



Quick Facts

Population: 1,300,000

Guinea: 1,050,000

Sierra Leone: 140,000

Ivory Coast: 30,000

Senegal: 30,000

Religion: Sunni Muslims

Believers: 0.015%

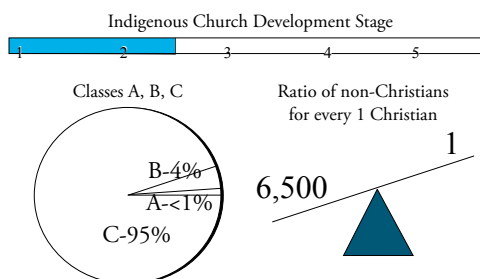
Scriptures: NT

Ministry Tools: JRGT

Church Status: 2

Mission Status: 2

MS Subgroups: 7+



Class A- Are members of a Culturally Relevant Church
 Class B- Have close access to a CRC, but have not yet joined
 Class C- Have no reasonable or close access to a CRC

Identity: The Susu are a northern Mande people, closely related to the Yalunka. They are the dominant people in the border region between Guinea and Sierra Leone, and thus have absorbed numerous smaller peoples over the centuries, which together form a larger collective often called the “Susu-speaking peoples.”

Lifestyle: The Susu engage in subsistence agriculture, growing mostly rice, as their staple grain. They also cultivate cassava, millet, peanuts and ginger, the latter being an important cash crop. Traditionally, much of their meat has come from hunting and fishing, and these activities are still important supplements to their diet. Susu men also engage in extensive trading, traveling across borders to take advantage of price-differentiation in commodities from one region to the next.

Customs: When a baby is born among the Susu, a member of the paternal

family will chew kola nuts and then spit them out. These must be fed to the baby before it can drink its mother’s milk. It is believed that by doing this the baby will desire food above milk, and will ease the weaning process. The baby will then be spoken to about the importance of obeying the elders and honoring God.

Religion: Conversion to Islam came about through the influence of the Muslim Mandinka which began settling among the Susu hundreds of years ago. Muslim religious leaders are known as *Karamokho*, and combine the roles of traditional healers, diviners, and herbalist with Muslim imam and teacher. In addition to making charms and fortune telling, they are able to identify and counteract the work of witches. Though contrary to Islam, they are permitted to have more than four wives.

Christian Outreach: The work of the Anglican church among the Susu

resulted in eight fellowships being established many years ago on a few offshore islands. Unfortunately, these churches have reverted to nominalism in their faith. New work among the mainland Susu is beginning to bear fruit, and four churches have been established.

How to Pray:

☞ The Jesus film has had an enormous impact among the Susu and has been viewed by the vast majority. Pray for effective follow up among those who showed interest in following Christ, and that discipleship groups would be established in every community where there are now believers.

☞ Pray for revival among the older Susu churches and for the training of strong indigenous leaders who will shepherd the emerging Susu churches on the mainland.

☞ Intercede for the seven agencies working among the Susu, that God would give them a spirit of unity, and lead them in cooperative efforts to fully disciple this receptive people.

☞ Pray for continued freedom in Guinea (the Muslim country where most Susu reside) to send missionaries and freely share the gospel.

**Every year 11,000
 Susu die
 without Christ.**