

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM GWAGWALADA CHIEFDOM

Name	Laraba Estu Mwaku	Shekolo Audu
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	30+	
Tribe	Gwari	Gbagyi
Religion		Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	When you meet a lady and she accepts, you approach the parents who then give the bride price.	After searching and the lady accepts, the parents are informed for a meeting where bride price is agreed on. Sometimes what is done is trade by bata in place of money ie. goods are presented.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	If the community leader is approached in such situation and divorce is not necessary. Then the elders and parents will plead on behalf of the lady. If the matter is not settled, the lady is examined whether she is pregnant or not.	The parents discuss on reconciliation.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	They go to the father, if the youngest is small, the mother handles him/her, and welfare is given to the mother for the child.	The husband has the kids, but the little one is handed over to the wife. Provision is made for the welfare of the child. Otherwise, a relative of the husband who is a female member is given the responsibility of the welfare.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties are shared among the children, and their mother also gets some and also the father, the elders of the community conduct this in the king's palace.	The children of the late father are given the inheritance with their mother by the elders.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	The festival is called Nogo festival. Information goes round to other villages	The use of kakayi masquerades is more common, kabulu dancers who dance

	for many to hear about it and gather. Various competition like eating and drinking is prepared for.	while sacrifice is going on, and eating, drinking and other activities are going on too.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Marriage ceremony – so many activities of dancing, cooking etc. Zhiba sacrifice ceremony and dancing ceremony.	Marriage ceremony is seriously celebrated in our customs and new farm product festival.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The council of community elders and king makers handle turbaning of the right person within the royal family	The chief priest tells the next clan chief, the king makers discuss to choose the new king. The new king stays indoor for seven days before the ceremony.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The customs have brought beauty in us mostly the ladies and there is unity and love.	More knowledge about the customs and traditions of the land and beauty of ladies is enhanced .
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Urbanisation has only taught our people wrong characters like drug abuse, stealing of phones etc.	Somehow, the reason is the improper agenda of the government.
Other information	The security of our community is not enough also no adequate education and social facilities.	Security measures have been very poor. Low education and social facilities.

Name	Amina Usman	
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	50+	40+
Tribe	Gwari	Gbagyi
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	It depends on the couple; it is conducted either in the court or church.	When there is love between the intended couple, the young man sends his family members to the lady's family to discuss marriage and all requirements; bride price, and other things. After that wedding date is fixed based on agreement.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Divorce normally is handled by the court, since the court has the power to handle cases.	In case of divorce, if the husband falls out of love with his wife, he has right to tell the wife to go that he is divorcing her, but if the wife is pregnant, she will deliver the baby before marrying another man.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children are to be with their father.	In such case where the divorced have children, the grown up ones stay with their father in the house. The younger ones stay with their mother and welfare is given to their mother for the children.
What does your custom say about inheritance	It is the children that inherit their father's properties.	The inheritance is shared among the deceased children.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Gwari people celebrate during harvest season, the farmer brings his farm produce to the market square where	The festival is called Zhiba Je festival is celebrated once a year in April before the new raining season begins.

	youths are stationed to celebrate by various dancers coming together where all come together to see (NAGO) the Gwari masquerade.	
Tell us about other ceremonies	There is also the new yam festival, where yams are harvested and bought from various farms.	We have Muslim and Christian brothers who celebrate Sallah and Christmas respectively.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	It is the council of elders that appoint who will be the next chief.	The chief is the head of the village, followed by Madaki (next to chief), and other elders handle chieftaincy matters.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attribute of the Gwari people is the attire the king puts on for that festival and also the foods presented which is known as "Tuwon Toka" which is very tasty and delicious.	In every 5 years, we do general cleansing in our community for protection purposes.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, people from here have moved massively to town for greener pasture.	Urbanisation has seriously affected our customs and traditions, especially shrines and traditional place of worship.
Other information		

Name	Alh. Mohammed G. Paspas	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	40+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Koro
Religion	Islam	
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Marriage is based on the parents – father and mother consent. A delegation of two on behalf of the young man has to meet the parents of the lady to take permission to engage her. Then an agreement is reached on bride price and other processes.	Marriage follows this order; 1)introduction is done 2)the bride price is paid 3)the bride will not have access to the groom till after 7 days 4)traditional marriage ceremony
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	This is always carefully handled depending on problem that occur. The process goes through the court or traditional process. The issue can be settled at times by the parties of the two parents. Where the issue is taken out of court by the wife deciding that she wants the marriage and return to the husband honourably via the parent's intervention. This is achievable through customs.	First their parents discuss the genuity of the matter, otherwise divorce stands.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	Normally, the custodian of both the wife and children is the husband, so in case of divorce the husband get the children. Unless there is mutual understanding between the two for her to have the	The children are handed over to the mother while the grown-up children to their father. Their father is responsible of their feeding.

	children from time to time.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	Properties left by the deceased are share thus: one eight goes to the wife of the decease, islamically. For the man that has no children, the whole property goes to the father and mother. The remaining properties are shared to the children.	The deceased property is for his children and other relatives.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	We have celebrations like-new yam festivals done yearly (in June to August) -annual festival called Zhiba Je, done around April and June before farming season starts. For better crop yield is the essence.	It is being celebrated by the indigene of the community.
Tell us about other ceremonies		Traditional ceremonies like sacrifice to the ancestors with ceremonies.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	This is critical and also highly technical. It is very sensitive and competitive. It involves two or more contestants. It may involve voting.	It is handled by the elders or king makers to select which clan is the next chief.
What unique attribute does your custom posses		When the ancestors and spirit of the land are happy, It brings love to the community.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Our community is adversely affected by the following:	Yes, but not much.

	-our youths in terms of behavioural changes -the older people these days receive very little or no care due to everyone love to make money.	
Other information	Other information is on the chieftaincy which is based on selection or appointing rulers. Either politically, traditionally or otherwise, use of religion should not be a yard stick in selecting such leaders and of course that is why we have various degree of problems in leadership instead of creating avenues for peace, tranquillity and good leadership. The Customary Court is begged to handle these cases with great care and wisdom.	

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	40+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Koro
Religion	Christian	
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Marriage is based on the parents – father and mother consent. A delegation of two on behalf of the young man has to meet the parent of the lady to take permission to engage her. Then an agreement reached on bride price and other processes.	Marriage is done in the following order: 1)introduction is done 2)the bride price is paid 3)the bride will not have access to the groom till after 7 days 4)traditional marriage ceremony
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	If the matter cannot be settled, divorce is allowed and children are in their father's custody.	First their parents discuss the merit of the matter, otherwise divorce stands.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children are handed over to their father or grandfather.	The children are handed over to the mother while the grown-up children to their father. Their father is responsible of their feeding.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The children inherit their father's property.	The deceased property is for his children and other relatives.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom		It is being celebrated by the indigene of the community.

Tell us about other ceremonies		Traditional ceremonies like sacrifice to the ancestors with ceremonies.
How are chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The elders handle chieftaincy matters in my community.	It is handled by the elders or king makers to select which clan is the next chief.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The unique attribute in my community is farming.	When the ancestors and spirit of the land are happy, It brings love to the community.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community any way	Yes, it has affected my community.	Yes, but not much.
Other information		

Name	Haruna Garba	Shuaibu
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	40+
Tribe	Gade	Gade
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Both families agreed and the bride price is paid.	Parents agree and payment of bride price is made.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The parents of the couple will try to settle the matter but if the matter cannot be settled, divorce is allowed.	Parents of both parties come together, and letter of divorce is issued.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children would be in the custody of the husband. Husband is responsible for the up keep of the children.	The children stay with their mother until they are six years. Children above 6 years stay with their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	When parent are deceased, the elders share the property amongst their children or in some cases the court would do that.	The first child takes charge of sharing of property.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are celebrated by bringing out masquerades to entertain people.	Festivals are celebrated during the first harvest season of the year.

Tell us about other ceremonies		Women organize an end of the year get together.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community		The village head handles such matter.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attribute in my community is farming.	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, it has affected my community.	
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group		
Tribe	Bassa	Bassa
Religion	Islam	Christian
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The bride price must be paid first before the marriage proper. And it is normally done in the groom's house.	When a couple meets and are interested in each other, the man establishes his interest and collects her native/home address. He will then go to her father's house to serve on his farmland. Afterwards, the two parents will meet and discuss processes. The bride price can be exchanged using trade by bata or by money. During the marriage, the woman is taking to another house for seven days till the celebration. On the last day she must hit the door with her leg to ensure she is healthy. The majiji will also coordinate their first night to ensure if she is a virgin.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The case of divorce is minimal in Bassa tribe, but when it happens the wife will go back to her father's house and the children remain with the husband for their upkeep.	The family elders handle the investigation to ensure they do not do the wrong thing.

What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children are properly taking care of by their father and uncles.	They are taken care of by their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The elders of Bassa will come together then call the children of the deceased and share the properties of their father according to tradition.	The property will be given to the beneficiaries: children, mother but the males take the lion share.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Bassa festival is celebrated once a year. That is when Bassa masquerade (Jiji) will also come out in the village square and display and entertain people.	They eat different foods, local beers, kill chickens and goats, singing and dancing.
Tell us about other ceremonies	We have celebration of farming season.	Mahajiy and Azhiba are also celebrated where there will be singing and dancing with food.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The council of elders do the chieftaincy selection, examine them and present one certified person to be the WAZIRI who will turban the selected candidate.	The king maker under the leadership of the number one king maker meet and deliberate to make sure they ordain the rightful chief. The new king must come from the ruling house.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The Bassa people are predominantly found in Kogi State, Niger, Nassarawa, Benue States and possess some distinct attributes: -unique custom	-unity of the people -accountability and trust -godliness

	-traditional/cultural attire	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	People have moved from the rural areas to the city in search of a better life.	
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Female	Female
Age group		40+
Tribe	Bassa	Bassa
Religion	Christian	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-Normal introduction, if the family of the girl accepts -then the bride price is paid then -wedding engagement is done where the wife and the husband is joined together	-seek the parents consent and talk to their daughter of the boy's intention, -investigation by both parents to know the status of their children before the marriage -the boy's parents pays the bride price -the date is fixed for the marriage and witnesses are called.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Divorce is done in the court, the traditional way is no more welcome or done, because of civilization.	-both parents come together to discuss the matter; the couple will be invited to know what the issue is all about. If the reason is baseless, the marriage

		will be restored but if the reason from any of them is serious, then the divorce will commence. -they will stay three (3) months apart without the woman being intimate with another man incase of pregnancy. If after that period, she is not pregnant then she is free to go but if pregnant, she will deliver first.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	In a case of divorce, the children are taken care of by their father or grandfather as the case may be.	It depends on the age of the children. If they are above six (6) years, they will be with their father but if below, the children will stay with their mother, but the father still takes care of the affairs of the children.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The children are the ones to inherit their father's properties when he is no more.	It depends on the number of children and wives but the first children of the family, will take their share before others.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are usually celebrated during sallah period, the king rides on horse, go round the town and receives greetings from the people and he identifies areas of concerns for solutions.	Festival is celebrated yearly, the chiefpriest will communicate to the chief of the village, telling him about the need for the festival. Each family will cook and share to their neighbours and visit each other houses.

Tell about other ceremonies	-new yam festival, yams are prepared in various forms like roasted, cooked, (pounded and porridge).	There is a yearly ceremony where all the village or community will present small token of their grain to the chief priest to seek for their ancestor's blessing.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled by the elders of the two, they select who becomes the chief.	King makers has the final say on chieftaincy matters.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The king prepares food during the festival for people to eat.	-respect for all -peace and harmony between each household
Has urbanization affected the people of your community in any way	Yes, people move from the rural area to urban city in search of jobs.	Tribal sentiment, religion etc has affected the community.
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Male	Female
Age group	50+	30+
Tribe	Gwandara	Ganagana
Religion	Christian	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	There will be agreement between the intended couple, then introduction to the parents, then traditional marriage with the entertainment of kolanuts and palm wine while the chief of the village will attend the marriage.	The elders of the village come together and hold a meeting and fix a date for the engagement proper. After the bride price has been paid.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The parents will know the root cause of the disagreement, if there could be reconciliation, but if not possible, divorce will be allowed.	Elders call the parties and if one of them insists then the divorce will take place in Sharia Court or other court.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom		The children are handed over to their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The property is shared among the children.	The children inherit the properties of their father.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Ashuma festival, guinea corn and yam festivals are all celebrated with	Festive periods are celebrated yearly which is towards end of June and first

	masquerades also local wine are being prepared which takes seven days to be prepared.	week of July.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Chieftaincy and Zueen ceremony which involve using of bow and arrow as demonstration.	
How are chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The king makers call the Waziri for a meeting for proper selection and agreement after selection.	A chief is selected by the council of elders. They decide who will be the chief of the town.
What unique attribute your custom posses	Friendship, beauty, good relationship and unity.	There is a traditional attire and good craft work.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, the youths have been into so many unlawful activities like; drug abuse, yahoo extra and internet fraud.	In search of a better life, people move from rural to urban area, then depopulating the rural area and populating the urban city.
Other information	The sensitization by government has been inadequate and also lack of security to curtail crime in the society.	

Name		
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	30+	50+
Tribe	Ganagana	Hausa
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Meeting will be held by the elders of the village on how the marriage will be conducted. A day will be fixed for engagement, after the bride price has been paid.	Marriage is in this order: i)visit the husband's family ii)formal introduction; colanut is presented to the wife's family ii)acceptance, after that bride price is paid iv)engagement
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	For divorce, both the husband and wife will be called to know their problem, if anyone of them insist on divorce, the elders will now allow the divorce to take place, and it will take place at the Sharia Court.	The elders are the ones that handle it.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The father takes custody of the children.	The children are being taken care of by the mother or father as the case may be.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The children inherit the properties of their father, when he is not alive.	The children are the ones that inherit their father's property.

How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are celebrated at the end of June and first week of July.	Festivals are being celebrated seasonally like during farm harvest.
Tell us about other ceremonies		Hausa have ceremonies call “wada dembe”, where the youths will show their strength in a traditional wrestling competition and whoever that wins the fight is given a prize.
How is chieftaincy being matters handled in your community	The council of elders of the town will select the chief of the town to lead the people.	It is handled by the Hausa Council of Elders.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The people of Ganagana are good in craft work.	The local food which is “TUWON TOKA and MIYAN KUKA”.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, they populate the urban city.	
Other information		