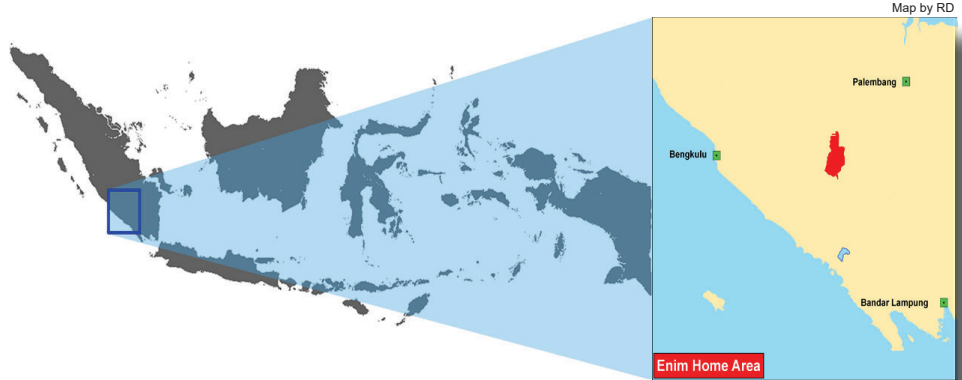


# ENIM



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Demography	Enim Language	Status
Location: South Sumatera	Bible: No	Believers: <10
Population: 132.000	Jesus Film: No	Engaged: Yes
Major Religion: Islam	Online Media: No	Indigenous Church: 0

## Identity and Location

The Enim people live along and near the Enim River in the districts of Ujan Mas, Muara Enim, Tanjung Agung, and Lawang Kidul in the Muara Enim Regency of South Sumatra. In the Ujan Mas and Muara Enim districts, they live alongside a small number of Lematang people.

The majority of Enim people live along the Central Trans-Sumatra Highway, between Muara Enim City and Muara Meo Village in Tanjung Agung District, Muara Enim Regency, bordering settlements of the Ogan people group. The Enim area also borders the Semendo people group at Talang Abib Village in Tanjung Agung District, Muara Enim Regency.

## Society and Culture

Most of the Enim who live in villages make a living by collecting sand and rocks from river beds, which can be sold. Some Enim travel around the area selling sand and rocks while others wait for buyers at their kiosks. Those doing this work usually have only a primary school education or less. Another common activity is harvesting firewood from the forest. Dry wood is collected and split into smaller pieces and sold by the truckload. Another common profession among the Enim is working as a nabah para or nabah balam who taps rubber trees to obtain the sap.

The family's oldest son, who is regarded as having the most rights to the inheritance, usually inherits wealth left behind by parents. However the father may also choose to divide the inheritance between his sons. Daughters do not receive inheritance rights because they are considered to have been bought by their husbands at the time they are married, so their inheritance is from their husband rather than their parents.

Marriage is carried out according to Islamic principles. The Enim have three forms of marriage. The first is

Tanam Batu, which means the groom joins the bride's family. The second is Kepalaking, which means the bride joins the groom's family. The third is Tambe Anak Samarizing, which means that bride and groom can live in the place they prefer, so there is no tie to either family.

The Enim are very open to newcomers. This characteristic is referred to as Serasan Sekundang (lit., like family), or Sesama Teman (lit., friends together). This means that Enim people are free to form relationships with anyone regardless of ethnic or religious background. This openness has led to many mixed marriages with people of other ethnic and religious backgrounds.

## Beliefs

The Enim people are nearly all followers of Islam, which has been handed down from one generation to the next. The Enim follow Islam because their ancestors chose it, but some Enim people still practice the traditional beliefs of their ancestors as well.

The Enim believe they originated from a supernatural being that lives in the forest. Heaven and hell are understood to mean that which is good or bad in this world. Heaven means having a good or comfortable life. Hell means a difficult or unpleasant life. The Enim have a saying: "Having many enemies is hell, even if you're rich. A quiet simple life without enemies is heaven. Brotherhood is heaven and enmity is hell." In other words, pleasant social relationships are heaven and unpleasant ones are hell.

## Needs

More access to education could benefit the Enim people in today's era of globalization. Training to realize the business opportunities in many field would also be very helpful for them.<sup>(E-RD)</sup>