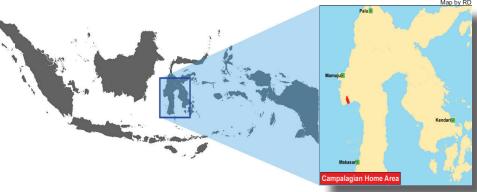
CAMPALAGIAN





Demography

Campalagian Language

Status

Location: West Sulawesi Population: 72.000 Major religion: Islam Bible: No Jesus Film: Yes Online Media: No Believers: 0 Engaged: Yes Indigenous Church: 0

Identity and Location

ost Campalagian people live in the city of Polmas, in Campalagian District, and around Majene District in the province of South Sulawesi.

Sulawesi is a large mountainous island, shaped like an orchid (or a crab). A large majority of the Campalagian live in fertile lowland areas, conducive to growing various kinds of crops. This people group is also known as the Tulumpanueae or the Tasing.

They speak the Campalagian language. Their language and culture are heavily influenced by their more populous and powerful neighbors, the Toraja and the Bugis, so there are many similarities in their languages. Campalagian is part of the Pitu Ulunna Salu language group, or the Kelompok Persekutuan Mandar Pegunungan (Mountain Mandar Federation).

Society and Culture

The Campalagian live as farmers, fishermen and traders. Trading is mainly done in the city of Campalagian, which is on the coast. They also raise water buffalo, goats, cattle and chickens.

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Campalagian farmers are called pallaung-ruma. There are two groups of farmers: the pa'galung (wet field rice farmers) dan pa'dare (dry field rice farmers).

The fishermen are called pakkaja. They are distinguished by the means they use for fishing: pameng, using hooks and lines; pa'bagung, using fishing platforms; pajala, using a net that only catches mature fish; and pa'belle, using a net that also catches young/small fish.

Traders are called padagang or saudagar.

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Beliefs

early all Campalagian are Muslim. Their pride in being Muslim greatly influences their behavior in the community. Many elements of Islamic culture have been combined with Campalagian traditions and culture, such that it's difficult to separate one from the other.

They have also combined their previous animistic beliefs with Islam. This can be seen in their worship of spirits. They also use a dukun (shaman/healer/occultist) to heal diseases and drive out evil spirits.

Needs

The Campalagian need assistance to improve the marketing of produce from their farming and fishing industries. Infrastructure is needed, particularly in the development of good land and sea transportation.

Another need is the development of human resources through education. The Campalagian region needs more teachers as well as the building of new schools and the repair of existing schools.^(E-RD)