ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

This form is to be used in conjunction with a “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code” form.

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Tentative assignment of new identifier : wsg (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Gondi, Adilabad

   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Koyang

   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Raj Gond, Adilabad Gondi; Utnoor Gondi; Gunjala Gondi, Telugu Gondi

   d) Reason for preferred name:
      Adilabad is the primary district in which this Gondi language is spoken. Several linguists have already published materials about this language and referred to it as "Adilabad Gondi".

   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      Gonds, 300,000. (According to the Govt Census data of 2001, there were 275,379 Gonds in the state of Andhra Pradesh in 2001 in total. This conservative population estimate allows for moderate growth since then and for Gonds who live in the neighbouring districts in Maharashtra state. Note that the State of Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated in 2104, so most of these Gonds now live in the newly formed State of Telangana.)

   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: WSG

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a ☒ Living language
      ☐ Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
Recently extinct language
Historical language
Ancient language
Artificially constructed language
Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   India

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Telangana State: Adilabad District (in the following Mandals: Narnoor, Inderavelly, Sirpur, Tiryan, Utloor, Jainoor, Adilabad, Ichoda, Gudihathnoor, Bazarhathnoor, Boath, Wankdi, Talamadugu, Tamsi, Kasipt, Kerameri, Bela, Neradigonda, Kadam, Asifabad, Khanapur, Jannaram, Kasaanagar, Dandepalle, Jainad, Mamda, Kouthala, Mancherial, Sarangapur, Tandur, Sirpur, Luxettipet, Rebbana, Bellampalle), northern Karimnagar District and Warrangal District;
   Maharashtra State: Yavatmal; Southern Chandrapur, and Nanded Districts

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death
   N/A

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION
a) This language is: □ Signed  ☒ Spoken  □ Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Dravidian, South-Central, Gondi-Kui, Gondi

c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
   Existing code 'ggo' - Southern Gondi
   Proposed "Gondi, Aheri" - Eastern Southern Gondi 'esg'

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE
a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
   There are dictionaries, phrasebooks, story books, primers, multi-lingual education resources, scripture, software, websites, audio recordings and videos in this language.
b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?
   The State Education Department has recognised this language and has been active in promoting it for primary education.

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
   The Raj Gonds of Adilabad have a rich and colourful history. At one time in their past they ruled the area - hence the name Raj (king/ruler). The famous anthropologist, Furer Christoph von Haimendorf, wrote extensively about their culture and language in the 1940s and initiated education programmes. Today language vitality is very strong with Gondi being used exclusively in most domains.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
   Please refer to: http://www.language-archives.org/language/ggo for an extensive list of books already published.

Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers: