

## **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.