Nigerian Women Interview
Martha Bigiga

Note: Bigiga is her husband’s first name. She currently lives in a remote village. She was raised in a village a moderate distance away.

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

Demographics
1. Age: 30
2. Age at which married: 15
3. Children: She has had 8 children, but only 5 are still alive. She had one boy but he died when he was just a few weeks old. The rest of her children are girls. The oldest is 15 and the youngest is 4 months. The other children that she lost were past infancy when they died.
4. Education: Completed primary school
5. Husband’s profession: Farmer

Behavior
B1. Daily Schedule:
   A. What is your daily schedule? I sweep, get water, and wash plates. Then I cook and go to look for money by going into the bush to get wood or work on a farm for pay. Then I bath and start supper. Then we stay together [socialize] and sleep.

B3. Responsibilities around the house
   A. In your household, what duties are you responsible for? Take the corn to grind, I grind it on my own with a stone.
   B. What duties are your husband responsible for? Providing food.
   C. What duties are your girl children responsible for? Go to school, when they are grown up to get money.

B5. Money
   A. What do you spend money on? If a man does not provide the soup ingredients, then that. Clothes, and other things the man does not provide.

Values
V1. General Societal Views
   A. What makes a good woman? Obedient to her husband. If he asks and she does it, then the husband will testify to others.
   B. What makes a good man? Husband, if he has something on his mind he will ask the wife to discuss. If a woman has a problem, he will listen.
   C. Do you think it is better to be a man or a woman? I think a man so I can run my wife.

V3. Marriage
   A. Did you look forward to marriage? Yes, I was not forced to marry. It was my choice.
B. *How did you find your husband?* My sister married his father. He saw me and started courting.

C. *How much was your bride price?* Naira and a live animal, wrappers.

V4. Children

A. *What are things you want to teach your girl children?* Be in school, be obedient, and neat.

B. *Are your children in school?* Yes.

C. *How much school do you want your girl children to have?* Some are in secondary school. It is my dream for them to graduate from university.

V5. Community

A. *What activities do you do with other women?* We make kind of a committee, advice to help other women.