

## The Foau of Indonesia

There are at least 230 speakers of the Foau language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. The Foau people raise sago and vegetables and some also hunt pigs and crocodiles in the swampy lowlands. At an elevation of 100-700 meters above sea level, the Foau people can best be reached by airplane. Neither junior high schools nor high schools are in the language area.

The Foau are sometimes known as the Doa people but they prefer to be called Foau. The Foau language is part of the East Lake Plain language family. The Foau people are descendents from the Koida, Abaruda, Guinis and possibly Kuani clans. Inter-marriage with Dabra, Baso, Taiyewe, Mander, Ures or Jagowa people is common. The Foau people usually wear modern clothing. The Foau peoples' diet consists of fish, corn, bananas, sweet potato, and sago. The Foau people use a variety of tools: machettes, axes, shovels, and crowbars. Houses are generally built on stilts with palm or sago frond flooring. The people get their drinking water straight from the river and only sometimes boil it. There are no health clinics in the area and transportation routes are not adequate.

The Foau people have no gospel cassettes, films, or videos in their language. There are two Evangelical Christian Churches in the language area. Sixty-five percent of the people are Christians while thirty-one percent follow the tribal religion. The remaining four percent claim no religion.

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**Primary Religion:**

Christian

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

65%

**Churches:**

2

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

No Scripture

**Population (date):**

230 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Call Themselves Christian (%)	65%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	65%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	31%	
Number Of Churches	2	
Comment (Churches)	There are two Evangelical Christian Churches of Irian Jaya in the language area.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	230	
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	The provooince of Papua Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	100-700m	
Longitude	139E	
Latitude	3S	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	Can best be accessed by airplane.	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	Foau	
Comment (Language)	The Foau language is part of the East Lake Plain language family.	
Comment (Language)	They prefer to be call Foau.	
Alternate Language Names	DOA	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Occupation	The Foau people raise sago and vegetables and some also hunt pigs and crocodiles in the swampy lowlands.	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	None	
Comment (Health Care)	There are no health clinics in the area.	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Diet)	Their diet consists of fish, corn, bananas, sweet potato, and sago.	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	The people get their drinking water straight from the river and only sometimes boil it.	
Shelter Description	Houses are usually built on stilts with palm or sago frond flooring.	
Clothing	They usually wear modern clothing.	
Transportation	Transportation routes are not adequate.	
Comment (Community Development)	They use a variety of tools: machetes, axes, shovels, and crowbars.	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>

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### Item Name

Neighbor Relations

History Of People Group

### Item Note

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### Education

Secondary Schools

No junior high schools nor high schools are in the language area.

### Group Description

### Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity

Somewhat receptive

### Status of Christianity

### Scripture

Translation Status

Possible

Available Scripture

None

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature

No

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings

No

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos

No

### Status of Christianity

### Missions and Churches

Organization Name

> UNLISTED Organization #1

UNLISTED Organization Name

Evangelical Christian Church

Number Of Adherents

150

Number Of Congregations

2

### Status of Christianity