Nigerian Women Interview
Hakuri Luka

Note: Luka is her father’s first name. Hakuri has lived in the same remote village her whole life. She lives with 2 sisters and 4 brothers.

This interview was conducted in Hausa and translated by a Nigerian post-graduate student. A summary of the responses follow.

Demographics
1. Age: 15
2. Education: In JS2
3. How much education do you want to have? If I have the strength [finances], I want to go after secondary school.
4. Where do you want to live when you get married? I want to leave this place, be in town [Jos].

Behavior
B1. Daily Schedule:
   A. What is your daily schedule? Wash plates, fetch water, go to school at 7:30 then come home at 2:00. Wash the plates from lunch, cook supper, then read for school.

B2. Non-Daily Routines
   A. What are the activities that you regularly do, but not everyday? Look for a job, which might be working on a farm or getting firewood.

B3. Responsibilities around the house
   A. What duties are your mother responsible for? Go look for firewood.
   B. What duties are your brothers responsible for? Farm

B4. Holidays
   A. How do you celebrate festivals? For weddings, the husband gives the brides cooking ingredients like palm oil. He will provide a sack of corn, a bag of salt, naira, two goats, a blanket for the father and a wrapper for the mother. [She is describing a typical bride price.]

B5. Money
   A. What do you spend money on? Buy clothes and books for school.

Values
V1. General Societal Views
   A. What makes a good woman? She obeys her husband.
   B. What makes a good man? Whatever a woman asks the husband, if he does it, then he is a good man.
C. Think of differences between men and women. What are things that women should do that men shouldn’t? [Misunderstood.] Plowing is the only thing a man should do that a woman shouldn’t. [Asked about women.] I don’t know.

D. Do you think it is better to be a man or a woman? Woman. [The men I was with said that was because she has not experienced marriage and her response would change when she gets married.]

V2. Rites of Passage
   A. Are you considered a girl or a woman? A girl because I am not married.

V3. Marriage
   A. Do you look forward to marriage? Not until I finish school
   B. What kind of man do you want to marry? A good man.

V4. Children
   A. How many children do you want to have? 4: 2 girls and 2 boys
   B. How much education do you want your children to have? Both boys and girls to go to the university.

V5. Community
   A. What do you do with your girl friends? Play together, we go swimming, play ball.
   B. How did you meet your girl friends? Both from school, some in the village.