KOTI



Language: Koti
People Group: Koti
People Group Size: 100,000
Location: Mozambique
Lifestyle: Agriculture, fishing, and trading
Translation Phase: 2
Translation Time-frame: April 2025 - September 2033
Translation Goals: Oral translation and transcription of the Old Testament
Completed in Phases 1: Written translation of the New Testament
Source Languages: Portuguese
Managing Partners: Wycliffe SA, Seed Company

Koti is spoken around Koti Island and in Angoche, Nampula Province, where Islam has long been the dominant religion (93.8%), with Christianity previously at only 1.2%. Since the New Testament was translated and published in Koti in 2021 by the Way of Truth Church, significant change has taken place. The Gospel is being preached more widely, and many have come to faith. Christianity in Angoche has grown to around 15%, despite the presence of only four main churches in the district. The complete translation of the New Testament into Koti has had a deeply positive impact on the community, especially among adults and those who cannot read or understand Portuguese. Now they are able to read it themselves or ask someone to read it to them, and they can clearly hear and understand God's message in their own mother tongue.

IMPACT

"We really enjoy hearing the Word of God in our own language, because it was something we needed very much, to be able to know how to follow God's laws, and many of us also did not know how to read, so having the words of God recorded helps us a lot to understand, and thus we will walk based on what our God wants."

"Thank you for the translation of the Word of God that is happening now, we listen and are grateful to have it brought to us in our own language, because we only heard it in Arabic before."

Community members





GET INVOLVED

Pray

Join the prayer mailing list to intercede for the Koti community, the translation team, and the programme.

www.wycliffe.org.za/signup-koti

Give

Become a partner and invest in God's transformative hope, planting seeds that will impact millions across Southern Africa.

www.wycliffe.org.za/give-now

Adopt

Journey with the Koti by building relationships, encouraging, and supporting them in practical ways as they work.

www.wycliffe.org.za/contact/adopt-a-language

Visit

Get to know the Koti people by visiting them and taking time to talk, pray, eat, and serve with them.

www.wycliffe.org.za/contact/visit-a-language