

## The Hadza of Tanzania

Numbering only around 1,000 people, the Hadza are the last hunter-gatherer group in Tanzania. Their daily lives are dependent upon their search for food and water. They are hunters at heart, but today their way of life is being threatened by the decreasing wildlife and the increasing population of farmers and cattlemen. Therefore, when game is scarce they survive off wild berries and the pods of the baobab trees. They considered the food of the land as God's gift to them.

They have no respect for things that belong outside 'their world'; Christianity is an outsider's religion. Yet they believe in one creator god, and know him by name. They know that this god has a son, but they have not yet heard the son's name.

**Primary Religion:**

Tribal Religion

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

0%

**Churches:**

1

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

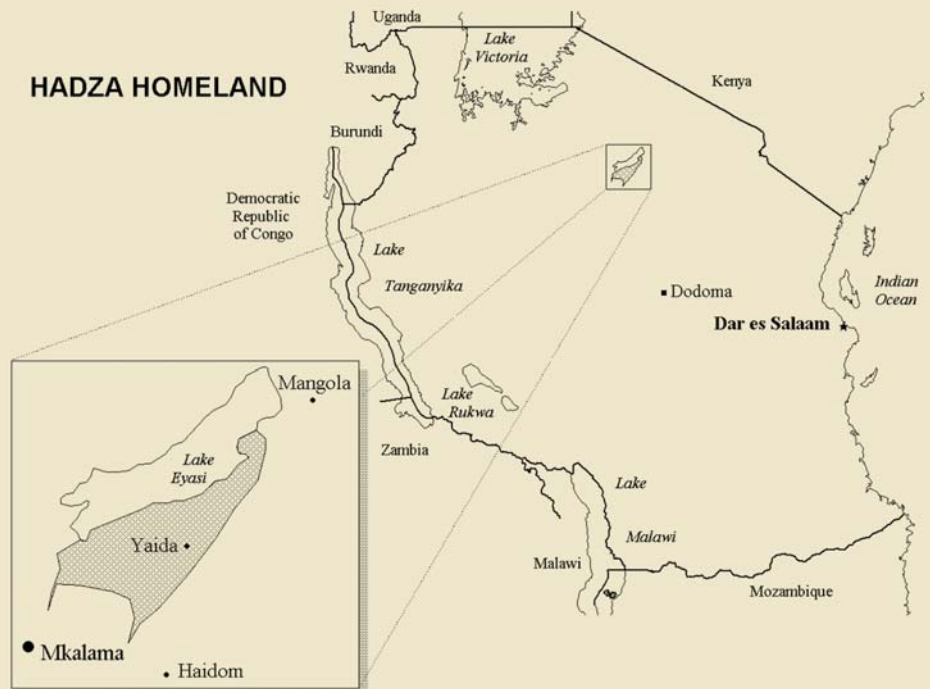
None in their language

**Population (date):**

1,000 (1996)



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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0%	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	?	
Number Of Missionaries Working	1	
Number Of Communities	3	
Comment (Number Communities)	3 settled communities. The rest are nomadic.	
Number Of Churches	1	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	no	
Translation Medium	there is a Swahili Bible	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	very mobile group and ambivalent to literacy and reading materials (how would they keep them?)	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Jesus film in Swahili	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	yes	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	1000	
World Population (Date)	1996	
Comment (World Population)	Difficult to determine since they are nomadic and no census of tribal groupings has been done for over 30 years. One source estimated 3000 in 1986. In 1993, 1200 was the estimate.	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Tanzania	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Location	Mbulu district of Arusha region, North-central Tanzania	
Country	Tanzania	
Ecosystem Type	Savannahs	
Geological Type	Other	
Elevation	4500 ft	
Climate	Hot and arid	
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Alternate Language Names	Hadza (most used spelling in published materials.) Hadzabe (which indicates 'people'), Hadzane (which indicates language), Tindiga or Kitindiga (which is the derogatory Swahili term)	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	SWAHILI	
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Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	very low levels here. Most know only enough to get by. One man who has a lot of contact with outsiders constantly made grammatical mistakes in spoken Swahili.	
Linguistically Related Languages	SANDAWE	
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Comments (Related Languages)	said to be related but much research has shown this not to be true. Only quality shared is use of clicks	
Neighboring Languages	ISANZU	
Neighboring Languages	IRAQW	
Neighboring Languages	SUKUMA	
Neighboring Languages	DATOOGA	
<b>Literacy</b>		<b>Group Description</b>

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Literacy Attitude	Indifferent	
Active Literacy Program	No	
Comment (Literacy)	do not see life need	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Occupation	hunting	
Income Sources	none	
Products / Crafts	bows and arrows plastic and natural beads	
Trade Partners	if trade exists it would be with neighboring groups	
Modernization / Utilities	none	
<b>Community Development</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Health Care (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Health Care)	rely mostly on traditional remedies	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Diet)	subsist on natural produce (berries, roots, etc.) and wildlife. In the past reported to have very good diet based on lifestyle. Now more and more are becoming dependent on outside sources for food (i.e.. maize), and other groups are ruining the land and chasing away wildlife with open grazing and increased farming	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	sources are sparsely located and with more livestock and people in the area, threatening to become more polluted	
Shelter Description	only build shelters for the rains. Made of wood dome frame covered with grass and leaves. Usually one room providing just enough space for sleeping.	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	None	
Comment (Energy)	rely on wood	
Clothing	traditionally animal skins. Now western clothing Women wear kangas	
Transportation	foot only	
<b>Society &amp; Culture</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Neighbor Relations	aloof	
Authority / Rule	family head	
Social Habits/Groupings	keep to themselves mostly in family units	
Cultural Change Pace	Slow	
Identification With National Culture	Distinct	
Self Image	Prestigious	
Celebrations	'epeme' Monthly dance during the period of darkness after sunset before the full moon rises.	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat resistant	
Attitude To Change	Very resistant	
Comment (Culture)	They were receptive to the survey team of non-Tanzanians, but they are very wary of other Tanzanians.	
<b>Youth</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	they learn the art of hunting and making hunting tools at a young age. In addition they spend much time assisting in gathering food.	
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	Jesus	
Comment (Youth)	many are being forced to go to boarding school, and then suffering abuse.	

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<b>Education</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Primary Schools	2	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Swahili (specific)	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	Swahili (specific)	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	English	
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Comment (Education)	as with all the Tanzanian schools, instruction in English is not yet practical because of lack of adequately trained staff.	
<b>Church Growth</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Reached Status	Reported	
Comment (Church Growth)	current Pentecostal expatriate missionaries are leaving, but there is a Tanzanian missionary for another people group who is staying to pastor the church. There is also a Catholic church in the area, but the Hadza stopped going when handouts ceased and when they were asked to change their names to Christian names.	
<b>Religion &amp; Response</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Attitude To Christianity	Indifferent	
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant	
Resistance / Receptivity	resistant to anything viewed as non-Hadza	
Religious Analogies & Bridges	They believe in one creator god, Haine, who has three names which describe his character. He also has a son, but they don't know the son's name	
Spiritual Climate And Openness	very open - especially if they realize that there is more to their god than meets the eye	
Recommended Approaches	show direct ties of their religion with Christianity. Accept them and their lifestyle, without trying to introduce or impose ways that are not associated with their understanding of life.	
Current Needs	Someone to accept them for who God made them and allow them to live as they enjoy most	
Items For Prayer	receptivity to gospel without associating it to goods received.	
<b>History Of Christianity In Group</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
By Whom	Roman Catholic Church	
Comments (History of Christianity)	contact with Pentecostals has been off and on.	
<b>Scripture</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Translation Status	Definite	
Available Scripture	None	
Comment (Scripture)	Definite interest	
<b>Missions and Churches</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Organization Name	Pentecostal	
Main Ministry	Evangelism	
Year Started	1993	
Number Of Adherents	40	
Number Of National Workers	1	
Language Used By Workers	Swahili (specific)	
<b>Christian Literature And Media Status</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Literature Available	none	
Audio Recordings Available	none	
Films Available	none	
Radio Programs Available	none	

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<b>Item Name</b>	<b>Item Note</b>
Videos Available	none
Audio Visual Available	none