

## The Northern Awyu of Indonesia

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There are at least 1,500 speakers of the Northern Awyu language living in their homeland in the province of Papua, Indonesia at an elevation below 100 meters above sea level. Though the people are river-dependent, the area is best accessed by airplane, because there is a Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) airplane base located in Boma on the language border.

The Northern Awyu primarily live by fishing, gathering sago, hunting, and eaglewood logging using knives, steel axes, bows and arrows, and shovels as tools. The women join in the work by gathering food, fishing, and gardening. The people eat fish, sago, and sago worms. Houses are usually framed with log posts having palm or cement floors and plank or tree stem walls. Roofs are made either of tin or interwoven leaves. Their clothing is generally modern, but rarely washed. The people also enjoy dressing traditionally with gourds and kasuari bird feathers to greet visitors, when they perform welcome dances with drums and arrows.

In terms of infrastructure, there is a SSB radio in Boma, some personal generators for electricity, and a community satellite TV. The people usually get their drinking water straight from the river or a well. There is a health clinic in Kouh.

There are a number of Catholic churches in the Northern Awyu region. The Evangelical Christian Church in Irian Jaya and Reformed congregation also have churches in the language area.

**Primary Religion:**

Christian

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

**Churches:**

>3

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

None

**Population (date):**

1,500 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Number Of Churches	>3	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	The Word of God is not translated. There is no Scripture in this language.	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	1,500	
World Population (Date)	2002	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Indonesia	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	They are located in Papua, Indonesia.	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	<100 meters.	
Longitude	140E	
Latitude	6S	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	Awyu, North	
Alternate Language Names	Dyair	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Modernization / Utilities	Community satellite TV	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	Fair	
Diet (Quality)	Poor	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Shelter Description	Houses are usually framed with log posts having palm or cement floors and plank or tree stem walls. Roofs are made either of tin or interwoven leaves.	
Electricity	Some personal generators.	
Clothing	The clothing people wear is generally modern but rarely washed.	
Transportation	Area accessed by floatplane.	
<b>Education</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Secondary Schools	1	
Comment (Education)	Secondary school is a junior high school.	
<b>Church Growth</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Reached Status	Adopted	
Reached Classification	Unevangelized	
<b>Scripture</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Translation Status	Possible	
Available Scripture	None	
<b>Missions and Churches</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church	

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Comment (Organization)

### Item Note

Reformed

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Evangelical Christian Church of Irian Jaya