

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM GWARGWADA CHIEFDOM

Name		
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	30+	50+
Tribe	Gade/Gwargwada	Gade/Gwargwada
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Consult the parent/guardians for permission. Consent of the lady/girl is asked. Payment of the bride price and then introduction of the groom to the bride parents/relatives. The date of the wedding is fixed.	The families of both the man and the lady come together after accepting bride price. The marriage ceremony is arranged then the lady moves to her husband's house.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled your custom	The woman will stay in the husband's house for three mensural period to confirm if she is pregnant in the case of infidelity.	The divorced lady observed Idah for three months.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children will stay in the husband's house. In case the mother is a nursing mother, the child will go with the mother till he/she is grown up to stay with the father.	The children are in their father's care and he has the custody.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Properties of the deceased is shared according to Islamic law. The male takes two third of the property while the female takes one third of the property.	Before inheritance is for male children but now with coming of Islam, inheritance is shared proportionally to the children.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Inna festival is celebrated during new yam festival annually as the customs and traditions of the community demands.	Festivals are celebrated yearly.

Tell us about other ceremonies	Naming ceremonies are celebrated when a child is born. Ram is killed and other activities take place.	Other ceremonies are funerals, marriages etc which are done whenever they occurred.
How is chieftaincy matters handled in your community	The chieftaincy matters are being handled based on rotation through the various royal houses by the king makers of the community. They select the next chief.	Chieftaincy is taken by royal sons who inherit their parent's roles through rotational processes.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attribute of our custom possess is Inna festival.	Dancing steps, costumes and musical instruments.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	No, because urbanization does not affect the norms and customs of the people at large.	It has affected us in so many ways: -Ceremony -Food -Dressing -Farming practices
Other information	The questionnaire should create better understanding to meet the norms and customs or the socio-cultural aspect of life of the community at large.	

Name		
Gender		Male
Age group	56+	50+
Tribe	Igbura/Tashara (Gwargwada)	Gade/Gwargwada
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-seek consent of the lady of choice -contract the parents -pay dowry -arrange for ceremony	The families of both the man and the lady come together after accepting bride price. The marriage ceremony is arranged then the lady moves to her husband's house.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom		The divorced lady observed Idah for three months.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The father of the children takes charge of his children.	The children stay in their father's care.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The inheritance is shared among the children.	Before inheritance is for male children but now with coming of Islam, inheritance is shared proportionally to the children.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom		Festivals are celebrated yearly.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Muslims celebrated Sallah while Christians celebrate Christmas.	Other ceremonies are funerals, marriages etc which are done whenever they occurred.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	After the death of a royal king is celebrated by the kingmakers, a date is fixed	Chieftaincy is taken by royal sons who inherit their parent's roles through rotational

	for turbaning of another, selected for the post, always from a ruling house.	processes.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The language spoken.	Dancing steps, costumes and musical instruments.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, so many people have shifted from old practices to Christianity/Islamic ways of life.	It has affected us in so many ways: -Ceremony -Food -Dressing -Farming practices
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	25+	56+
Tribe	Gade/Vuga (Gwargwada)	Gade/Gwargwada
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	It is conducted when both parties agreed to marry each other. The groom will now pay the bride price in the gathering of both families of the man and woman.	-seek the consent of the lady -consult the parents of both families -pay the bride price according to Islamic rites -fix a wedding Fatiha after the agreement of both parents for the ceremony to take place.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	In case of divorce, the woman will be asked to stay in the husband's house for three (3) months and he will feed her and there will be no intimacy, it is called ela . After that she will leave and both parties go their separate ways.	Divorce observes three months of menstrual cycle out of which she goes to court for certificate of divorce and declaration. She can then re-marry any man of her choice.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The older children stay with the father while the breast feeding one is allowed to be with the mother while the father takes care of the welfare.	The children are left in the care of their father, but the breast-feeding child is left with the mother until weaning.
What does your custom say about inheritance	It is shared according to Islam, where the men take two third (2/3) of the properties while the women take one third (1/3) of the properties.	The properties of the deceased go to the immediate family, that is the children and the wife but if the parents of the deceased are still alive, the properties will be

		shared in proportions as demanded by Islamic law.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	The new year festival is celebrated every year like Inna , in our culture. On that day of the Inna, we are not allowed to pound anything, nobody goes to farm and on that day, women will prepare beans and yam.	Festivals are celebrated according to the nature of the festival, i.e., marriage, funeral and harvest. These are observed differently as custom demands.
Tell us about other ceremonies	We have other ceremonies like naming ceremony and marriage ceremony.	Sallah (Muslim) ceremonies are yearly, Christian's ceremonies are also yearly.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community		Chieftaincy is through rotational processes after the kingmakers have confirmed the rightful son to ascend the throne.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The unique attribute possessed by our customs are: - -marriage ceremonies -farming -The Inna festival.	The unique attributes our customs possess are: - -marriage ceremonies -funeral ceremonies -farming and -Inna festivals
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	It has affected our cultures in several ways like our mode of dressing and farm products has changed.	Yes, most of the norms and customs of the people have been overtaken by urbanization and religions living behind faded customs.
Other information	A questionnaire like this is supposed to come in objectives form like closed ended question – yes/no question.	

Name	Bikko Reuben	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	45+
Tribe	Gwari/Gbede (Gwargwada)	Gade/ Gwargwada
Religion	Christianity	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	When the husband to be is ready for marriage. He goes along with few members of his family to ask the in-laws for list. Then he will go to the market along with his wife to be and a representative in-law to buy part of the listed materials. Then the husband to be prepares for the ceremony.	Marriage is conducted in my tribe by the family of the couples to be. The man's family delegated persons to the lady's family to seek her consent. Then, the dowry is paid.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	If it happened, we go directly to the chief, then to the community chief who now call on the persons, if they insist the wife should go then the wife goes to the court for damages caused by the husband.	Divorce is recognised by the Gade people and in case of adultery, men can divorce their wives likewise women can seek for breakage of marriage contracted through legal means.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children remain with their father.	The children stay with their father after divorce. Breastfeeding baby goes with the mother.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The inheritance is shared among the children.	The deceased person inheritance by giving the boys two third (2/3) of the property and (1/3) to the girls in line with Islamic law.

How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	The festival in Gbede community is celebrated with the community (church).	Festival is celebrated based on season often, the festival eg. Adakpu and Innah festivals are celebrated annually.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Most times the ceremonies are celebrated with cultural drums.	Other ceremonies are Sallah and new yam ceremonies.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The issue of chieftaincy in Gbede community involves two ruling houses and the arrangement is being tabulated for it to be in orderly form, the first house known as Etsu Muallo and second house known as Etsu Tanze . If the chief in first house dies, then a chief is selected from the second house.	The chieftaincy matters are being handled based on the rotation of the houses that is next to be the chief. This is carried out by the kingmaker of the community who select the son of the ruling house.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attribute in our community is love for one another; this is attributed to Shakespeare.	The unique attribute our community possess is farming.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, inadequate job or unemployment in Gbede community.	The norms and customs of our people are affected through the ways of their life that changes.
Other information	Finally, we in Gbede community are facing a lot of unemployment most especially the youths.	

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	56+	50+
Tribe	Gade/Gwargwada	Gbagyi/ Gwargwada
Religion	Islam	Christianity
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Marriages are conducted based on Islamic laws here.	The man has discussion with the lady and if there is any form of agreement, the following takes place: - -introduction -man pays bride price -fixing of wedding date
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	If it is the woman that seeks for divorce, she goes to the court where the judge will request her to pay back her bride price to her husband. But if it is the husband that seeks for divorce, she does not require to pay back her bride price. According to Islamic rules, she will observe Ida for 4 month 10 days.	When there is an issue, the elders of the community will go and apologize and try to settle their differences if there is no agreement, the pastor or man of God steps in and tries as much as much as possible to resolve the case.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	After divorce, the children belong to the father. But a breast feeding baby is left with the mother and the father pays welfare.	The father takes sole responsibility of children's upbringing and provides for their academics
What does your custom say about		Children of the deceased will be the

inheritance		ones to inherit property of their parents which will be shared by the elder of the family.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Gade has varieties of festivals: - 1) Gunyi festival is to celebrate the death of an old woman above eighty years (80). 2) Agbolo and Gbadu are celebrations with different masquerades that perform like Adagbu, Zhizhi, Nupa, Chakutari, Lishakpa etc.	The name of the festival is Abenu which is celebrated in dry season. Although it rains on that day of the festival.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Gagade ceremony of married couples. It involves both men and women. Tuva ka Luvu are purely danced by women for married couples.	There is also the Eka festival which is celebrated in the month of August. The festival starts from daytime into the night.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Ascension to the throne is on rotational order in the ruling houses. There are kingmakers who select/vote if there are more than one candidate. The selected candidate is turbaned by Ugo Pye. The chief goes into seclusion for seven (7) days. Then, comes out while different ceremonies are performed.	There are two ruling houses and so chieftaincy title is rotational within the first and second ruling house. There are men in committee who investigates this.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Our custom has unique attributes like masquerades costumes.	There is peace and unity between the ruling houses and amongst the community. And control of divorce rate in the community.

Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, especially the Islamic religion has prevented many from participating in customs and traditional ceremonies.	There is cultural diversity. People do not value custom anymore as there is disobedience to the law of the land.
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	40+
Tribe	Gbari/Gwargwada	Gade/Gombe (Gwargwada)
Religion	Christianity	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	There is an agreement between the parties involved after which there would be an introduction which both families get to know each other. The bride price is paid by the man and a wedding date is fixed.	Marriages are conducted in our tribe in Islamic ways. Get the consent of the lady, consult with the parents of the lady then pay the lady's bride price and then prepare for the wedding.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	It takes collective effort of elders of community to see that the marriage works. The elder would go three times to bring the woman home.	The case of divorce is handled according to religion laws. The woman stays in her husband's house for three menstrual period to justify her for not being pregnant.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The father takes responsibility to take care of the children.	Custody is vested in the mother until the child/children becomes of age and move to their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The children will inherit the property of their parents. The eldest of the family would share the property equally.	Properties are shared according to Islamic laws. The male children get 2/3 of the properties which the female children get 1/3 of the properties.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	They celebrate a festival called Gbenu in the dry season.	Festivals are being celebrated through: - i. celebration and clothing

		ii. dancing and music iii. rituals and ceremonies.
Tell us about other ceremonies	In the month of August, Eka festival is celebrated. It starts at daytime until night time.	Naming ceremony to welcome the child, name and to formally introduce them to the family or community. Marriage ceremony which is joining two families paying bride price.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	There are two ruling houses , the first is installed as the chief and at his demise, it is passed to the second and so on.	Chieftaincy is being handled in the following ways: - Royal heritage (the royal house that comes next) Election by elders and all are handled by the kingmakers.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Peaceful co-existence between chieftaincy and people in the community.	The tribal marks, mother tongues are learned without any written laws in the family and community.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Different cultures and cultural diversity. The people no longer obey old customs and disregard these customs.	No
Other information		

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	40+
Tribe	Gade/Gwargwada	Gade/Gombe (Gwargwada)
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	First is the consent of the lady. Then consultation with the parents/guardian of the lady. After that a fixed date is set for the wedding of the bride and groom after paying the bride price.	The consent of the bride to be gotten. Then, the family of the bride is consulted. After that the bride price is paid and a date is set for ceremony.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The woman stays in her husband's house for three menstrual periods in order to testify that she is not pregnant.	Divorce is the breaking of marriage which is revocable and irrevocable. In this both parents/guardians intervene seeking dialogue in order to reverse, the divorce. The woman is allowed to be in the husband's house for three months to ascertain if she is pregnant or not.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children stay with the father while the one breast feeding stays with the mother while the father takes care of their welfare.	The children stay with their father except for the very young one who stays with the mother while the father takes care of the welfare of the child with the mother.

What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties of the deceased are shared in accordance with Islamic law. The males take 2/3 and the females take 1/3 of the properties including the mother and the father if they are alive.	It is shared between the children and the parents of the deceased; the males take the large share (2/3) which double that of that of the females (1/3).
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Inna festival is celebrated during the harvest of new yam in the month of August and September yearly where all the villagers come out to display different cultural dances.	When is time for Inna festival, the people of the community come out in mass in the village square jubilating, singing and dancing.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Sallah ceremonies which include Eid-el fitr and Ei-al Adha in which rams are killed to celebrate them according to Islamic norms.	We have -marriage ceremonies -funeral ceremonies -Inna festival, the new yam festival
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled through rotational bases within the ruling houses. It is the kingmakers that oversees this by voting.	The new chief is chosen according to the next house to rule after the death of the current chief, this is achieved by voting, solely organised by the kingmakers.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The unique attribute of our custom possess:- -marriage ceremonies -inna festival celebration -sallah celebration	Tribal marks for easy recognition. Another is the tribal sword (weapon) and tribal sheath and mode of eating.

Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, most of our cultures and norms have been abandoned through urbanization like our dressing, religion and cultural activities.	It has adverse effect on the people of the community, most especially on the economy, water supply, power generation and health.
Other information		I am pleading with the Department of Planning, Research and Statistics under the Customary Court of Appeal for help on behalf of our community to please investigate the mode of choosing community leaders which is always tempered with by our politician. We need to have a say in our politics, most importantly the women are not given any chance.

Name		
Gender	Male	
Age group	40+	
Tribe	Gade/Gwombe	
Religion	Islam	
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The groom's family consult with the parents/guardians of the bride. The consent of the bride to be is taken, then the dowry/bride price is paid. Then the wedding date is fixed.	
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The woman stays and observes 3 menstrual periods in the husband's house without cooking for the man. this is just to ascertain if the woman is pregnant or not.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The grown up children stay with their father, if by chance she is nursing a child she/he stays with her until she weaned the child while the husband takes care of the child's welfare.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	The property of the deceased will be shared among the legal wife and children. The wife and children married out of wedlock will not inherit anything. The properties are shared among the children,	

	the males get 2/3 while the females get 1/3.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Inna festival is celebrated during new yam festivals annually as the customs and traditions of the people demands.	
Tell us about Ooher ceremonies	-Naming ceremony -Marriage ceremony -New year ceremony	
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are being handled in a rotational heritage of the royal household by the kingmakers to set out the next in line for the chieftaincy of the community to be selected for a better leadership of the community.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The unique attribute possessed in our community is farming and hunting.	
Has urbanization affected the people of the community in any way	Yes, because most of the cultural norms, customs and traditions have been abandoned through urbanization e.g. dressing code, religion and cultural activities.	
Other information	The questionnaire should be objective.	

