

# Fulakunda in Senegal



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*"Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

<b>People Name</b>	Fulakunda
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Status</b>	Unengaged Unreached
<b>Population</b>	1,880,000
<b>Language</b>	Pulaar
<b>Religion</b>	Islam
<b>Written Scripture</b>	Yes
<b>Oral Scripture</b>	Yes
<b>Jesus Film</b>	Yes
<b>Gospel Recordings</b>	Yes
<b>Christ Followers</b>	No
<b>Churches</b>	No
<b>Workers Needed</b>	37
<b>Workers Reported</b>	0

## BACKGROUND

The Fulakunda are a sub-group of the Fulani (or Fula), a vast cluster of peoples living throughout central and western Africa. Most of the Fulani are nomadic herdsman, and almost all are considered Muslim. They are separated and grouped according to language, location, and occupation

## WHAT ARE THEIR LIVES LIKE?

Although the Fulakunda have mixed cultures and are willing to intermarry with the other groups in the area, they still practice many of the customs and traditions of the "pure" Fulani. Their lives center around their herds of cattle or sheep.

Mixing farming with herding, the Fulakunda consume grains and milk as their staple foods. Meat is seldom eaten. Cotton, millet, corn, and peanuts are grown as cash crops.

The wuro (village) is the center of Fulakunda society. Women do most of their work there. They prepare the evening meal, which takes about four or five hours each day. They also gather grass and twigs for the construction of their huts. The men herd the cattle and dig wells.

At 15, a boy builds and begins living in his own hut, which he will eventually share with his first wife. Subsequent wives will be given huts of their own. A girl is often "lent"

to a man to see if she will work well with the first wife. The prospective husband will visit and give gifts to the girl's family until the marriage is official.

Although they may lack a scholarly grasp of book knowledge, they are considered skilled social analysts.

The Fulakunda hate to feel alone. However, they tend to hide their feelings, and the need for love and companionship is not expressed in public. Only through songs is this need freely acknowledged. The Fulakunda are friendly and hospitable. Nevertheless, friendships remain at superficial levels for many years, especially among women.

## WHAT ARE THEIR BELIEFS?

The Fulakunda are Muslims and strongly adhere to virtues and good morals such as justice, honesty, generosity, and patience.

The Fulakunda think of the village as a place of rules and obligations - a place for socially acceptable behavior. The bush, on the other hand, is a place of freedom, where they can act according to their own needs.

## WHAT ARE THEIR NEEDS?

Only a very small number of Fulakunda have become Christians.

The Fulakunda are very devoted to Islam, probably because they were responsible in helping spread it throughout much of Africa. Fervent prayer is needed to break the stronghold Islam has on their lives.

## PRAYER ITEMS

- \* Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to the few mission agencies that are focusing on the Fulakunda.
- \* Ask the Lord of the harvest to send additional Christian laborers to work among the Fulani.
- \* Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to missions agencies that are focusing on the Fulani.
- \* Pray for effectiveness of the Jesus film among the Fulani, with many conversions resulting.
- \* Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio in their area.
- \* Pray that God will call Christian educators to teach the Fulani how to read the Word of God.
- \* Pray that God will give the Fulani believers opportunities to share Christ with their families and friends.
- \* Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Fulani church for the glory of His name!