

Benin

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Benin has submitted to the UN Committee On the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. It was done in advance of the pre-session of the Committee. This submission addresses article 10 of the Convention and includes information on teenage pregnancy and access to education and Benin's compliance with the Convention was expected. Covid-19 pandemic-related school closures have resulted in concerning reports of teenage pregnancies. In Benin, there were 547 pregnant students in the 2019-2020 school year, an increase from 431 in the previous school year, possibly linked to pandemic-related school closures, and the number of births in 2021 was higher. Pray for Beninese girls and women to be treated well without any discrimination. Pray that they overcome evil practices and accept the love of Jesus Christ (The Bible, 1 Timothy 2:5).

Source:

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202210100108.html>

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Patrice Guillaume Athanase Talon is a Beninese politician and businessman who has been President of Benin since 6 April 2016. An economist and investment banker turned politician, Lionel Zinsou was appointed Prime Minister of Benin in June 2015. Benin is best known for its peaceful democracy, one of the most stable in Africa. However, corruption remains a significant issue. The country, once hosting main ports crucial in the slave trade, still negotiates shady deals. Poverty increases each year. The nation's annual Voodoo Day brings thousands of participants to the country's celebration. Voodoo, a religion approved by the government, has more than 60% devotees and contributes to significant spiritual bondages over the nation, its people, and the Church. The country allows for freedom to practice and propagates any religion.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Thomas Yayi Boni

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Lionel Zinsou

POPULATION

10,449,000

CHRISTIANS

31.7%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

7.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Christianity

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

483

LIFE EXPECTANCY

61.47 yrs

LITERACY RATE

42.4%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

37.4%