

India



Audio Bibles for India

**Project: Non UBS
Non Tax Deductible**



Overview

Bible Society Australia is working in partnership with megavoice Australia and the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) to deliver 575 solar-powered audio Bible players to Northern India. These devices will provide local language Bible content and spiritual resources, empowering communities and spreading the message of Jesus Christ amidst increasing persecution.

The Need

This project addresses several critical needs within Northern India, particularly among remote communities with low literacy levels. Many community members grapple with poverty, making it difficult for them to purchase essential resources like Bibles or Christian literature. Those from humble backgrounds, particularly in rural areas, often find themselves isolated from support networks that could provide these resources.

Many individuals, both Christians and non-Christians, lack access to the Bible and spiritual resources in their native languages. This absence inhibits their understanding of the Christian faith and limits their spiritual growth. Furthermore, Christians in these regions often face severe persecution, including intimidation, harassment, and violence, which create an environment where sharing their faith becomes dangerous. As anti-conversion laws tighten, believers experience job loss, discrimination, and even physical assault. The need for community engagement and shared learning within listener groups is also significant, as many lack opportunities for communal discussion and spiritual encouragement.

1.45 billion

people live in India

2.3%

or 33 million identify as Christians

60%

literacy rate or less in rural areas

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. - Romans 10:17, NIV

Goals

This project aims to preload audio Bibles in Hindi and subsequently load devices with additional local languages, including Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Dogri, Kuvi, Hadothi, Bhojpuri, Saadri, and Rajbhamshi.

Distribution will occur quarterly throughout 2025, with 300 devices in January–March, 375 in April–June, 375 in July–September, and 300 in October–December, while reloading devices with new materials throughout the year.

A key goal is to maintain engagement by connecting with each listener group every three months to refresh the content, ensuring that they receive updated Bible messages and teachings. This effort is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers across Northern India, who facilitate ongoing communication and content updates.

Additionally, the project aims to encourage and support Christians facing persecution and coercion to renounce their faith. By providing accessible spiritual resources and fostering a sense of community, the initiative seeks to strengthen believers' resolve and equip them to stand firm in their faith amidst challenges.

Impact

This project is expected to significantly impact the spiritual lives of 11,500 to 14,375 individuals across Northern India through the distribution of 575 audio Bibles in solar powered players. By distributing at least one solar-powered audio Bible player to each listener group, typically comprising 20–25 people, the initiative aims to provide accessible biblical content in various local languages, fostering communal learning and discussions about faith.

Christians will be equipped with relevant audio messages that strengthen their faith, strengthening their endurance and perseverance in the face of persecution and coercion. This support is essential for helping believers maintain their faith amid challenges.

Moreover, the project emphasises the safety and care of all beneficiaries, ensuring that the needs and experiences of each listener group are carefully monitored. Quarterly reporting by FEBC India volunteers will facilitate timely updates and adjustments, further enhancing the project's effectiveness and responsiveness to community needs, ultimately helping to build a resilient and informed Christian community within these regions.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the team working within the project and for the towns people to receive Christ.
- Pray for Christians to remain strong mentally and physically as they face coercion and persecution to cease faith in Christ and revert back to other religions.
- Pray for safe travel of FEBC/FEBA volunteers into regional and more remote areas.