



**Languages:** Burunge, Mbugwe, Rangi

**Speakers:** 560,000



**Dates:** 2017-2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$762,947

**Project Goals:** *Burunge* — Old Testament portions  
*Mbugwe* — Old and New Testament portions  
*Rangi* — New Testament completion

## DODOMA CLUSTER (doh-DOH-mah)

AFRICA — TANZANIA

### THE PEOPLE

Acres of spacious grasslands surround majestic Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania — a country marked by scenic contrasts. The nation is also made up of rich cultures and numerous people groups.

This diversity is evident in the central region of Dodoma. From the nearly half million Rangi people living in the bush savannah, to the much smaller farming communities of the Mbugwe, to the beekeeping Burunge speakers — the residents of the Dodoma Region have unique settings, customs and cultures.

But diverse as they may be, these three groups share a need for God's Word in their own languages. While the majority of Mbugwe and Burunge identify with Christianity, some people cling to traditional religion. Among the Rangi, 93% follow another major religion.

God's Word in the local languages will help people grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Christ. It will also open the door for them to engage others with the gospel message.

### THE PLAN

Local translators from the three Dodoma Cluster groups are working together to make God's Word available in their languages! Each team is at a different stage in the translation process.

The Burunge team has finished the New Testament. During this project, they will complete the Old Testament books of Deuteronomy and Judges, as well as portions of Psalms. They will also engage the community with God's Word by sharing chronological Bible stories and showing the "JESUS" film.

Mbugwe team members will complete Matthew, Luke, Acts, 1-2 Timothy and half of Genesis. They will also dub the "JESUS" film in their language.

Meanwhile, the Rangi team plans to finish the remaining work on the New Testament and make it available in audio form. They will also prepare it to be printed.

Working as a cluster allows the teams to share resources and collaborate in order to improve their translation drafts.

### THE IMPACT

A team member helped Donald download the Rangi Scripture app onto his phone. Donald, a Rangi speaker and safari driver in Tanzania, smiled and laughed as he listened to the audio of Genesis, reading along with the text on the app.

This was the first time he had ever encountered God's Word in his language!

"It's so touching when I hear it in my language," he said. "I feel so happy when I hear it. My parents will be happy. They will share it with their community."

Donald also said he would buy speakers and share the audio Scripture among Rangi communities.

The vast majority of Rangi speakers follow another major religion. But Donald now has hope. "This could be a turning point for my people," he said.

**Your prayers and gifts** will help the people of the Dodoma Cluster experience the life-changing power of God's Word — in languages they clearly understand!

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