

## The Abo of Cameroon

Abo Subdivision is situated to the north of both Dibombari and the Wouri estuary in the Littoral Province. Abo is bordered by the Mbo and Basaa language communities to the north, by Balong to the west, and by Duala to the south and east. French is the language of education, and the majority of Abo people speak it. The Duala language is also commonly used as a language of wider communication.

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The Abo people place high value on literacy. We estimate that at least 50% of the people are literate in a second language (French or Duala). The Abo (Bankon) language is as yet unwritten, but a newly formed Bankon Language Committee is working to develop an alphabet.

The Abo people enjoy relatively good socioeconomic conditions. A good number of Abo individuals have pursued higher education and moved to cities such as Yaounde, Douala, and various places in Europe and North America. The Abo people we met in the villages were well-dressed and appeared well-nourished. Many people live in solidly built Western-style houses.

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**Primary Religion:**

Christianity

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

5 - 80%

**Churches:**

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

None in Bankon

**Population (date):**

12,000 (2001)



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## Item Name

## Item Note

### Have They Heard The Gospel?

Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)

5 - 80%

Number Of Communities

38 villages

Is The Word Of God Translated?

No Scripture in the heart language of the people.

What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?

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## Profile Summary

### Population All Countries

World Population For This People

12,000

World Population (Date)

2001

## Group Description

### Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name

Cameroon

## Group Description

### Geography & Environment

Location

Abo Subdivision is situated to the north of both Dibombari and the Wouri estuary in the Littoral Province.

Country

Cameroon

Climate

Tropical

## Group Description

### Language & Linguistics

Attitude Towards Mother Tongue

Very receptive

Percent Monolingual (%)

10-50%

Second Languages

Abo is bordered by the Mbo and Basaa language communities to the north, by Balong to the west, and by Duala to the south and east.

Linguistically Related Languages

DUALA

Comments (Neighbor Languages)

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## Group Description

### Literacy

Adult Literacy Percentage

30-70%

Comment (Attitude to literacy)

Estimated Literacy Rate: >50% (French or Duala)

Literacy Attitude

Very receptive

Active Literacy Program

No

## Group Description

### Community Development

Diet (Quality)

Good

Water (Quality)

Good

Comment (Energy)

It is available

Clothing

Good

Transportation

Good Roads

## Group Description

### Church Growth

Comment (Church Growth)

The attitude towards Christianity is positive.

## Status of Christianity

### Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity

Very receptive

## Status of Christianity

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Items For Prayer

### Item Note

Ask God to bless the efforts of the Language Committee, that they will be effective in their efforts to develop the language in written form and promote mother-tongue literacy.

Pray that those wealthy Abo people who have moved away to big cities and other countries will have a burden on their hearts to invest in the lives of their people, improving the quality of life through language development and community development.

Pray that the Abo people will hunger and thirst for righteousness and will come to know Jesus personally through the Word of God.

### Missions and Churches

### Status of Christianity

Organization Name

Roman Catholic Church

Organization Name

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UNLISTED Organization Name

EEC

Comment (Organization)

The EEC (Evangelical) church is the largest denomination.

Organization Name

Baptist