

URBAN POOR MUSLIMS IN Mumbai, India

Questions? Want to explore moving here?



22 MILLION+
Estimated Population

4 MILLION+
Muslims

ALL
Muslim UPGs
in India

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Movement-focused Muslim
Urban Poor workers

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ABOUT URBAN POOR MUSLIMS IN MUMBAI

Mumbai is home to some of the largest slums in the world, including Dharavi, where almost a million people live on 2.4 square kilometers, a little over a mile.

The urban poor sectors are organized, decades-old, and include access to most of the unreached people groups in India, forced there to migrate for work.



LIVABILITY

Mumbai is a coastal city and the capital of India's west central state, Maharashtra. A tropical climate, Mumbai's more temperate season runs from December to February, followed by a hot and humid summer season, from March to June, and a rainy, monsoon season from June to September. Mumbai hosts the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, with an extensive bus and railway (Metro) system operating within the city, connecting to malls, restaurants and almost every modern convenience.

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Overview & OPPORTUNITIES

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SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We believe every Muslim unreached people group may be represented in Mumbai—with the largest 223,000 Ansari, 173,000 Khoja, 157,000 Bohra, 147,000 Memon and 143,000 Pashtun. Among unengaged Muslim people groups with larger populations, Urdu, Panjabi, Marathi, Gujarati and Malayalam are the most spoken languages. English is the main trade language. Local Indian mission agencies based in Mumbai have considerable itinerate ministry, but few live incarnationally—and even fewer send workers to live among Muslims. Several local emerging churches in the city are open to considering outreach to Muslims. Only a handful of foreign cross-cultural workers are focused on the sidelined minority Muslim community—and not exclusively the urban poor.

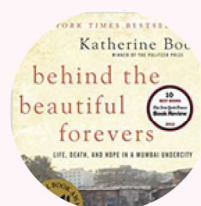
SOCIETY

Mumbai surpasses other Indian cities in terms of infrastructure. Yet, the contrasts between wealth and poverty appear more starkly here than in any other Indian city. Rapid urbanization has caused major problems for the city's poor. It is estimated that half of Mumbai's population lives in informal settlements and many are from other states.

ENTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE URBAN POOR

Mumbai is a city with amazing national and international connections, offering unlimited possibilities for entry. Among the urban poor, small business is alive and well. Therefore, coming on a business visa to train the urban poor to start and scale businesses using a training program like Alternativ (alternativproject.org) or Dynamic Business Start Up training (dbsp.co.za) could work well. A community health education CHE initiative (www.chenetwork.org) could run in the slums also—as well as offering opportunities to learn English to jumpstart job opportunities. Most nationalities could also enter Mumbai on a Student visa to study at a local university in a language or business or development degree—while living near the slums.

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BOOK

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: *Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*



MOVIE

City of Joy
1992
PG-13



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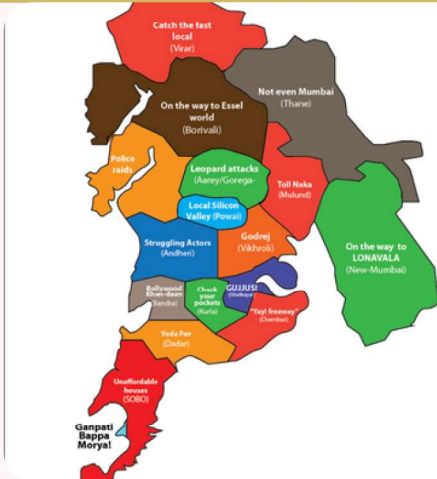
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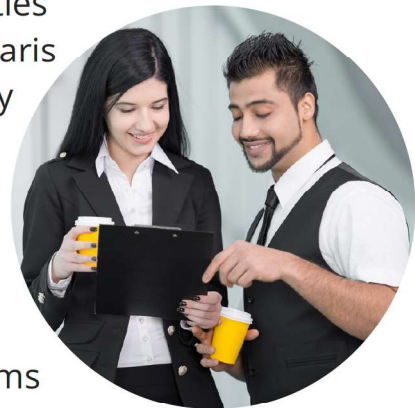


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ABOUT URBAN WEALTHY MUSLIMS IN MUMBAI

Mumbai is one of the wealthiest cities in the world, ranking higher than Paris and Toronto. Home to almost thirty billionaires, Mumbai is also the entertainment, fashion, and commercial centre of India. The Muslim community in general run some of the most well known businesses in Mumbai—and Muslims are also the leading community in Bollywood in the entertainment arena.



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SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We believe every Muslim unreached people group may be represented in Mumbai. One people group, the *Bohra* peoples are a wealthy community engaged in business, and it will take a focused effort to enter their tight-knit community. **So far, we haven't found more than two cross-cultural workers - both foreign or local - focused on wealthy Muslim professionals or Muslims in the entertainment industry in Mumbai.**

Among unengaged Muslim people groups with larger populations, Urdu, Panjabi, Marathi, Gujarati and Malayalam are the most spoken languages. English is the main trade language, especially for urban, wealthy Muslims.

SOCIETY

Mumbai surpasses other Indian cities in terms of infrastructure, with modern malls, high rises, restaurants and lavish entertainment options. Yet, the contrasts between wealth and poverty appear more starkly here than in any other Indian city. The wealthy are wealthy and poor are poor. Distinct economic levels of society are sharply divided and rarely mix, even while living within blocks of each other. It will take intentional outside effort to break into middle and upper class society to offer Jesus from a level of economic society with perceived equality to their own.

ENTRY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE URBAN WEALTHY MUSLIMS

Mumbai is a city with amazing national and international connections, offering unlimited possibilities for foreigners as *paid professionals* working for international companies in jobs such as project managers, information technology experts, or engineers. Since urban wealthy Muslims are business owners, entrepreneurs starting small business also will put us among the middle class. Solutions in transportation or recycling would be well received. In Bollywood, gifted script writers, choreographers, artisans, and designers, or those with technical experience in music or graphic design will be welcome. A shift in mindset for most cross-cultural workers to enter as paid, middle-class professionals living at a higher level will be essential.

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BOOK

Freedom at Midnight by
Larry Collins and
Dominique
LaPierre



MOVIE

Slumdog Millionaire
2008
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