

TRANSCRIPT

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Code: OS7
Interviewer (I): RL
Translator (T): MK
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Attendants: OS-A (wife of head)

TRANSCRIPT

- 1 I: my first question would be, how old are you?
- 2 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 3 I: (LAUGHING).
- 4 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 5 T: oshiwambo speaking (LAUGHING).
- 6 I: (LAUGHING).
- 7 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 8 T: the first question will be how old are you?
- 9 OS-A: i really can't tell my age. maybe months.
- 10 T: ok, she can't remember how old she is.
- 11 I: (LAUGHING). well i can't remember this, too. so.
- 12 T: yes (LAUGHING).
- 13 OS-A: (LAUGHING).
- 14 I: but, how many members do live in your household?

15 T: oshiwambo speaking.

16 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

17 T: oshiwambo speaking.

18 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

19 T: oshiwambo speaking.

20 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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21 T: oshiwambo speaking.

22 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking,

23 T: oshiwambo speaking.

24 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

25 T: is this your own house? or maybe is it for husband? how many people living in your house?

26 OS-A: no, is my house. there are three kids. and two grownup boys and me. so together we are six in total.

27 T: they are six.

28 I: and do all of these six persons live in your household the whole year long, or are there some that are only part-time are there?

29 T: oshiwambo speaking.

30 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

31 T: among this six people is there some of those people who are at schools or somewhere at the mean time?

32 OS-A: no we are all staying here.

33 T: they just there full time.

34 I: and how many of your members or of your relatives are under the age of

fourteen? i can see one of them there.

35 T: oshiwambo speaking.

36 I: (LAUGHING).

37 OS-A: (LAUGHING).

38 T: oshiwambo speaking.

39 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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40 T: oshiwambo speaking.

41 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

42 T: oshiwambo speaking.

43 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

44 T: how many people are staying in your house who are not yet fourteen years old?

45 OS-A: they are two.

46 T: just two.

47 I: and (...) are you married?

48 T: oshiwambo speaking.

49 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

50 T: oshiwambo speaking.

51 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

52 T: oshiwambo speaking.

53 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

54 T: have you ever been married in your life?

55 OS-A: yes i was married but now i'm divorced.

56 T: she's divorced.

57 I: divorced, ok. so you are the head of your household?

58 T: oshiwambo speaking.

59 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

60 T: so, no you are the head of the house?

61 OS-A: yes.

62 T: yes.

63 I: and (...) what is your level of education? what grade did you (...) achieve?

64 T: oshiwambo speaking.

65 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

66 T: have you ever been in school?

67 OS-A: yes, but i only went up to grade two.

68 T: she end up in grade (pi?). (LAUGHING).

69 OS-A: (LAUGHING).

70 I: (LAUGHING).

71 I: ok. and (...) what is the highest education level one of your household members has?

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72 T: oshiwambo speaking.

73 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

74 T: is there someone in your house who is working and got a higher grade certificates or maybe at high institutions?

75 OS-A: no there is no one.

76 T: no. no one.

77 I: and what is your main job?

78 T: oshiwambo speaking.

79 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

80 T: oshiwambo speaking.

81 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

82 T: what do you do for the living?

83 OS-A: i only make baskets.

84 T: she just make grain baskets.

85 I: and is this your main source of income? when you sell it on the market?

86 T: oshiwambo speaking.

87 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

88 T: oshiwambo speaking.

89 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

90 T: so, is this the main source of your income?

91 OS-A: yes, i only get my income from there.

92 T: no-. yes that's the only main source of income. i just ask if she's- she reached pension money, i mean pension age and she said no.

93 I: ok. but beside basket making, you are farming?

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94 T: oshiwambo speaking.

95 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

96 T: no.

97 T: oshiwambo speaking.

98 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

99 T: apart from making baskets, do you also cultivate mahangu?

100 OS-A: yes, we do have mahangu.

101 T: just cultivation. mahangu cultivation.

102 I: just mahangu- omahangu cultivation? do you own livestock?

103 T: oshiwambo speaking.

104 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

105 T: do you also have livestock?

106 OS-A: yes, i have few goats.

107 T: she have goats, yes.

108 I: goats. and what energy do you use for cooking? firewood for example?

109 T: oshiwambo speaking.

110 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

111 T: do you use electricity to cook or what do you use?

112 OS-A: no, we only use firewoods.

113 T: just firewood.

114 I: and you're living in a homestead like this?

115 T: oshiwambo speaking.

116 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

117 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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118 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

119 T: so, this is how your house looks like. as you think it looks more better?

120 OS-A: yes, we are living in homestead made with sticks and it looks good.

121 T: this is even better.

122 I: ok. is it your own homestead? do you own it?

123 T: oshiwambo speaking.

124 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

125 T: so, you the owner of the house?

126 OS-A: yes.

127 T: yes, is her own.

128 I: and how many huts does it consist of?

129 T: oshiwambo speaking.

130 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

131 T: can you tell us how many rooms do you have in your house?

132 OS-A: i really can't tell.

133 T: she can't remember.

134 T: oshiwambo speaking.

135 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

136 T: do you have corrugated iron?

137 OS-A: yes, we have one that my last born son brought it in through his struggling jobs.

138 T: but there is one iron- corrugated iron building.

139 I: ok. how many sleeping rooms?

140 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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141 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

142 T: how many sleeping rooms do you have?

143 OS-A: we have three. each boy have his room and one is mine.

144 T: so, there are three.

145 I: and (...) the material the walls are made of, what is it?

146 T: oshiwambo speaking.

147 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

148 T: they build with-.

149 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

150 T: oshiwambo speaking.

151 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

152 T: what materials do you use to make your walls rooms?

153 OS-A: we use clay sand and grass like me, i sleep in the room which is made of sticks only as traditional

154 T: a room is made of sticks. but, otherwise the others they are made of (...) sand bricks.

155 I: but the roof is the same like here?

156 T: oshiwambo speaking.

157 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

158 T: but the roofing is made of what?

159 OS-A: we only use grass for thatching.

07:00

160 T: yes.

161 I: yes?

162 T: just same

163 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

164 I: and the floor, what is it made of?

165 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

166 T: and what do you use for the floor?

167 OS-A: we use clay sand as a cement.

168 T: they use the (...) you know the high heels, some of the high heel looks, like (whitish?) they use and, almost look like cement if it's used.

169 I: ok, yes yes i see, ok.

170 T: yes, they use that (inc.). mix it with water and then they made their floor.

171 I: alright. and what toilet do you use?

172 T: oshiwambo speaking.

173 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

174 T: do you have a toilet?

175 OS-A: no, we don't have any.

176 T: no toilet.

177 I: and your waste? how do you dispose it?

178 T: oshiwambo speaking.

179 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

180 T: where do you take your rubbish?

181 OS-A: we take them in our field to become manure.

182 T: no just (...) dump it in the farming land.

183 I: ok, do you have a car?

184 T: oshiwambo speaking.

185 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

186 T: do you have a car?

187 OS-A: no, we don't have a car.

188 T: (LAUGHING). no.

08:01

189 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

190 I: but you have a radio?

191 T: oshiwambo speaking.

192 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

193 T: but do you have a radio?

194 OS-A: yes, we do have the small ones of the phone size. which we use to buy when i sell some baskets, so we divide that money to buy food also.

195 T: they have a small radio.

196 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

197 I: ok.

198 T: of that size.

199 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

200 T: ok, she bought it after she sold the grain baskets. then she bought those small ones.

201 I: ok. and what are the sources of water you use?

202 T: oshiwambo speaking.

203 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

204 T: oshiwambo speaking.

205 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

206 T: where do you get your water from?

207 OS-A: we get them from that water tank over there.

208 T: they get it from this public water point.

209 I. public water point. and do you use any other water sources like the well?

210 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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211 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

212 T: do you get your water from some source also?

213 OS-A: yes, we do get from wells and pans.

214 T: they also get from this well.

215 I: and how would you say is the quality of the well water in the rainy and in the dry season?

216 T: oshiwambo speaking.

217 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

218 T: oshiwambo speaking.

219 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

220 T: oshiwambo speaking.

221 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

222 T: how do you compare the quality of water from the pans and wells during the rainy season?

223 OS-A: it use to go dirty. during the rainy season it use to be nice and clean but during dry season we don't really use them for personal hygiene. we only use for laundry.

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224 T: so, they (...) have good qualities during the rainy season, when the rain is raining. but during- like this time, more or less this time too dry, they are losing qualities and you can not even use them to wash your things.

225 I: ok. but during the rainy season, when the well water is quite good, do you use it for drinking?

226 T: oshiwambo speaking.

227 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

228 T: yes.

229 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

230 T: during the rainy season it use to be clean, do you use it for drinking?

231 OS-A: yes.

232 T: yes.

233 I: yes? do you use it to save money? not to have to go to the water point?

234 T: oshiwambo speaking.

235 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking (LAUGHING).

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236 T: oshiwambo speaking.

237 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

238 T: do you use it during rainy season simply because you don't want to pay water?

239 OS-A: yes, because sometimes we don't have enough money to pay water, so if maybe you go to the clinic you will get water purification and come use it to kill the germs in the water. but sometimes we just drink like that without being purified.

240 T: so, they use it because the water at the water point is too expensive for them. yes, and if sometimes, if they pass they make a turn at the hospital, they can get that purification. then they put in their water and then they drink. or they can just use them, even though they not put anything to drink. because, maybe they don't have money to go and pay the, the what-the water point.

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241 I: so, did i understand this right, that as long as the water quality of the well is good, you use it for all the activities you need water for?

242 T: oshiwambo speaking.

243 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

244 T: so, which means as long as the water from the rain is clean and good, so you use it for all the household?

245 OS-A: yes.

246 T: yes.

247 I: and you switch to the water point water in the dry season, when the quality is going down, going down, going down?

248 T: oshiwambo speaking.

249 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

250 T: do you only go to the dams when this water dry up?

251 OS-A: yes.

252 T: yes.

253 I: ok. do you think the price for the water is in general too high? that most people in the area, in the community can not really afford the water?

254 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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255 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

256 T: do you think the price of water is too high that not all the members in the

community can afford it?

- 257 OS-A: no not really. the price is fine is only that money can't be enough because you have more responsibilities you will do with money also.
- 258 T: the water bill, or water price is not really that too high. it's only that money that there is no money. and (...) if you miss one month, it keeps on going up, going up, going up.
- 259 I: it's accumulating.
- 260 T: yes, (inc.) you can not have that enough money to pay for all that month so you can get water. so you can just give up and try your best to use the other water.
- 261 I: ok. and how do you collect the water? do you use water buckets?
- 262 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 263 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 264 T: oshiwambo speaking.
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- 266 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 267 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 268 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 269 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 270 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 271 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 272 T: which materials do you use to go fetch water?
- 273 OS-A: we use buckets, the twenty liters one and sometimes bottles. and we get two buckets maybe a day because the water we use for laundry we get them from the well.

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274 T: so, she can use (...) twenty liter bucket and twenty-five liters the same time. but she can only use two of them (...) from the tap water.

275 I: why only two?

276 T: because the rest of the waters for washing, for- and so she can come and collect at the well.

277 I: ok, yes. so daily she collects one twenty and one twenty-five liter bucket of-.

278 T: no, if she collect twenty, she can only collect two (...) twenty liters. or if she collect twenty-five she collect two twenty-five liters.

279 I: ah, so is just two because she can not carry more?

280 T: yes.

281 I: i see. alright. and these two buckets, either twenty, either twenty-five, so in the end forty or fifty, is used- you bring this home and you use it for in-house consumption, drinking, cooking and hygiene, or for everything (...) that is, yes in this way?

16:10

282 T: oshiwambo speaking.

283 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

284 T: oshiwambo speaking.

285 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

286 T: the water from the tanks do you only use it for drinking and cooking?

287 OS-A: it depends if we get lot of buckets and the water is more enough for everything we also use it for laundry and others.

288 T: ok. they only used- they only use tap water for drinking (...) if the other one, the well water still having good quality. and for cooking and all other bathing and so, they come and get from the-. but if this quality is not ok, they use tap water for everything in the house.

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289 I: right. is it sometimes or (...) is the water point sometimes so crowded

that you have to wait a long time to get the water?

290 T: oshiwambo speaking.

291 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

292 T: oshiwambo speaking.

293 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

294 T: is it a lot of people who get water from that tank?

295 OS-A: we are only a few because a lot now have private taps in their houses. only those who don't have private taps.

296 T: so they don't- they don't have queues (...) and have to wait for the water anymore, because too many people have taken their private taps. now few people are remaining. only few people who are remaining, because using the water point.

18:16

297 I: do you also harvest rainwater?

298 T: oshiwambo speaking.

299 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

300 T: oshiwambo speaking.

301 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

302 T: do you use rain water from the corrugated iron?

303 OS-A: yes, we do and we don't use water from the tanks anymore during rainy season.

304 T: ok. yes and (...) when the rain have rained that means that there they can not even go to get water from the tap.

305 I: that's good, yes. do you reuse your water? like the example with washing and irrigation?

306 T: oshiwambo speaking.

307 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

308 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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309 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

310 T: do you reuse water maybe like after washing for something else?

311 OS-A: no.

312 T: do you have a garden?

313 OS-A: no.

314 T: ok. they don't reuse because they doesn't even have any plant (...) at home.

315 I: ok. and you (...) plant omahangu for your own consumption. do you have to buy additional food from local markets, from neighbours or from the supermarket?

316 T: oshiwambo speaking.

317 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

318 T: the omahangu you do cultivate, do you also sometimes sell that mahangu?

319 OS-A: no, because we don't cultivate enough like this year of drought, we are lucky because we received drought relief.

320 T: so they don't sell (...) they only (...) harvest their mahangu for their own consumption. more specially that now (had?) been too long without even collecting enough mahangu. so they can't even sell any. and now that- it's only now that (...) they got some drought relief, otherwise they can not even reach here.

20:13

321 I: ok, yes. alright. if you think of drought, what comes to your mind?

322 T: oshiwambo speaking.

323 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

324 T: oshiwambo speaking (LAUGHING).

325 T: in your own understanding, how do you understand drought?

326 OS-A: drought is just the shortage of rain.

327 T: she's struggling, she's struggling but she said it's just hunger.

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328 I: it's just hunger?

329 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

330 I: so mainly affected by food shortage? there is not enough omahangu that you can eat? and in terms of water for drinking? yes.

331 T: oshiwambo speaking.

332 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

333 T: oshiwambo speaking.

334 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

335 T: oshiwambo speaking.

336 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

337 T: so, you think it is the shortage of food? how about the shortage of water?

338 OS-A: to me, it's just more the same so if there is no water than no food.

22:00

339 T: so, because every food depends on water. it's obvious that if there is no water, you can not get food. so they are working hand in hand.

340 I: does this somehow affect your- your family life at home or your (...) community life? are there tensions and disputes about this?

341 T: oshiwambo speaking.

342 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

343 T: does this effect everyone of your house members?

344 OS-A: yes.

345 T: yes. it's really affecting them.

346 I: and (...) when you realize that there is less rain, that there might be a drought, do you have any option to prepare for this situation?

347 T: oshiwambo speaking.

348 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

349 T: if that season you think that there is shortage of water or food, do you come up with something any to survive the situation?

350 OS-A: no.

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351 T: she don't prepare anything. (inc.).

352 OS-A: (LAUGHING).

353 I: yes? ok. but now, when you're in this situation, you have less food available, you have to pay for the water to get water. how do you deal with this situation? what do you do?

354 T: oshiwambo speaking.

355 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

356 T: when you have shortage of food, you have to pay water, what do you really do?

357 OS-A: i really don't do anything about it.

358 T: got nothing to do. she can not be able to do anything. she's not working, so she can not do anything.

359 I: and relatives? help from relatives or the neighbours?

24:05

360 T: oshiwambo speaking.

361 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

362 T: do you get any help from your neighbours or relatives?

363 OS-A: no.

364 T: no.

365 I: if you think of other hazards (...) that are affecting our lives. like floods, like diseases for our health, like car accidents. how would you rank the hazard of drought?

366 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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367 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

368 T: as you think will you compare drought with car accidents or sickness. which one do you think is more serious than the other?

369 OS-A: both of them are serious matters to me.

370 T: they just the same. she just rank them as the same.

371 I: ok. ok, i think we're done.

372 T: yes.

373 I: thank you very much.

374 T: oshiwambo speaking.

375 OS-A: oshiwambo speaing.

376 I: it was a pleasure. and (...) one little gift for you to say thank you for you and the children.

377 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

378 T: oshiwambo speaking.

379 OS-A: oshiwambo speaking.

380 T: oshiwambo speaking.

381 T: there is still one apparently outside.

382 I: really? (LAUGHING).

383 T: is it ok or should we-.