



Madi People

The Madi people live in Pageri County in South Sudan, and the districts of Adjumani and Moyo in Uganda. Most Madi in Minnesota migrate in early 1994 to present from South Sudan due to war between North and South Sudan. We have a strong community here in Minnesota who usual come together to celebrate holidays, children birthdays, graduation, and support each other's.

Language

The Madi speak madi language. A Sudanic language related to the Moro, Lugbwara, Keliku and Avukaya, which might point to their common origin.

Dances

Madi have four different traditional dances as follows:

1. **Mure** — the dance of celebration and mourning. It is often danced during celebration (of events such: a victory in war, the birth of a king, etc.) and mourning (the death of king, loss of land during war, etc.). Mure is often danced to the tune of the sounds of wooden trumpets (ture, odiri), animal horns (pbere), mgbiri (dancing bells), and drums (leri)
2. **Gayi** — a youth flirtation dance similar to flamingo.
3. **Kore** — a graceful dance
4. **Kejua** — mostly danced by women