla is the center, with the radius of about 25 Km.	
Country	Burkina Faso	
Elevation	400 to 500 meters.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Language)	The Bobo Fing call themselves Bobo and their language Boboda.	
Alternate Language Names	Bobo Fing, Bobo Fign, Bobo Fi, Black Bobo, Bobo.	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Somewhat receptive	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	JULA	
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Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Jula is used by most men with good proficiency, and some women for common topics and trade.	
Linguistically Related Languages	BOBO MADARE, SOUTHERN	
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Comments (Related Languages)	They understand Bobo Madare, Southern 20% to 30%	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Occupation	They look for jobs in different area like in Cote d'Ivoire.	
Income Sources	From the jobs that they get in the different countries.	
Products / Crafts	They grow millet, Sorghum, and peanuts and they also raise livestock as their means permit.	
Comment (Economy)	Both women and men play a part in raisin crops. In addition to field work, women are responsible for all the domestic work, including cooking, washing, childcare and drawing water. The major responsibility for the men in the dry season are construction in the court yard and the occasional trip to areas such as Cote d'Ivoire, where jobs are more common.	
Education		Group Description
Language Of Instruction Early Years	French	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	French	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Comment (Religion)	There are villages of Bobo Jula speakers of Bobo Madare who are fiercely Muslim. A small percentage of Northern Bobo Madare are Christian, with about a dozen Churches planted in their region.	
Items For Prayer	Pray that the Lord will raise up those who can preach the Gospel in the Northern Bobo Madare dialect, and that this witness bears fruit. A second request is that Roman Catholics will use the any translation materials, and that the truth of the Gospel may be clearly evident in their churches. Finally, pray for physical needs, such as more emphasis on education and better health care.	