

## The Dzodinka of Cameroon

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**Primary Religion:**

Animism

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

**Churches:**

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

Bible portions 1923-1932.

**Population (date):**

2,000 - 2,500 (1994)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	No road access. Linguistic distinctiveness. Small population.	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	2,000-2,500	
World Population (Date)	1994	
Comment (World Population)	Urban Percent: Minimal	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Cameroon	
Country Name	Nigeria	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	Village of Adere, extreme northern part of Nwa Subdivision, Donga-Mantung Subdivision, North West Province, one village. Also spoken in Nigeria.	
Country	Cameroon	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Language	DZODINKA	
Alternate Language Names	ARDERI	
Alternate Language Names	ADERE	
Alternate Language Names	ADIRI	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Comment (Second Language)	English, Pidgin English	
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Interpretation into the Mother Tongue is given orally in most church services, showing that in terms of the level of comprehension required for understanding spiritual and religious matters, there seems to be a clear, felt need for the use of the Mother Tongue.	
Comments (Related Languages)	Adere considers itself ethnically part of the Mfumte language community, but it is linguistically distinct from all other dialects spoken in that community. There is no mutual intelligibility with the other dialects. Neighbor Languages: Yamba, Limbum., Mbembe Only some of the older people know some Yamba, but generally speakers communicate with Yamba speakers using Pidgin, which indicates a low comprehension of Yamba. The number of those who understand Limbum is quite limited (only among older people or individuals who have had enough contact with Limbum speakers) and the majority of people understand little or no Limbum. Leaders from Adere stated that speakers from their village would use Pidgin English when communicating with them. The Adere elders stated that some old men understand Mbembe but cannot speak it. They also stated that other Adere speakers do not understand Mbembe speakers and communicate with them in Pidgin English. This is in contrast to ALCAM's assertion that Mbembe seems to be used as a second language by virtually everyone in Adere (Dieu and Renaud 1983:122)	
<b>Literacy</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Comment (Attitude to literacy)	The level of English comprehension is not very high.  Those interviewed said that they would like their children to learn to read and write in the Mother Tongue, and that they as adults would also be prepared to attend literacy classes in their own language.	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Comment (Health Care)	Local health centers and clinics	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Authority / Rule	Strong presence of middle-aged leadership	
Comment (Cultural Change Pace)	Changing community	
<b>Education</b>		<b>Group Description</b>

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Item Name	Item Note
Comment (Primary Schools)	Approximately 50%
Comment (Primary School Enrollment)	A smaller percentage continue on to secondary school
Language Of Instruction Early Years	English
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	English

### Scripture

### Status of Christianity

Available Scripture	Portions
Form Of Scripture Available	None
Comment (Form of Scripture Available)	The Bible is available in English and Cameroonian Pidgin. It is also interpreted orally.

### Missions and Churches

### Status of Christianity

Organization Name	Presbyterian Church of Cameroon
Comment (Number Of Adherents)	Smaller denomination
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church
Comment (Number Of Adherents)	Nominal presence
Organization Name	Cameroon Baptist Convention
Comment (Number Of Adherents)	Largest denomination