

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM KUJE CHIEFDOM

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbagyi (Halawi)	Gbagyi (Dagachi)
Religion	Christian	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Gbagyi tribe marriage in Abuja/FCT is rooted in the middle belt traditions, and are very similar to their Gade neighbours with a strong emphasis on family and community.	Marriages are handled in our culture depending on types of marriage. The system of marriage in our custom are: 1. Statutory marriage – Registry marriage which is the court marriage. 2. Islamic marriage under Sharia/Islamic law common in the north. The listed marriages depends on which is applicable to an individual.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The elders, family heads and sometimes Customary Court get involved in the process. Usually the wife returns the bride price to the husband's family. Both families meet to discuss the issues, and if it cannot be resolved, they	The elders, family heads and sometimes Customary Court get involved. Both families of the bride and the groom discuss the issues and if it cannot be resolved they agree to dissolve it. Customs says children belongs to the father but

	agree to dissolve it. Custom usually says children belong to the father's family/lineage but courts now often give custody to the mother for young children. Property; it is what the wife brought to the marriage that goes back with her, what was bought jointly depends on the custom.	courts now often give custody to their mother for younger children. The wife's property that she brought goes with her. The property both jointly acquired depends on the custom. The wife returns the bride price to the husband's family.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	Depends on the age of the children and their welfare, the custody of the children especially the boys belongs to the father, the girls may stay with their mother until certain age then they join their father's house.	Mainly depends on the age of the children and their welfare, the custody of the children especially the boys belong to the father, the girls may stay with their mother until certain age then they join their father's house.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Here, it depends on the system that applies to the person who died. There are basically three systems: 1. Customary/law of inheritance. 2. Statutory law of inheritance. 3. Islamic law of inheritance by Sharia law.	This depends on the system that applies to the person who died. There are basically three systems: 1. Customary/law of inheritance 2. Statutory law of inheritance 3. Islamic law of inheritance by Sharia law.

	It is one of the most disputed areas since family/religion/tradition laws all clash.	It is one of the most disputed areas since family/religion/traditional laws all clash.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are a big deal, the values are showcased usually with different types of foods, music, traditional dance, dressing and coming together.	In my custom, festivals are a big deal, the values are showcased usually with different types of foods, music, traditional dance, dressing and coming together.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Beyond festivals, we have ceremonies for almost every big life moments according to our customs, such ceremonies are transitions, naming also known as Sunnah, etc.	Beyond festivals, we have ceremonies for almost every big life moments according to our customs, such ceremonies are transitions, naming also known as Sunnah, etc.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled in our community by the overseers which are the traditional council/councils of Chiefs headed by the paramount ruler who are responsible for the area councils. They advise, settle the disputes and traditionally guide. It all depends on vacancy.	Chieftaincy matters are handled in our community by the overseers which are the traditional council/councils of Chiefs headed by the paramount ruler who are responsible for the area councils. They advise, settle the disputes and traditionally guide. It all depends on vacancy, subject to consultation, traditional rites and government approval.

What unique attribute does your custom posses	Unique attributes of our customs are: 1.Community over individual 2.Respect for elders and traditions 3.Ceremony and celebration in everything 4. Special traditional display	Unique attributes of our customs are: 1.Community over individual 2.Respect for elders and traditions 3.Ceremony and celebration in everything 4. Special traditional display
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, urbanization has affected our community in both big and small ways such as: Changes in lifestyle – style of the people, faster pace of doing things, life in the city moves quicker, people work 5-9 jobs, traffics, less time for long traditional meetings. More nuclear families living as husbands and wives instead of extended family compounds.	Yes, urbanization has affected our community in both big and small ways such as: Changes in lifestyle – style of the people, faster pace of doing things, life in the city moves quicker, people work 5-9 jobs, traffics, less time for long traditional meetings. More nuclear families living as husbands and wives instead of extended family compounds.
Other information	Yes, there are other threes (3) ways urbanization is touching communities that people do not talk about: 1. Land and identity, cities like Abuja turns farmlands into estates for indigenous communities. It means	Yes, there are other threes (3) ways urbanization is touching communities that people do not talk about: 1. Land and identity, cities like Abuja turns farmlands into estates for indigenous communities. It means

	less lands for farming and traditional rites. It also means Chiefs and community leaders now have to negotiate with government/developers to protect sacred sites and ancestral lands. 2. Youth and culture: young people in the communities now have more exposure to TIKTOK, music, fashion, global ideas, some are drifting from traditional language and dressing. While others are actually reviving culture through art, music and cultural festivals in the city. Urbanization did not kill community festivals in the city, it moved it, reshaped it, and gives it new problems and new tools.	less lands for farming and traditional rites. It also means Chiefs and community leaders now have to negotiate with government/developers to protect sacred sites and ancestral lands. 2. Youth and culture: young people in the communities now have more exposure to TIKTOK, music, fashion, global ideas, some are drifting from traditional language and dressing. While others are actually reviving culture through art, music and cultural festivals in the city. Urbanization did not kill community festivals in the city, it moved it, reshaped it, and gives it new problems and new tools.
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Name		Adamu Dalhatu Yusuf
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbagyi (Hakimi)	Gbari
Religion	Christian	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Gbagyi tribal marriage in Abuja/FCT are rooted in the middle belt traditions, and are very similar to their Gade neighbours with a strong emphasis on family and community.	Introduction and acceptance of the union, payment of dowry (bride price) and payment of sending of union fees called Nyipata.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The elders, family heads and sometimes Customary Court get involved in the process. Usually the wife returns the bride price to the husband's family. Both families meet to discuss the issues, and if it cannot be resolved, they agree to dissolve it. Custom usually says children belong to the father's family/lineage but courts now often give custody to the mother for young children. Property: it is what the wife brought to	The case usually handled by the elders of the both families to reconcile the couple.

	the marriage that goes back with her, what was bought jointly depends on the custom.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	Depends on the age of the children and their welfare, the custody of the children especially the boys belongs to the father, the girls may stay with their mother until certain age then they join the father's house.	In Gbari custom, the children are being taken care by the father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Here, it depends on the system that applies to the person who died. There are basically three systems: 1. Customary/law of inheritance. 2. Statutory law of inheritance. 3. Islamic law of inheritance by Sharia law. It is one of the most disputed areas since family/religion/tradition laws all clash.	In Gbari custom the properties are shared among the children.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are a big deal, the values are showcased usually with different types of foods, music, traditional dance, dressing and coming together.	Festival are celebrated annually and some every two years which names are Zhibade, Abenude and Kuchide (masquerade).

Tell us about other ceremonies	Beyond festivals, we have ceremonies for almost every big life moments according to our customs, such ceremonies are transitions, naming also known as Sunnah, etc.	Burial are being celebrated after nine (9) days after the death.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled in our community by the overseers which are the traditional council/councils of Chiefs headed by the paramount ruler who are responsible for the area councils. They advise, settle the disputes and traditionally they guide. It all depends on vacancy.	The King Makers nominate the royal son according to the tradition and it's by inheritance.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Unique attributes of our customs are: 1.community over individual 2.respect for elders and traditions 3.ceremony and celebration in everything 4.Physical display of cultural heritage	Respect for elders, law of the community and also the King.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any	Yes, urbanization has affected our community in both big and small	It has affected our community through marginalization.

way	ways such as: Changes in lifestyle – style of the people, faster pace of doing things, life in the city moves quicker, people work 5-9 jobs, traffics, less time for long traditional meetings. More nuclear families living as husbands and wives instead of extended family compounds.	
Other information	Yes, there are other threes (3) ways urbanization is touching communities that people do not talk about: 1. Land and identity, cities like Abuja turns farmlands into estates from indigenous communities. It means less lands for farming and traditional rites. It also means Chiefs and community leaders now have to negotiate with government/developers to protect sacred sites and ancestral lands. 2. Youth and culture: young people in the communities now have more exposure to TIKTOK, music, fashion, global ideas, some are drifting from traditional language and dressing.	Yes, provision of employment for indigenous people for easy communication and interpretation of native languages.

	While others are actually reviving culture through art, music and cultural festivals in the city. Urbanization did not destroy community festivals in the city, it moved it, reshaped it, and gives it new problems and new tools.	
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Name		Etsu Usman Sule Haruna
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	40+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Introduction of the family and payment of bride price or dowry.	Introduction first, then acceptance of the union by the bride's parents after collection of union fees called Nyipata then payment of dowry (bride price).
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The case will be reported to the community and Chief palace, the couple will be served a letter from the Chief's palace for hearing, judgement will be passed after hearing from both parties a decision will be taken, either to divorce or to settle.	The case is usually handled by the elders of both families to reconcile the couple by telling them the consequences of divorced couples. How it will affect their children.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children are taken care of by their father.	In Gbari custom, the children are being taken care of by their father.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties of the deceased are shared among the children.	In Gbari custom, the properties of a deceased person will be shared among the children, both male and female.

How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	There is an annual celebration of festival in our community.	In Gbari custom, there are many festivals in our custom and tradition. Some are celebrated annually and some every two years eg. Zhibade, Gbenude and Kuchide (masquerade).
Tell us about other ceremonies	There is a festival called Gbenude which is celebrated yearly.	The death of an elderly person, is being celebrated in three (3) days in the family.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The family of the royal family meet and appoint the person that will lead the people in the community.	The King Maker in the community nominate the royal son according to the tradition and is by inheritance
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Respect for the king maker, law of the community and respect to the king by bending to greet and removing of shoes before entering the palace.	Respect of elders in the community, respect to law of the community and area at large. Respect to King by putting off our shoes before entering the palace and also proper greeting to the Emir.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	The movement of people from rural to urban area has not affected the community in any way.	Yes, it has affected us by marginalizing us in all ramification.

Other information	No	Yes, we urge the President of the Customary Court of Appeal FCT to employ more indigenous lawyers as Judges for easy interpretation of indigenous languages and customs.
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Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group		
Tribe	Gade	Gade
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-The two parties must agree -Family background checks -Consent of the two families must be obtained -Introduction and bride price payment can follow.	-Agreement between parties -Family background check -Introduction visit -Bride price/integration into the family.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	-The woman goes to the district council with her complaint -The husband is invited also to hear his own side -If after the final hearing, it is unresolvable, the woman pays some money to her husband through due process.	-The wife report to the district council -The couple will then be summoned to the district palace for fair hearing including their parents. -Due procedure will be followed before the final judgment on the divorce.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	-Where the children are under seven (7) years old, the mother takes custody. -If they are above seven (7), the father takes custody. -If the father insists that their mother	-Children between 0-7 years will still be under their mother's custody -Children above 8 years old will go to their father and be under his custody

	is not fit, then his mother takes custody.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	-The eldest son of the family takes over the leadership of the house. -The farmland and the family house remains indivisible. Every child of the house has an equal right. -In case where a child wants to be independent, he will be given his own share.	-The eldest son of the family automatically takes over the responsibilities and management of the family property. -Other children have an equal right over the properties also. -Any child who feels he needs his own share to be independent will be settled.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	-Adakpu annual festival is usually celebrated for 7 days with masquerades on display signifying the purification of the land for agricultural produce.	- Adakpu/Inna festivals is celebrated annually and it usually lasts for seven (7) days.
Tell us about other ceremonies	-Jijinuba (masquerade with knife) -Bashaku usually done to accompany the elderly ones to the grave yard.	-Basaku ceremony -Burial ceremony -Marriage ceremony -Ribochi ceremony
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	-If the village has more than one royal house, it will be rotational.	-Chiefs are selected from the royal lineage or royal house.

	-The next royal will be asked to bring the next royal son for turbaning. The King Makers do not act independently, they align with the family of the royal house and do their deliberations properly before they crown.	-The king makers do the selection and they also agree and deliberate on the selection. -Where there is more than one ruling house or royal lineage, it becomes rotational.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	-Discipline -Law abiding -Respect for order and law	-Love -Unity -Discipline -Law abiding
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	-It has distorted the originality of the laws of the land. -Marginalization of the people and the customs. -Indiscipline has become rampant in the community. -Crime has increased	-Marginalization is one of the major effects of urbanization and disrespect for our culture. Our people have been relegated to the background.
Other information	-Employ more of indigenous lawyers	-Employ indigenous people to

	to be judges in Federal Capital Territory so that cases in the courts can easily be treated and passed. -No issues of Chieftaincy title should be entertained in the Customary Court without the consent of the “Bagachi”, District Head/Paramount Chief. This is for the sanity of the traditional institutions.	interpret the law of the land. -When indigenous people are employed, they will be able to foster co-existence and quench family disputes faster.
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Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group		50+
Tribe	Gade	Gade
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-Parties must agree with each other -Family background checks -Consent of both parents and family must be obtained -Bride price/integration	Parties must agree with each other, family background check, consent of both parents and introduction.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	-The wife reports to the district council. -The district council summons his cabinet to discuss the complaint. -The couple will then be summoned to the district palace for hearing.	The wife reports to the district council The district council summons his cabinet to discuss the complaint The couple will then be summoned to the district palace for hearing including their parents. Due procedure will be followed before the final judgment on the divorce.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	-Children between ages of 0-7 years will still be under their mother's custody. -Children above 8 years will go to their father and be under his custody.	A child between the ages of 0-7 years will still be under their mother's custody. -Children above 8 years and above are under the custody of the father except otherwise.

What does your custom say about inheritance	-The eldest son of the family automatically takes over the responsibilities and management of the family property. -Other children have an equal right over the properties also. -Any child who feels he needs his own share to be independent will be settled.	Inheritance such as farm, the eldest son of the family takes over the responsibilities of family. Then other children have an equal right over the properties.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	-Adakpu annual festival is usually celebrated annually and it usually lasts for seven days.	- Adakpu called Inna festivals are celebrated annually. This festival last for seven (7) days.
Tell us about other ceremonies	-Basaku ceremony -Burial ceremony -Marriage ceremony -Ribochi ceremony	-Basaku ceremony -Burial ceremony -Marriage ceremony -Ribochi ceremony
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	-Chiefs are selected from the royal lineage or royal house. -The king maker do the selection. -The family and the kingmakers agree and debate on the selection.	Chiefs come from the royal lineage or house selection is made by the king maker. Where there is more than one ruling house then it becomes rotation.

	-Where there is more than one ruling house or royal lineage, it becomes rotational.	
What unique attribute does your custom possess	-Love -Unity -Discipline -Law abiding	-Love -Unity -Discipline -Law abiding
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Marginalization is of the major effects in our culture: our people have been relegated to the background.	Yes, it affects us in so many ways such as marginalization and also cultural norms.
Other information	-Employ indigenous people to interpret the law of the land. -When indigenous people are employed, they will be able to foster co-existence and quench family disputes faster.	-Employ indigenous people to interpret the law of the land. Employ indigenous people to interpret the law of the land and also engaging the indigenous in the system which will bring peaceful co-existence within the judicial systems.

Name		
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gade	Gade
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The parties must agree, family background checks, consent of both parentsfamily, introduction visit and bride price must be collected.	Traditionally the two parties must agree, the parents' consent must sought and both family background must be looked into. Introduction followed and the bride price must be collected from the groom.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The wife reports to the district council, the district council summons his cabinet to discuss the complaint. The couple will then be summoned to the district palace for hearing and due procedure will be followed before final judgment is given on the divorce.	The woman goes to the authority of district council with the complaint and the husband is invited by district authority for hearing, if by the final hearing, the issues could not be resolved the woman would pay some money to the husband through due process.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	A child below 7 years will still be under the custody of their mother while a child above 8 years will be under custody of the father, except otherwise.	The children will be in the custody of their father, but if the children are less than 7 years they will be in the custody of their mother, if the father insisted, they will be with their

		father's mother.
What does your custom say about inheritance	The eldest son of the family takes over the responsibilities of the family's property. Then other children have an equal right over the properties and anyone who feels to begiven independence, will be given his own share.	The senior son takes over the leadership of the family, and the farm and house remains indivisible.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Basaku annual festival is usually celebrated annually and it usually lasts for seven days.	Adakpu is the annual festival, the Inna festival masquerade show case for 7 days. Signifying the purification of the land for agricultural produce.
Tell us about other ceremonies	-Basaku ceremony -Burial ceremony -Marriage ceremony	-Jijinuba (masquerade with knife) -Bashaku accompanys elderly person to the grave yard.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chiefs come from royal homes, selection is made by the king maker, family and king maker agreed in the selection while there is more than one ruling house, then it becomes rotational.	It is rotational among the royal houses, if the village has more than one royal house.
What unique attribute does your	-Love	-every elder is highly respected,

custom posses	-Unity -Law abiding	discipline is paramount and laws must be obeyed by the people.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, it affect us through marginalization and also cultural norms.	Yes, it has affected the original laws and customs, marginalization of the people and their customs.
Other information	Indigenous people were not employed to interpret the laws of their land.	-Employ indigenous people to interpret the law of the land. Indigenous lawyers are not employed as judges in Federal Territory, so that they can treat cases in the courts.

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM GWAKO CHIEFDOM

Name	Idris Tukura	Badamasi Saidu
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	30+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The groom's family visits the bride's family to ask for her hand in marriage. After this the groom's family pays the pride price and presents gifts to the bride's family. They would perform some traditional rites to seek for blessing in the marriage and they proceed to do the wedding ceremony where the bride is beautifully dressed in traditional attires.	The man would search for a girl of good character and propose to her. After this, the parents of the man will tell the parents of the girl their intentions. This is followed with presentation of food items and cash for the introduction. The man is also to farm for the parents of the lady.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The families of the husband and wife together with the couple meet to discuss the problem. The village elders and heads also take part in the reconciliation. The grounds for divorce include adultery, persistent abuse, neglect, and infertility.	When there is a case of divorce, the man would serve the woman a written paper or he will lock her up in a room. When the divorce is completed, the woman would stay in her parent's house. She is free to remarry.

	After this is investigated, part of the bride price is returned to the husband depending on the circumstance and the customs of that particular Gbari community.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The younger children stay with their mother for a period of time while the older children stay with their father's family.	Children under five (5) years of age stay with their mother till they are of age. The older ones are in their father's custody.
What does your custom say about inheritance	According to Gbari custom, land and family properties are patrilineal. The eldest son has a leading role in managing the deceased father's properties but he is generally expected to do so for the benefit of the wider family and not for himself. Daughters do not inherit family land.	The children of the deceased share the property from the youngest to oldest. Property inherited includes houses, clothes, money, farm produce and other materials.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	The chiefs and elders open the ceremony with prayers for peace, good harvest, health and prosperity. After this, the masquerade known as Nago performs. After the	Zhibadyi is a festival celebrated annually so that younger ones are taught about their culture. On that day, people do not go to farm. But they are celebrated by eating and

	masquerade performance, the chiefs/traditional leaders perform.	dancing.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Naming ceremony (Ayetu) is usually held four or seven days after birth. Funeral rites are very important as well.	Other ceremonies include wedding in which singers and drummer are called to the playing ground to perform.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	The office of the chief is usually hereditary. When the chief dies, or steps down, the successor is commonly chosen from the recognized ruling house or royal lineage, according to established customs. The selection is done by the community elders and king makers. They meet to identify the rightful successor based on tradition.	The two ruling houses are Etsu Knuknu Tugo and Etsu Bwaya. They rule alternatively, for instance if the Etsu Knuknu Tugo dies, the Etsu Bwaya would take over the throne.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	The Gbari people have several diverse cultural attributes that make their customs unique like respect for elders, communal living, consensus based leadership, deep respect for ancestral tradition and customary	Great attributes include the culture, peaceful co-existence, tolerance, unity, care and sincerity.

	inheritance.	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	It has had a significant impact on the Gbari community especially around the Federal Capital Territory. The growth of Abuja has transformed traditional lifestyle. The effects include loss of ancestral land, younger generation are influenced by modern lifestyle.	One way urbanization has affected the community is that the younger generation are no longer interested in major occupation like farming, fishing and hunting. Mechanized farming has caused the soil to loose its nutrients thereby leading to low productivity.
Other information	Urbanization also has a positive effect on Gbari.	

Name	Labaran Deseyi	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-Look for a lady with good character. -Through some of the family of the husband to be, money and foodstuffs are sent for proposal. -The wedding date is then set by the intending couple.	-The man and the lady usually start as friends. -When the father of the lady hears about it, he sends to the family of the man, -The family of the man then perform their right traditionally. -After the dowry is paid and other things are in order, the lady can then live for her husband's house.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	This usually takes place in our custom when a husband and wife have misunderstanding between the two of them and the elders could not resolve the misunderstanding then the next option is to divorce then after a while.	When there is misunderstanding between the husband and the wife, the father in-law tries to settle the two. When the matter is unresolvable, the woman is allowed to marry any man of her choice.
What happens to the children of	The father takes up the	The father of the children takes up

divorced couple in your custom	responsibilities of the children finances and their education.	responsibilities of the children.
What does your custom say about inheritance	In our custom, inheritance is normally for the children of the deceased person.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are celebrated in our custom every year in order not to forget our custom.	There is a festival celebrated in August which involves a traditional dance called “Agunu”, this dance goes on for 7 days before eating new corn and new yam.
Tell us about other ceremonies	We have Sallah celebration and it has been celebrated and it has been celebrated two times in a year and the Christians celebrate Christmas once in a year.	There is a celebration called “tika” juju dance which takes place in November period and it involves the youths of our community mainly. What the youth do is to weave grasses called “efe”.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community		Chieftaincy in our community is handled by king makers called Azhidage. There are people in our community who are entitled to be chief. These families are called Astubi. It is the king makers and the council of chief

		that will select the next chief.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	1.We are peaceful 2.Caring 3.Honest	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, urbanization has affected the community in some aspects. The major occupation in our community is farming, the children of these days see the occupation as old fashioned and that it is meant for the elders.	
Other information		

Name		Ismaila Adamu
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	-Marriage starts with the man and the woman who agrees to get married. -The man's family will now meet with the lady's family and then dowry is paid. -The date for the wedding is then set by the intended couple.	When a man sees a lady that he is interested in or he obtains consent from the lady. The family of the man will make arrangement to see the family of the lady. The dowry is paid and the date is set by the couple to be for wedding.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Divorce occurs when there is dispute between the husband and the wife. The man will now lock the wife's room and he will not be eating her food any longer.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children of the divorced couple are being taken care of by their father financially and providing shelter for them.	

What does your custom say about inheritance	Inheritance is naturally part of our customs which is the property of the deceased parent and it is shared among the children of the deceased.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festival in our custom is seasonal or yearly which strengthen our culture and makes it not to be forgotten. The younger ones are being taught our cultural ways: dancing, singing, eating and farming.	
Tell us about other ceremonies		
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy issues involve two families which are Etsu Knuknu Lugo and Etsu Bwanyi. The ruling between the two families is rotational.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	We are: 1.Loving 2.Caring 3.United	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any	Urbanization has affected the people of the community in different ways	

way	more especially farming, hunting and fishing.	
Other information		

Name	Mohammed Saidu	Yusuf Makama
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	When a man meets a lady he loves and got her consent. The two families meet and the bride price is paid. The couple to be set a date for the wedding.	Local marriages are conducted by Gbankachi, Kuchi and Bongo.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom		The woman to be divorced reports to the village head who takes up the case to look for means for possible resolution.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom		The children will be under the custody of the father who takes care of their welfare.
What does your custom say about inheritance	In case of a deceased person the family members that are the children will share his or her properties.	The property is handled by the children and part of the deceased relation
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Gbari people normally hold their festivals in the month of November and it is at this period that farm	Festivals that are celebrated are Saduka, Byila etc.

	produce mature.	
Tell us about other ceremonies	Marriage ceremonies which is a celebration of starting a new home of a husband and wife.	Marriage ceremonies are handled by Gadagba, Bongo and Bwadanya.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community		The chieftaincy matters are handled by people that make up the council of chiefs.
What unique attribute does your custom posses		The unique attributes of the Gbari is the Etsu palace which is the centre of law, settlement of dispute, festivals are organized and show of respect which is strong.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way		Yes, there is the effect of strong industrial waste into the air and many others.
Other information		Gbari is one of the major languages in FCT, Abuja.

Name	Makama Dauda	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	Local marriage is conducted by Gbankachi, Kuchi and Bongo.	At first, somebody will pay bride price followed by (Sadaki) to the family of the bride to be. A day is fixed for the wedding. The Iman and others will gather either at the mosque or at village square where they will pray and join the woman and the man to become husband and wife.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The husband is made to handle the children in case if there is no possible resolution by the village head.	Sometimes, when it occurred (divorce) some people will not demand for anything from either party (the man and wife). But in some cases both parties will make a demand depending on who is at fault.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The children are made to be in the custody of their father.	Sometimes the children remains with their daddy or their mummy depending on the age of the children.
What does your custom say about	The inheritance of the deceased is	The children are majorly involved in

inheritance	handled by some of the relation who share them among the children.	the sharing of inheritance handled by some of the relations.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals that are celebrated in our customs are Nago, Gbubyi, Kuchi, Eka and Saduka.	Since I was born I had never seen any festival organized therefore Gbari has no festival.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies are Gbanyinyi, and Gadagba.	It is just Sallah, new year celebrations and marriage ceremonies.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community		There are challenges when it comes to selecting leaders in our community.
What unique attribute does your custom posses		The unique attributes of the Gbari is the Etsu palace which is the centre of law, settlement of dispute, festivals are organized and show of respect which is strong.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way		Urbanization has affected some people either positively or negatively.
Other information		Not really, but the community needs

		positive changes to sustain the people in the agricultural sector, our people need fertilizer for better crop yield. Technology is of high demand in our community to create youth employment and even the aged can work and earn something for themselves.
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Name	Musa Taisu	
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	40+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	1. When the lady accepts to marry you. 2. Send some of the man's relation to the parents of the lady for acceptance also. 3. The parents of the lady then give the man's relation the dowry to be paid. 4. The man then pay the dowry. 5. The man then takes kolanuts and his people for the wedding after the date is set.	1. Find a lady with good behavior. 2. Send your relation (few) to the family of the lady to be accepted (since the lady has accepted to marry the man). 3. Pay the dowry. 4. Set a date for the wedding
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	In our custom, it is the woman that breaks her marriage by involving in infidelity and it is not the parents that will be responsible for it.	Our custom of divorce is normally done when the husband and the wife have misunderstanding.
What happens to the children of	The father takes responsibilities of	Normally it is the responsibility of the

divorced couple in your custom	the children welfare including their education.	father to take care of the welfare of the children and the mother could assist once in a while in case of education.
What does your custom say about inheritance	Our custom helps the children to properly inherit what their parent (s) left behind by appointing some members of the family to share the property among the children.	In our custom, it is the children that inherit the properties of their father or mother.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	In Gwako, we have festival that we celebrate every October 10 th and it is called Zhibagy. In that very day, people will not go to farm or other activities. They sit at home to eat and dance.	In our custom, festivals are celebrated yearly.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies are Christmas, Sallah. Agunu festival is one that people go to the farm and uproot trees and carry them home.	In our custom, we have Christians and Muslims. The Christians celebrate twice a year while the Muslims celebrate twice a year as well.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	In Gwako, if we lost a chief, two years gap is given to rest the former King. After the expiration of two	The chieftaincy matter is being handled by king makers of the community in collaboration with

	years, the king maker will then sit with the council of chiefs to look for the next chief.	council members. We have two houses that rules on rotational bases.
What unique attribute does your custom posses		We live in peace. We live in honesty and we care.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Dressing: The mode of dressing has changed to modern day dressing. Marriage: Marriage ceremonies have changed from local traditional to modern day marriage. Farming system: The use of hoes has changed to the use of farm mechanization system of farming which is faster, more efficient and better	
Other information		

Name	Tanko Shaibu	Muhammadu Shaba
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	40+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The groom's family visits the bride's family to seek consent. After both families agree the bride prices and other traditional requirements are discussed and paid then the marriage is celebrated with prayers, blessing, music, dancing and the exchange of gifts.	When a man is interested in a girl, he informs his parents who go with him to see the girl and her parents and make their intentions known. After this is done, money and food items are sent to the bride's family for proposal.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	Divorce is first settled through mediation by family, elders and community leaders. If reconciliation fails, the marriage is dissolved according to customary practices. Matters concerning property are discussed fairly by both families.	Divorce happens when a husband and wife have a misunderstanding and cannot resolve it.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The welfare of the children is given priority. Depending on the family's agreement and local custom, the children may stay with either parent	The father will take responsibility of his children's education and welfare.

	or close relative while both parents are expected to support them.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	Property is shared among children and close relatives according to customary law. In many communities property is distributed by elders though laws are also respected.	The children of the deceased inherit the property of late parents.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Festivals are be celebrated with prayers, cultural dance, traditional music, masquerades, special meals are served to people, wearing of traditional attire, visit to relatives and friends.	Festivals are celebrated yearly so that the younger generation would not forget the tradition.
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies include naming ceremonies traditional weddings, chieftaincy installation, funeral and harvest celebrations, the events bring families and community together.	People celebrate Sallah twice a year. Christmas is celebrated once a year.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Chieftaincy matters are handled by the king or village head together with the council of elders, they settle	

	disputes, preserve traditions, promotes peace and oversee community development.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Our community is known for her cultural heritage respect for elders, hospitality, traditional festivals and strong sense of unity. The people also preserve their native language and traditional custom.	The Gbari people are known as peace loving, caring and honest people.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Urbanization has brought about improved roads, excess schools, hospitals, electricity and communication network. It has created more employment opportunity. However, it has reduced traditional/cultural practices, increased cost of living and encouraged migration of the young people.	Many youths are no longer interested in farming as an occupation. They feel farming is for the elderly.
Other information	The community values peace, cooperation and development, farming, trading and small business	

	are the main occupation, community leaders continue to encourage education while preserving the traditions and culture of the people.	
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Name	Alh. Shaibu Magaji (Sarki Pada)	Sule Hakimi
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Gbari	Gbari
Religion	Islam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	There would be an introduction of both parties where groom's family will meet with the bride and her family to ask for her hand in marriage. After this, the groom's family presents gifts to the bride's family then rituals are performed to seek blessings for the marriage. The celebration follows after this. On that day, the bride is beautifully dressed in Gbari attire and escorted to the groom's house.	When a man is interested in a girl, he then asks for her hand in marriage. After this, the man and his parents go to the bride's parents to make their intentions known. The man is to send money (dowry) and food items for a marriage proposal.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The couple and the family members come together to try to resolve the problem. If this cannot be achieved the bride price (part of it or all) is returned depending on the	Divorce usually occurs when the husband and wife have a misunderstanding that cannot be resolved.

	circumstance and custom of the particular Gbari community. Ground of divorce may include adultery, persistent abuse, infertility and neglect etc.	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	Decisions of child custody are made by the families according to local custom. The younger children remain with their mother for a period while the older children stay with their father.	The father takes sole responsibility of the children's wellbeing.
What does your custom say about inheritance	According to Gbari custom, land and family property are usually inherited through males. The eldest son has a leading role in managing the deceased father's property. However, the property is not just for him but for the entire family. Daughters do not inherit any family property in line with the customs of many Gbari communities.	In the custom, the children of the deceased person inherit the property.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	The celebration is opened by the traditional ruler and elders with prayers for peace, health, good	Celebration is done annually.

	harvest and prosperity, then after the prayers the masquerade performs. After the masquerade performance the traditional rulers perform.	
Tell us about other ceremonies	Other ceremonies include naming ceremony (Ayetu) which is held after four or seven days from birth. Other ceremonies include funeral and burial ceremonies.	Religions ceremonies like Sallah and Christmas are celebrated.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	Hereditary succession: the office of the chief is usually heredity. When a chief dies or steps down, the successor is commonly chosen from the recognized ruling family or royal lineage according to established custom. The community king maker and elders meet to identify the rightful successor based on tradition.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses	Attributes include: Strong respect for elders, communal living, deep respect for ancestral	

	traditions, peaceful conflict resolution.	
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Urbanization has affected the community in the following ways: Loss of ancestral farmlands and settlement as a result of expanding cities and government projects. The younger generations are increasingly influenced by modern lifestyle and they neglect the traditional ways.	Urbanization has affected the community in some aspect. The younger generation see farming which is the major occupation as outdated and for the elders.
Other information	Urbanization has a positive effect on Gbari community such: -Improved education, better health care, hospitals and health centres are more available, improved medical services. -Employment opportunities are available to many people who have found jobs in government and businesses. This has helped increased income for many families.	

Name	Yunusa Garba	
Gender	Male	
Age group		
Tribe	Gbari	
Religion	Islam	
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	After the girl accepts the proposal from the man, the parents and elders go to the girl's parents for approval. If this is done, the groom pays the dowry and sends kolanuts to the bride's family, when all these are done, they prepare for the marriage.	
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	The bride price is returned to the man	
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	The father will take care of the children both in their education and other needs.	
What does your custom say about inheritance	The properties belong to the children of the deceased.	
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	In Gwako, there is the Zhibadyi festival. On that day people will stay at home to eat and dance. This	

	festival is done in every October.	
Tell us about other ceremonies	Religious ceremonies like Christmas for Christians and Sallah Kabiru for Muslims are celebrated. Agunu festival is done as well.	
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	If a chief dies, it would take another two years for the king makers to select and install the next chief.	
What unique attribute does your custom posses		
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Urbanization has affected the community in the following ways. -People feel that the traditional dressing is out dated and prefer modern dressing. -Marriage: There are now inter-tribal/cultural marriages. -people no long farm with traditional farm implements like hoe but use	

	machinery and chemicals.	
Other information		

RESPONSE FROM CULTURE BASED QUESTIONNAIRES FROM ZUBACHIEFDOM

Name	Aguma Giri, Alh. Wakili Musa	Mohammed Dakoyi (District Head)
Gender	Male	Male
Age group	50+	50+
Tribe	Bassa/Giri	Gbagyi/Yimi
Religion	Isam	Islam
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	There are three ways of marriage in Bassa: 1. Marriage of a young virgin. 2. Marriage of a married woman that have divorced her husband. 3. Marriage under inheritance. Bassa tradition shows that marriage is only the agreement between the man and woman in question. If the man and the lady come to agreement with each other, after all the ceremonies the man can move the wife to his house.	The stages in Gbagyi marriage : i. Introduction ii. Betrothed by paying introduction money. iii. 7 years farming for the lady's father. iv. Paying of dowry, presentation of local wine to the parents. Then, the wedding day is fixed and it takes place.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	In case of divorce, the woman will travel to her parents' house to report the husband. Then the parents will call the husband for settlement. If the issue persist, she will seek the	If there is a misunderstanding between the couple which leads to divorce after trying to settle the issue at family level. The matter can be taken to the traditional Chiefs. If it

	cooperation of another man, if they come to agree, she then move to the man's house. That shows that she has divorced the first husband. But if she also feel like the house she left is better off, she will then seek for the former husband's apology and she will get back to her former husband.	persists, then the husband will demand compensation from the woman of all what he has spent. All that he spent from dating till marriage either at Chief palace or court of law before a Judge of competent jurisdiction. The husband is compensated according to verifications by both parties. Then, the marriage is dissolved.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	In this case, the children remain in the care of their grandmother if she is still alive. If not, they will be in care of their step mother. If not, then the father remains with his children.	In Gbagyi tradition, if a marriage is dissolves and there are children between the couple, the children goes to the father except if the children are underage, they go to their mother till they can stay with their father. Their father takes care of their welfare while with their mother.
What does your custom say about inheritance	In Bassa, we have two ways for inheritance: 1. Younger brother can marry the wife of his elder brother if he dies. 2. A man can marry the wife of his uncle if he died with the following	Both gender of the deceased will share the properties. If the parents of deceased are still alive, they share from the deceased properties. The relative will share the properties among the family of

	reasons: i. If the woman and the brother (man) of the deceased have close understanding between them and love each other, they can marry. ii. If there are children between them, they can marry for the sake of the children.	the deceased.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	Bassa men celebrate their festivals every beginning of the year. The celebration takes three days which involves men and women. The name of the festival is Ugunu festival. After the 3 days festival, we move to the river to take bath which is in form of a ritual bath in our culture.	Traditional festivals are conducted annually according to their demand There are three festivals: i. Zhibaje - festival of the spirits ii. Tara-je - festival after farming season iii. Adwujya-je – festival of traditional religions.
Tell us about other ceremonies	We have: 1. Gunu 2. Araga 3. Tawo 4. Away 5. Tigicige (of juju program)	
How is chieftaincy matters being	Chieftaincy issues are a selection	Chieftaincy matters are handled by

handled in your community	from the royal family. The royal heritage appoint a competent heir that the chief maker feels is responsible for the care of the entire community. After all then they now seek for the community acceptability.	the community elders and are by the royal bloodline where it exists already. -election is conducted by the elders committee. -or cabinet where there are 2 or more contenders. -the person with the highest vote wins.
What unique attribute does your custom posses	1.Friendly 2.Corporation 3.Care	Unique attributes are: 1.Farming 2.Marketing 3.Ancestral religions 4.Traditional attires 5. Festivals etc.
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, urbanization has affected us in many ways eg: i.Socialization ii.Schools iii.Understanding of other ways to civilization etc.	Yes, farmlands are affected by being developed into cities and towns, companies, without proper compensation while farming our main source of livelihood is being heavily impaired.
Other information		The Gbagyi and other indigenous

		people of FCT are appealing to the appropriate authorities to consider our plights in terms of our ancestral lands we want to own lands like others in other part of Nigeria. We have been turned into foreigners in our own land. There is no justice bigger than this. So the government should immediately address this issues as it will help foster peace and understanding between the indigenes.
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Name		
Gender		
Age group		
Tribe	Gbari	Koro
Religion		
How are marriages conducted in your tribe	The marriages are conducted traditionally by the boy (suitor) and the girl, they will woo each other for agreement for the courtship. The father of the boy will now send introduction money to the family of the girl after which both parents will agree on the courtship. Step I: if the boy is serious with the marriage proposal, he would send two healthy farmers to the farm of the parent of the girl. They will work on the farm from 7:00 am – 5:00pm. This is to show the seriousness of the boy. Step II: After one month, the boy will still send four healthy farmers to the girlparent's farm as an appreciation of the acceptance of the marriage	I. Acceptance between the parents of the two parties (male and female) is the central issue. II. Betrothal of the female to the male by the female parents and acceptance of the male parents. This can be done at different stages of the female's life. Stage 1: When the female is still in the womb by a statement from a parent or one of his brothers or one of his close relations, that the womb my wife is carrying, if she comes to deliver a female child, she is betrothed to a male child (name mention) in certain family. A brother or close relation can also make such statement. Stage 2:Betrothal of female to a

	proposal or approval. Step III: After the approval of the parents of the girl, they will ask the boy to be sending eight farmers to the girl's parents' farms for the period of either seven or eight years and this serves as dowry. Marriage proper: the date will be fixed for the marriage, i.e. both parents will agree with the fixed date. Prayer and Advice: The elders pray for the couple, they are advised on marriage, respect, hardworking and keeping the home. Handover: The bride's father or the eldest man hands her over to the groom's family. After this, the woman is considered married traditionally and can go to the man's house. After 5:00pm, the parents of the boy will send the women off the house to go and bring out the girl to his home.	male can take place when the female is still a small girl. Stage 3: Betrothal of a female child can take place when she is "of age" and there's love between her and her future husband. III. When betrothal has been made at any stage, the husband to be and his friends and some relations start to go to the farm of the person who made the betrothal, to farm each year till after marriage has taken place. The practice cease after marriage. IV. After betrothal at any stage, the husband to be would start to offer gifts to his betrothed girl up to the date of their marriage. V. The husband to be, would be going to the house where the girl lives to greet the people in the house at intervals till the date of the marriage. VI. When the girl is "of age" for marriage, a special white cloth
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	A child will be attached to go with the girl to the husband's home and the boy will block the entrance of the house until food is given to him to unblock the door. The guests will remain in the house and be dancing and eating for the period of seven days. Name of the Bride: on the seventh day, the bride will be brought to be given a name covering her face and then with broom mention a different names e.g. Lami, Ladi, Jummai etc. If she agrees with any name either Lami, she will collect the broom instantly and starts sweeping the compound as an acceptance of the name. Then the marriage is over and for the new couple to do the needful.	(Paranji) and few designed cloths are taken to the parents of the wife to be and fixing of dowry is made and paid, then the date of the marriage is fixed. But today the special white cloth is no more part of the items, now taken over by Hijab. VII. Consultations are made for the fixing of the date of the marriage. VIII. On the day of the marriage, wedding is done and the marriage is celebrated. The marriage celebration is normally six days but has reduced to two days.
In case of divorce, how is it being handled in your custom	If there is disagreement between the couple, both parents will interfere in order to resolve the differences. And if that fails, the matter will be referred	i. Misunderstanding between the wife and the husband is first settled by both parents. ii. If not resolved then it is taken to

	to the chief and elders of the cabinet to intervene and if that fails again, then the marriage will be dissolved, i.e. after so many attempts to resolve their differences.	the head of the chiefdom. iii. With the establishment of the Alkali courts, disagreement that is not resolved, it is moved to Alkali court for settlement or dissolution. iv. If the divorce is caused by the wife, refund of dowry may set in.
What happens to the children of divorced couple in your custom	In the case of divorce of the couple, the children remain in the custody of the father.	The children that have attended the age of about six years and above remain with the father while those that are about below six years go with the mother, till when the father claim them back home.
What does your custom says about inheritance	In our customs, the property of the deceased father is been shared among the children only. But the male children get higher than the female children.	When a father is dead, his wears are shared among the male children. When a mother is dead, her wears are shared among her female children. The farmland of the dead, the leadership is taken over by the eldest son. Today, Islamic form of inheritance

		has taken over.
How are festivals being celebrated in your custom	In our custom, the festival is been celebrated yearly except in a situation where an iroko tree falls in the community.	Earlier, Sallah festivities are celebrated up to seven days. But today is celebrated within two days. Earlier, when an aged traditionalist dies, his/her death is heavily celebrated.
Tell us about other ceremonies	The other celebrations are: Nago, Gbandoko, Kuchi, Agum, Gbenanke etc.	i. In the first month of Islamic calendar, Sallah “Akoshi” festivities is observed on the 9th day of the month and then traditional boxing is observed throughout the month. ii. In the third month of Islamic calendar Sallah “Gani” festivities are observed. iii. Today the above are no more observed.
How is chieftaincy matters being handled in your community	If there is a vacancy as a result of the demise of the chief in the community, and if there are two ruling houses (A & B house); it	i. When the chief is dead, the chieftom/village area remain under the custody of “Madaki” (second in command of the chieftom/village

	automatically rotates to the other side of the house. But in the case of only one ruling house, then the selection or nomination is made either through a consensus or by election by the king makers. Not only that but through spiritual/browsing (incantation). The incantation will now determine the right candidate to be turbaned. After that, the person nominated will be forwarded to our chiefdom (Agora of Zuba) for final approval (turbaning). The nominated person will be taken back NOT to his house but will be taken to one of the trusted elder in the community to be kept in the house for seven days for the spiritual cleansing. Thereafter the celebration of the new chief will commence with cultural display from various communities (far and near) for two or more days.	area). ii. The “Madaki” would notify the authority/authorities concerned in writing. iii. The confirmation of the death by the authority/authorities concerned. iv. Mobilization of the king makers. v. In case of the Agora of Zuba, the chief Iman of Zuba is contacted to conduct Islamic browsing led by him and traditional browsing are also conducted led by some elders. These are done to have some green lights to whom becomes the next Agora of Zuba. vi. The selection (election) of the chief/village head. vii. The approval of the new chief/village head. viii. The turbaning of the new chief by
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		the authority concerned.
What unique attribute does your custom possess	The unique attribute possessed by our custom is that Gbari is so peaceful, loving, caring. Committed, trustworthy and tolerance. As a Gbari man will vacate his personal bed rooms for visitors as a mark of respect to the visitors even if you are seeing him for the first time; handles the visitor as a son. A migrant who is a farmer, a Gbari will welcome him and build a house and give him farmland. Not only giving him farmland, the community youth will help him on the farm.	i. Saviour to other people around. ii. Koro people have never been defeated in war since they have been living in Zuma rock environment more than seven centuries (700 years) ago. iii. We are always victorious within the chiefdom or outside the chiefdom. These were practicalized during the four Jihadist wars in Zuba land, in 1804, 1805, 1806 and 1893, when each time the Koro of Zuba were victorious over the Jihadists which led to Zuba people to settle and nurture the few Zaria in 1804 (Zazzau) people that ran away from Zaria in 1804 led by their leader HRH Muhammadu Makau. They were finally settled and nurtured in a settlement called Abuja which was named after their leader then, called Abu-ja.

		iv. We have a unique masquerade called "Anako". v. We have a unique dance named "Araga".
Has urbanization affected the people of this community in any way	Yes, this is as a result of government development, estate developer, government capital projects and rural urban migration. All these affect the indigenous farmers. Also, the industrial pollution that affect our rivers/streams which cause health hazards and flooding.	Urbanization has affected our lives in many ways.
Other information	The chief will appoint/nominate his cabinet/subordinate e.g. Baja, Baje Shaba, Gomna, Chadu, Pada, Magaji, Ma'aji etc that will help him in the administration.	The exodus of the Koro people from the powerful Kwararafa (Kororofa) empire to Zuma rock environment is more than seven centuries (700 years) ago. They settled in settlements, namely: Shinapa, Luki, Yaku, Chachi, Zunwa, Essa, Huntu, Wagu of upland and Wagu of lowland. Later, Shinapa moved to Dubwomu further moved to old Zuba. It is from old Zuba we moved to the present Zuba after the colonial

		masters have stopped inter-tribal wars or any war in the name of religion like the Jihads led by late Usman Dan Fodio. Other settlements in Niger, Kaduna and Nasarrawa (Keffi and Karu local governments) they moved to those areas from the Zuma rock environment. This is a very brief history of the Koro around. The leadership of the Koro that came to the Zuma Rock environment lived in “Shinapa” then “Dubwomu” later in old Zuba and presently the new Zuba. Zuba has gotten Royal regalia of paramount Chief, into the past, they are: i. The sacred knife ii. Some treated spears used in wars iii. The drum (Tambari) iv. The small and bigger chains v. The trumpet (Kakaki) vi. The “Koge” (in form of a large bell) vii. The letter of Authority and the British flag, the Union Jack) from Sir
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		Fredrick Lord Lugard to Agora of Zuba, HRH Mahaman, are of the royal regalia of Zuba Palace, since May, 1900.
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