

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM RUBOCHI CHIEFDOM

Name	Suleiman Imman Kasim	Zakari Idris
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	36+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Bassa
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Acceptance of proposal, introduction of husband's relatives to the girl's family, payment of dowry and presentation of witness.	The man sends his parent to woman's parent, if they accept your request. Then the man's family will ask them to mention their need. Payment of dowry which is necessary requirements.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	After divorce, the wife still stays in husband's house for three months to observe if she is pregnant.	They call both parties and hear the problem, the elders of both families will come and discuss the issue and if it is resolved. They will call for settlement. If not, then they will ask the husband what he needs to do.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children stay with their father if they are above five years.	The husband will be the one to carry the children if he can feed them. If not, then the wife has every right to take care of the children.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The inheritance is shared among the children who will take charge of their parent's properties.	It's normally the children and rest of the family members that will come together and do the necessary things in the way of the religion they practice.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Islamic festivals are celebrated in two different ways; the Sallah Elde-Kabir and Saddu Elde Zakatal Fitri.	We celebrate this ceremony by inviting other villages which used to take place yearly to organise the

		festival well.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Marriage and naming ceremonies, visiting relatives and sharing of gifts.	Ike dance is celebrated annually, and it takes place in the night during the month of September and October, no sacrifice.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	It is being handled by council of Elders or King Makers	No one becomes a chief without been a member of the clan in the community and must be an adult.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The value attached to wedding ceremonies.	Respects for parents, mode of dressing, tribal marks and burial.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, it has reduced the rate of visitation to relatives due to phone communication.	It has affected people in the community due to environmental changes and high rate of rental properties.
Other information	Urban areas are very good due to sound education, job opportunities, more commercial activities enhancing better trade.	

Name	Hassana Gomina Zainab	
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	56+	46+
Tribe	Gade	Gbaygi
Religion	Islam	Christianity
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	This is done in the presence of witnesses from both the bride and the groom. The Iman joins both parties.	Gbagyi marriage is conducted in a way that if a man picks interest in a girl, he will labour for some years before a girl is giving to him as a wife. After he might have completed the pre-requisite of the culture of the tribe by farming for his in-law. He now pays the bride price, its in categories, the bride price are picked up to seven stages.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	First of all, parents of both parties are informed of their grievances. If this persists both parties would be separated.	Elders of the wife and elders of the husband will gather in the house of the wife for settlement between the couple. If they could not handle it, the case will be taking to the Chief's house as the higher authority of the community for settlement.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	It is based on mutual agreement. But ideally children are meant to be with their father. If the father accepts, they may be with their mother.	The children remain with their father, while some children may decide to follow their mother. But still, they all belong to their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Inheritance is shared based on gender. The female take half of what the male takes.	All the children inherit their father's property, both male and female children.

How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	During rainy season, celebrations are done, and sacrifices are made with production of local beer to the ancestors asking for favour for the crops. The festival is called Zhiba .	Through cultural dance, dressing and different activities are performed on that period.
Tell us about other ceremonies	There is Amalewa ceremony and Adamiya festival where masquerades come out.	Other ceremonies are performed culturally by wearing traditional dresses, dancing and different activities.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy is based on royal kingship. It is solely by inheritance.	Our chieftaincy matters are handled within two ruling houses, if this house rule and after the death, of the other one will rule. This means the community has only two ruling houses, one after the other.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Honesty	Dancing, dressing and eating etc.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Through religion, Christianity brought about abolishment of idol worship.	It has affected this community negatively thereby making this community to forget some cultural aspect of their custom.
Other information	Urbanization has also brought about infrastructural development and electricity in the community.	The Rubochi community is living peacefully with one another and Rubochi is a free community dominated and originated by Gbagyi tribe right from the founders of Robuchi from a tree called "Lubochiyi". The name originated from that tree called "Lubochiyi".

Name	Umar Abuzaidu	Ladi B. Abuja
Gender	Male	Female
Age group		50+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Gbagyi
Religion	Islam	Christian
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Marriage will be conducted with the following conditions: - -both parents must give their consent -the relatives and parents of the groom will go to meet the relatives of the bride to be. The groom would be given a list of items to buy and also pay bride price.	The man who is interested in a particular girl, will have to labour by farming for his in-laws to be, he would pay the bride price in different categories in seven different stages.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Both parties try to resolve their issues. If this does not work, the issue is taken to court. Court advises couple to work out their differences, if this does not work out, the court can dissolve the marriage.	The elders of both parties will gather and try to settle the matter. If this does not work out, this would be taken to the chief's house to the higher authority of the community to resolve them.
What happens to the children of divorced couple	The children would be under the custody of their father. If there is a baby involved, the mother is to keep the baby until he/she comes of age. However, the father will be responsible for providing for the baby.	The children will be under the custody of their father. But they would be allowed to stay with their mother if they so wish. Nevertheless, the father would be responsible for their well-being.
What does your custom say about inheritance	In Islamic religion, there is a fixed amount of properties that are given to specific relatives such as the parents, spouse children and siblings. Male and	The children would inherit their parent's property. Both male and female children would inherit the property.

	female can inherit the property; -A part can be made up of 1/3 of the estate can be kept for non-heirs.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	A festival celebrated yearly is for children to know much about their traditions and customs.	The festivals include cultural dance and displace of culture by wearing traditional attires.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies that can take place is marriage ceremonies.	There are other ceremonies that are also involved like wearing traditional attire and cultural dance activities.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	There are graded chiefs and traditional rulers that exist within the FCT.	The chieftaincy involves two ruling houses. If the chief of the ruling house passes away, the other ruling house produces the next in line and it is rotational.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attributes are truthfulness and clarity when talking.	The dancing, dressing and eating of the local foods.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Change in the environment and daily living which has brought pressure on housing and services. It has also affected health and lifestyle because urban living has shifted diet and activity levels. It has also brought about economic opportunities.	The urbanization has affected the community positively and also has affected the community by forgetting some aspect of our cultures.
Other information	I Prefers urban living to rural living as urban living has paved way to modern structure, roads and services.	The community of Rubochi lives in peace. They originated from the founder Robuchi which was taken from a tree LUBOCHIYI.

Name	Kasim Ibrahim	Zakari Idris
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	40+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Bassa
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The man makes the marriage proposal. When the woman accepts the proposal, there is a formal introduction between bride and groom's family. The groom pays the dowry.	The groom's parents meet with the bride's parents. The intention of man is made known to the bride's parents if request is granted, they proceed to the next stage in which the groom is asked to pay the bride price and provide other requirements.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	When there is divorce, the wife stays for three months to observe her pregnancy status.	The parties will be called upon and say out their problems. The leaders of both families will try to settle the issue. If this does not work out, the husband would be told what to do.
What happens to the children of divorced couple	If the child is above five years of age, they will be under the custody of their father.	The man would take custody of the children. If he cannot fend for the children, the wife would have the right to keep them.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The property is shared to the children of deceased. If the parents of deceased are alive, they take part in the inheritance.	This is done according to the religion. The children of the deceased and the rest of the family members come together to do what is necessary.
How are festivals being celebrated in	In Islam, there are different festivals like	Festivals are celebrated yearly. Every

your custom	Sallah, Eidel Kabir, Sallah Eiel Zakabir Fitr. During these celebrations, people celebrate with family and friends by visiting and sharing gifts.	village member is expected to take part in the festival.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies include naming ceremony, marriage ceremony where different food is shared.	
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The chieftaincy titles are being handled by the kinsmen of the community.	Chieftaincy matters are handled both traditionally and in accordance with the law, governmental law.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The way people place value on wedding ceremonies and marriages.	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	People no longer visit each other because of the use of handset.	The lifestyle of people changed because of improved living standard by provision of infrastructure.
Other information		Urban living has improved the standard of living of others as there are new job opportunities and commercial activities have increased.

Name		Mr. Maikasuwa A. Ishaya
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	56+	56+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Gbagyi
Religion	Christian	Christian
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	It is an agreement between the two lovers and also an agreement between the parents of the couple.	The boy's parent visits the girl's parent and if the girl's parent agrees, marriage terms and dowry will be paid. Then they fix a day for marriage. The lady will be asked to sit on turnover pestle. Tradition will be performed in the house of the lady before taking her to her husband's house.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Divorce is a taboo in my culture, however if there is, then the family will call for meeting for it to be settled, if not the elders in the community. If the elders cannot settle the matter, then divorce can now take place.	The lady goes to her father's house. They set up a group of people who will advise and monitor the marriage.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children of divorced couple belongs to the man (husband) who will be responsible for their welfare until they grow to adult.	Grown up children will remain with their father while the small children (1-4) years will go with their mother before settlement.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Inheritance of the couple belongs to their children. In case there is no child between the couple, then the family of the husband inherit the properties.	The children and their mother inherit the properties of the deceased.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	We have the "Zhibafe" festival which is celebration of raining season and	Every festival has name and time of celebration e.g.

	sacrifice are being offered to gods or spirit called “Zhiba”. We have the Lububwiyije” festival celebrated to appease the gods to prevent evil or danger in the land.	Lububiyi is celebrated in April every year Zhibaje is celebrated between February and March every year.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Amadawa: celebration of possessing spirit Abwamayai: festival of masquerades Bariti: festival of religious worship	Other ceremonies -Amadawa -Amwamwa -Agorobe -Akaka The above mentioned are owned by individual which their celebration period is controlled by the owner.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy is based on inheritance right. Only the ruling house can produce a chief after the death of a sitting chief which is done by the counsel of elders, chief makers. The one with leadership quality will be chosen from the ruling family.	It is handled within two ruling houses. Example if A ruling house dies, B ruling house will take over. It is a rotational system of ruling between two houses.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Honesty, humility and peaceful co-existence with the neighbours.	We follow things chronologically based on the agreement led down by our rulers and regulation guiding our community. We respect our elders and we do not covet another man’s wife within the community.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, in areas of religion, idols not been worship anymore, the moral training is no more, loss of respect to elders.	Yes, our land has been marginalized and strategic positions denied, rural development has been denied. Kidnappers, yahoo boys and thieves have invaded our community.

Other information	Urbanization has aided the provision of social amenities, provision of educational institutions, construction of roads, which has aided access to farms and market, access to good water which has led to improved standard of living.	Yes, there is need for social amenities like good roads, hospital, electricity and schools should be established in our community. Government should tackle cases of insecurity, thieves and yahoo boys in our community as a matter of urgent concern. Employment opportunities should be considered to the inhabitants (indigenes).

Name	Ahmadu Aliyu	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	56+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Gbagyi
Religion	Islam	Christian
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	When a man intends to marry a woman, he signals his interest by presenting Gbapye to the girl's parent.	Marriage is conducted according to religion and local rights.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	There are different categories in term of divorce, the parent of the woman will invite the husband and settle them.	The two parties, the man and the woman are advised to settle where they cannot settle the matter, the two can go for separation.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children will be so sad because the environment will not be good for them. They cannot find it easy without their mother.	The grown-up children stay in their father's house while the little one stay with their mother for proper upkeep.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties and money will be shared to the family.	If the decease has a written document (Will) then the properties are distributed based on the Will. But if not the family distribute the properties according to their age.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	They celebrate festival by wearing abagyi clothes with different cultural activities e.g beating bands, dancing and singing in our dialect.	Festivals are celebrated by dancing in a circular form, beating of drums and singing during new yam celebration.
Tell us about other ceremonies	They invite other tribes with their cultural	Marriage ceremony where foods and local

	dressing to join the ceremonies in the community.	wines are served to visitors.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Like settling land disputes and communal conflicts. Performing cultural ceremonies and festivals. Advising people in the community for peaceful co-existence.	The issue is traced to history according to who succeeds the deceased to avoid crisis.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	We are honest and beautiful people in Rubochi community.	It portrays the image of my people and are known for their cultural heritage as a peace loving people.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, urbanization has affected people of Abuja in several ways both good and ugly ways. There are alot of changes in our environment. The cost of living is very high. It has also changed our original way of communication.	Yes, people are migrating to urban areas for a better living while leaving the village. Cultural heritage is dead.
Other information	Yes, the community should advice our youths to further their education. The community should advise the youth to turn away from crimes. They should also advice our youth to go and learn handwork.	

Name	Dankano James A.	Musa Dauda Danjuma
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	56+	50+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Gbagyi
Religion	Christian	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Marriage is conducted based on religion and tradition. The couples will arrange to meet the parents of the lady and fix a day for the marriage after every necessary payment has been made. A gun shot is made at night of the wedding to confirm the wedding has taken place, then dancing and native songs begins.	According to Islamic law and tradition, all the necessary things will be paid by the husband before the marriage is conducted.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	In case of divorce, the woman's family call the husband for dialogue, if the issue is handled well then, the woman returns to her husband's house but if not, the situation remains.	It depends on the cause of the divorce. The parent of the wife will invite the husband for settlement but if the parent cannot settle them, then they go to court.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children roam about the street and be maltreated.	The environment becomes toxic to them.
What does your custom say about inheritance	In Christianity, the properties are shared according to their age.	In Islamic law, the male child has the largest part of the properties while the female receives less.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are of various types and seasonal. Each festival comes at its own season for instance Christmas festival	Festivals are celebrated by wearing Gbagyi attire with different cultural activities like dancing and singing.

	which occurs every 25th December.	
Tell us about other ceremonies	Amwamwa is a festival celebrated towards the beginning of corn festival season. The masquerades are also celebrated.	We invite other tribes with their cultural dressing with celebration of singing and dancing.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled strictly by kingmakers. They are always two ruling houses for chieftaincy.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Respect to the elders	Loving each other, showing charity and respect for one another.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, urbanization has brought development to the community.	Yes, it did both good and bad like, marginalization and environmental changes. It also affects our daily way of life.
Other information	Issues of insecurity and culture should not be neglected.	Advice to the youth

Name	Amina Haruna	Iliyasu Umar
Gender	Female	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbagyi	Gbagyi
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The lovers get to know each other first before informing their parents about it. After agreement has been made, then the family of the lady present the list to the man for traditional marriage and date of the wedding is fixed.	According to Islamic law, the dowry is paid by the husband before marriage is being conducted.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	It's firstly handled by the parents of the couple then the middleman and finally the relatives.	According to Islamic law, the wife's parents will invite the husband to settle the issue.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	They looked pitiable and feel rejected because the care they missed from their mother.	The children will feel bad and would not be able to cope without their mother.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties are handed over to the senior person in the family and fixed the date to share it to the deceased children.	The properties and money will be shared to the family and in Islam when sharing the money, the male's own will be higher than that of the female child.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festival in Gbagyi land takes place in November and December and it is once a year.	Celebration is done by wearing Gbagyi clothes with different cultural activities e.g. Beating band, dancing and singing in our dialect.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Marriage ceremonies	Other ceremonies, other tribes are invited

		wearing their cultural clothes for the celebration.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	It's handled by the chiefs and it's turn by turn where one or two families are being selected.	The chiefs handle matters like settling of land disputes and communal conflicts.
What unique attribute your custom posses	The unique attribute is obedience, respect to elders, seniors and traditional leaders in the society.	Truthfulness and charity through beauty.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, forceful collection of land. Choosing candidates for the community by the government during election.	Yes, in both positive and negative ways. Health and lifestyles.
Other information	Urbanization has brought banditry and increase in other criminal activities.	Advice to the youths.

Name	Dogara Dakwoji	
Gender	Male	
Age group		
Tribe	Gbagyi	
Religion	Christian	
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Traditional wedding, Christian weeding and Islamic wedding in all these payments of dowry is paramount and consistent.	
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Both families (parents and relatives) will meet to resolve the issue but if not able to, then the community head will step in to reconcile them. If that does not work, then divorce.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The parents of the couple will sit to agree on whether their mother will take care of them if they are not many.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	Inheritance belongs to the family of the late person.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Zhiba Je is celebrated at the end of the year.	

Tell us about other ceremonies	Christmas celebration and Sallah celebration.	
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The matter is handled by the traditional council of the palace (king makers).	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Divorced women live in their own family house while the children stay with their father, but little ones go with their mother.	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, western education has affected the living standard and other activities.	
Other information	-Criminal activities all over -a lot of infrastructure coming up in the community	