

# UNREACHED

People Group Profile



## Barma

Most Barma rely on fishing or farming for their livelihood. Both men and women cultivate the land, though men maintain the large grain fields while the women cultivate the vegetable plots. Because families are often small and much work is needed for food production, the Barma regularly participate in work parties, where the people work as one group for the good of the whole village. Barma villages consist of “family households.” The settlements range in size from 50 to 1,000 or more people, usually from a common lineage or extended family. The Barma are known for having small families (due to low fertility rates) and high divorce rates.

The Islamic courts and Chad's legal system settle disputes of the most serious crimes, but the lesser ones are handled at the village level. Gossip, ostracism and even sorcery and witchcraft continue to be a way of punishing people at the local level.

Christian resources in this language include audio recordings.

**People Group Name:** Barma

**Alternate Names:** Bagirmi

**Location:** Chad

**Language:** Bagirmi

**Population:** 84,272

**Primary Religion:** Islam

**Number of Christians:** 0

**Number of Churches:** 0

**Category:** Unengaged

**Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group:** Extreme



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*Please pray for...*

Pray that, just as the Barma work their fields in community, a community of Christ-followers will also be established in each village.