

# UNREACHED

## People Group Profile



## Luvale

One of the most important moments for Luvale is the Makishi Festival, which marks the end of the *kumukanda* initiation for boys into manhood. The *kumukanda* consists of young teenage males living in the bush for up to two months; while there, they learn survival skills, how to be a husband and father, and how to interact with women. They are also circumcised at this time. When the *kumukanda* is complete, the initiates return to their village as men. The night prior to their return, the men of the village put on masks and sleep in the graveyard, to permit ancestral spirits to enter them. The next night, they enter the village, wearing masks that represent different characters of the Luvale myths.

Christian resources in this language include the Bible, JESUS film, audio recordings and tracts.

*Before committing to engage this people group, please contact field personnel to receive the most up-to-date information about them: [contact@imbafrica.org](mailto:contact@imbafrica.org)*

**People Group Name:** Luvale

**Alternate Names:** Lwena, Lovale, Balovale

**Location:** Zambia

**Language:** Luvale

**Population:** 188,000

**Primary Religion:** African Traditional

**Number of Christians:** 45

**Number of Churches:** 4

**Category:** Engaged by IMB & GCC

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

