Rahanweyn in Somalia



The Rahanweyn are composed of two major sub-clans: the Digil and the Mirifle (or Rahawiin). The Somalis are not a unitary people group, but a group of broad clan federations divided by language and by clan conflicts. The Digil-Rahawiin clans speak various dialects of what are known as the Maay language. These clans retain much of their nomadic, pastoral culture centered around camels, sheep, cattle and goats.

Ministry Obstacles

The Rahanweyn may offer special challenges to evangelists and church planters because of the clan divisions within the broader group.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for laborers to sow God's Word to persons and households of peace which will in turn build movements to Christ among the Rahanweyn people.

Prayer Focus

There are very few followers of Jesus among this clan group in Somalia. They need prayer support. Pray they would be sent resources (Scripture, JESUS Film etc.) to help them become



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POPULATION: 2,075,000

LANGUAGE: Maay RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

established in the faith. Pray they would be patient with each other, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Rahanweyn people to be able to care adequately for their families. Pray that the Lord would raise up a disciple making movement among them.

SCRIPTURE Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. Ps 68:5

PRAY May the widows and orphans among this people group become part of His family.

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