ALLU





Demography
Location: West Sulawesi
Population: 16.000
Major religion: Islam

Bible: No Jesus Film: Yes Online Media: No

Believers: 0 Engaged: Yes Indigenous Church: 0

Identity and Location

istorically, the Allu are a part of the larger Mandar Alliance, which includes the Seven River Tribes (Pitu Ulunna Salu), the Seven Mountain Tribes (Pitu Ba'bana Binanga), and a few additional, uncategorized member-tribes.

The term "Mandar" has many meanings: an ethnic group, and area, a language and a federation of ethnic groups and independent kingdoms. The Allu are one of those ethnic groups and kingdoms. The Allu people live in eight villages in Allu District of Polewali Mandar Regency, West Sulawesi Province: Pupuuring, Pao Pao, Kalummamang, Allu, Saragian, Mombi, Petosang and Saoyang. The Allu speak the Mandar language in everyday life.

Society and Culture

The Allu work as farmers and traders. They also raise water buffalo, goats, cattle and chickens. The economy in the Allu region is not strong,



Grind coffee traditionally



possibly because their location is far from the major highway through Sulawesi. Many of their houses are very simple and some are simply made of wood.

Beliefs

ll Allu people are Muslim. Yet their traditional culture of Spiritism can still be seen in that the graves of their ancestors are well guarded and considered sacred.

Needs

The area needs economic development for the Allu to advance. They do not yet have many local businesses that are uniquely Allu to strengthen the community's economy.(RD)



Eagle at the house



Graves of Allu Ancestors