

TRANSCRIPT

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Attendants: OG-A (wife of head)

TRANSCRIPT

- 1 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 2 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 3 T: how old are you?
- 4 OG-A: i was born in nineteen-fourty-one.
- 5 T: nineteen-fourty-one. was born nineteen-fourty-one.
- 6 I: and are you the head of the household?
- 7 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 8 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 9 T: are you the head of the house?
- 10 OG-A: yes.
- 11 T: yes.
- 12 I: and how many people live in your household?
- 13 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 14 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 15 T: oshiwambo speaking.

16 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

17 T: oshiwambo speaking.

18 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

19 T: how many people are living in your house?

20 OG-A: we are four people, the grandma is dead and two guys went away with work, we were five.

21 T: they are four in the house.

22 I: four. and do all of these four people live permanently in your house?

23 T: oshiwambo speaking.

01:00

24 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

25 T: oshiwambo speaking.

26 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

27 T: so among these four people, are there some of the people who are at school or work?

28 OG-A: four boys they are at work so currently i'm staying alone.

29 T: they are five, so to say.

30 I: yes.

31 T: oshiwambo speaking.

32 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

33 T: ok, yes five. and four are not in the house.

34 I: ah, so you're alone?

35 T: yes, alone, because his wife apparently passed away. these are just his kids.

36 T: oshiwambo speaking.

37 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

38 T: (this is?) their sons.

39 I: yes. how many of your sons are under the age of fourteen?

40 T: oshiwambo speaking.

41 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

42 T: oshiwambo speaking.

43 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

44 T: oshiwambo speaking.

45 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

02:05

46 T: oshiwambo speaking.

47 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

48 T: are there some of your sons who are under the age of fourteen?

49 OG-A: no they are big boys, i really can't tell their age.

50 T: he wanted just to tell me the exact ages, but then he said, they are all over fourteen.

51 I: all over fourteen? ok. and which grade did you complete at school?

52 T: oshiwambo speaking.

53 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

54 T: have you ever been in school?

55 OG-A: not really.

56 T: not really.

57 I: and among your family members, who has the highest education?

58 T: oshiwambo speaking.

59 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

60 T: oshiwambo speaking.

61 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

03:01

62 T: among your family members who have the highest certificate?

63 OG-A: my sons went up to standard eight and that's grade ten.

64 T: so they all end up in standard (...) the highest was standard eight.

65 I: standard the same like grade?

66 T: standard eight i think is grade ten.

67 I: ten, ok. and what is your main job?

68 T: oshiwambo speaking.

69 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

70 T: what do you do for the living?

71 OG-A: i just do farming.

72 T: just working in these farmland.

73 I: is this also your main source of income?

74 T: oshiwambo speaking.

75 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

76 T: is this your main source of income?

77 OG-A: yes.

78 T: yes, is the main source of his (...) food, so to say. in case of food. and in case of money, is like where we found him yesterday getting pension. that's the only (...) source of in-. and he said, there at food is still not enough because he's the only person at home who is doing work.

04:17

79 I: it's still not enough food?

80 T: yes it's not enough, because he's the only person who is working in the (inc.).

81 I: but your mahangu growing, is this your main agricultural activity or do you also have livestock?

82 T: oshiwambo speaking.

83 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

84 T: oshiwambo speaking.

85 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

86 T: do you only do mahangu or you have livstocks also?

87 OG-A: i have goats and cattles but now i only have goats and they are with my relatives since i'm alone and the cows are dead due to hotness.

88 T: he had goats (...) and cattles. cattles dead during drought. get died during the drought. and goats-, because he's alone in the house now he gave it to (...) some relatives. just to (turn?) for people to (turn?) them for him.

05:12

89 I: when did the cattle died? the last year?

90 T: oshiwambo speaking.

91 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

92 T: (LAUGHING).

93 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking. (LAUGHING)

94 T: when did the cattles died?

95 OG-A: some of them died last year, and some are with my relatives wo have cattle post far away.

96 T: yes, (inc.) said the some of them were-, because apparently even the cattles he gave it to some people, relatives, those who do have cattle post. because he can't send anyone to be there, because he don't have anything to pay for him. yes, now he only had the cattles, they are dead. yes, but the last year was, the last dead the cattle were dying was last

year. yes, and he said, because now (...) he can't really trust each others
owambos sometimes you said, they can just tell you (see?) they know you
can't reach there. they can just tell you: "no, cattle is dying.". maybe they
(...) (gave it's?) and you see it somewhere else he doesn't know (inc.) and
he was told they are dead, or-.

06:27

97 I: so, they died not here?

98 T: no.

99 I: but at the relatives place, for example (inc.).

100 T: yes, because he can't be able to have them (inc.) house.

101 I: ok.

102 T: can't able to manage them.

103 I: when you cook, which kind of energy do you use? is it firewood?

104 T: oshiwambo speaking.

105 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

106 T: oshiwambo speaking.

107 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

108 T: do you have electricity, what do you use when cooking?

109 OG-A: no i don't have electricity i use firewoods.

110 T: ok, he used firewood.

111 I: and (...) your homestead (...) can we see it? is it nearby or do you have
to walk a long distance?

112 T: oshiwambo speaking.

07:01

113 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

114 T: is your house stead nearby can we see it from here?

115 OG-A: no it's a bit far.

116 T: ok, is on the southern side (...) of the other family we (wrote?), we interviewed yesterday. that side, it's far.

117 I: it's far. and you are the owner of this homestead (...) i guess?

118 T: oshiwambo speaking.

119 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

120 T: are you the owner of the house?

121 OG-A: yes.

122 T: yes.

123 I: how many huts do you have?

124 T: oshiwambo speaking.

125 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

126 T: oshiwambo speaking.

127 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

128 T: oshiwambo speaking.

129 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

130 T: oshiwambo speaking.

woman is passing by

131 T: just greeting.

132 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

08:00

133 T: how many huts do you have?

134 OG-A: i have eight huts and one corrugated iron for boys.

135 T: he have eight (...) huts including one (...) corrugated iron. made of corrugated iron from both sides. even the wall and so.

136 I: how many of these huts are sleeping rooms?

137 T: oshiwambo speaking.

138 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

139 T: oshiwambo speaking.

140 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

141 T: how many sleeping are there?

142 OG-A: there are four.

143 T: there are four.

144 I: and one of these huts is made of corrugated iron, the walls and the roof i guess?

145 T: yes.

146 I: and the other huts, what material is the wall?

147 T: oshiwambo speaking.

148 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

09:07

149 T: oshiwambo speaking.

150 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

151 T: what other huts made of, expect the one made from corrugated iron?

152 OG-A: one is made from mahangu sticks and the rest are made from cray soil cement.

153 T: there is only one, which made the wall made of stock, mahangu stocks for ventilation. but the rest are made, the walls are made of sand soil. (inc.) the soil.

154 I: sand bricks?

155 T: sand bricks.

156 I: ok. and the floor is made of?

157 T: oshiwambo speaking.

158 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

159 T: oshiwambo speaking.

160 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

161 T: do you have floor on the ground?

162 OG-A: no we are going to relocated to a different place that's why we don't have cement floor.

163 T: no floor, no nothing. because they want to move the house from where it is now to the next, so they don't want to put floors now. maybe they will make it after that.

10:12

164 I: and moving your house, like in (...) between the (...) fences of the house? just moving one hut to another place?

165 T: just moving, let me say the wall of the houses like this. now they just getting it, the wall, they will just get the wall sticks and make another wall of stick here. take another hut in this, hut in this, hut in this till they get done.

166 I: but the roofs are (...) in the end made of thatched grass?

167 T: oshiwambo speaking.

168 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

169 T: what do you use to make your roofing?

170 OG-A: we use grass for thatching.

171 T: yes.

172 I: what is your main toilet you use?

173 T: oshiwambo speaking.

174 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

175 T: oshiwambo speaking.

176 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

177 T: do you have a toilet?

178 OG-A: no we just go in the bush.

179 T: ok. they are just traditional. they don't have any toilet. go in the bush.

11:06

180 I: and disposing of waste? how do you do this?

181 T: oshiwambo speaking.

182 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

183 T: where do you take your rubbish after cleaning?

184 OG-A: we put them in our field to become manure.

185 T: ok. they dispose their waste in the field. just to make the humes.

186 I: and plastic?

187 T: oshiwambo speaking.

188 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

189 T: and what do with the plastics?

190 OG-A: i burn them down because it's dangerous to cattles.

191 T: he burn them.

192 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

193 T: is dangerous to cattles and livestock, so he burn them.

194 I: ok. and is there electricity?

195 T: oshiwambo speaking.

196 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

197 T: do you have electricity?

198 OG-A: no.

199 T: no.

200 I: do you have a radio?

201 T: oshiwambo speaking.

202 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

203 T: do you have a radio and a car?

204 OG-A: i have a radio but i don't have a car.

205 T: yes.

206 I: radio. and does anyone of your family members have a car?

207 T: oshiwambo speaking.

208 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

209 T: oshiwambo speaking.

12:02

210 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

211 T: oshiwambo speaking.

212 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

213 T: ok. the one who having a car he just a relatives, not (...) from the house.
have his own house at omafo.

214 I: ok, then we continue to (...) how you use water.

215 T: oshiwambo speaking.

216 I: and my first question would be, what kind of water sources are available
to you in a certain range, distance to your homestead?

13:00

217 T: oshiwambo speaking.

218 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

219 T: is there any water source nearby your house where you get your water from?

220 OG-A: we usually get our water from a pan nearby, but now we get water from a well near us also.

221 T: so. they have a well like this. and they have the improved (...) that nearby the other house.

222 I: the pumping one, red cross.

223 T: yes, the one improved by red cross. yes that's only two places, very close to his house.

224 I: public water point is not available?

225 T: oshiwambo speaking.

14:06

226 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

227 T: do you have any public taps?

228 OG-A: no it's under construction.

229 T: it's under construction.

230 I: this was the one under construction?

231 T: yes. it's apparently pass through is farming land.

232 I: and how far is this construction site away from your homestead? just roughly.

233 T: oshiwambo speaking.

234 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

235 T: oshiwambo speaking.

236 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

15:00

237 T: oshiwambo speaking.

238 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

239 T: oshiwambo speaking.

240 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

241 T: how long will it take for it to finish and where it will be located?

242 OG-A: we are almost done and it is just near us it's not really far going to the public tap.

243 T: it's in (...) the fenced-, within his fence (inc.).

244 I: oh, there the water point will be-, exist? within his fence?

245 T: yes. it will be very close to him.

246 I: ok. very close. and, how far is the hand-dug well? and how far is the surface water well?

247 T: oshiwambo speaking.

248 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

249 T: oshiwambo speaking.

250 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

251 T: oshiwambo speaking.

252 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

16:08

253 T: oshiwambo speaking.

254 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

255 T: how far is the well away from your house?

256 T: it's very near, it's just two houses after my house to the well.

257 T: a well is in a distance like from going to that, to that (...) you see that well where you see these dollar trees? there? green one. somewhere in this surface? you see that thorned tree? almost bent? this one?

258 I: which goes like this?

259 T: yes, that one, just behind. that's the distance of the house to the well.

260 I: ok, like three hundred meters?

261 T: yes, something. and-.

262 I: to the well? the improved well?

263 T: no, no, no, no.

264 I: to the surface water.

265 T: yes. and the improved one is like from here to this farming land. to that house.

17:00

266 I: ok, like one hundred, just. so very nearby. and (...) how would you describe the quality of the hand-dug well and the surface water?

267 T: oshiwambo speaking.

268 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

269 T: oshiwambo speaking.

270 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

271 T: oshiwambo speaking.

272 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

18:04

273 T: how is the quality of the water from the well and the water from where you getting water from now?

274 OG-A: i really don't use that water because i been using water from the rain, but the well water is dirty the quality is bad.

275 T: ok. from the hand-dug well, the improved, he did not get water from there since it was improved. yes, but before it's used to be not clean. yes and from the surface, the water quality is too bad.

276 I: it's too bad.

277 T: yes. and due to that he did not get water from this one, and this are too

bad, is because he harvested some water from the (...) his corrugated one.

278 I: ok, rainwater.

279 T: yes, he kepted them in a bigger bucket, so to say. he still conserving them.

280 I: and the reason why you don't get water from the improved well is because it's costly?

281 T: oshiwambo speaking.

19:09

282 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

283 T: oshiwambo speaking.

284 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

20:02

285 T: does that well go dry during the dry season?

286 OG-A: no it doesn't dry up it keeps water through the water.

287 T: no, it's not that problem, because at that improved hand-dug well, to him it's like his hand-dug well, because it's his family hand-dug well. they are the one who dig it up. yes, and even this meme who is very close to it it's his relatives. yes, yesterday they said and they contribute some funds for the (...) maintenance. so to him it's not because of money.

288 I: ok. but what else reason is there not to use this one?

289 T: it's just because he harvested that water and he kepted it. harvested the rainwater from the corrugated, now he still having them. so, because he's alone he doesn't need more water, he still having those ones.

290 I: but when this rainwater is (...) completely used, he switches to the well water.

291 T: the hand-dug well, yes.

292 I: ok. is there any difference in the dry season to this utilization scheme?

21:05

293 T: oshiwambo speaking.

294 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

295 T: oshiwambo speaking.

296 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

297 T: but the pan get dry?

298 OG-A: yes the pan just got dry last year it also use to keep water for long during rainy season.

299 T: ok. it's keep water (...) this improved one is keeping water through the year. yes, just like (...) when you are inside when they were cleaning it, taking particles and taking so. they just found out that when they are in there standing, the waters are coming somewhere up there. up their heads. so, they are still up their hea- that means the whole this area from their head within their heads to their feed is collecting water, so he think it's still have enough water. and if the rains rains and get another water, he can apparently if it was not close we can get water just the (way we camp?). so it's used to get full.

22:33

300 I: alright, ok. but the surface water is dry in the dry season, i guess?

301 T: oshiwambo speaking.

302 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

303 T: it just got dry last year. and due to the other years that it had been (...) flooded year, it used to keep all that waters running into it and it never get dry. he just found it last year that it got dry because it wasn't a good year (inc.) a good rain year.

23:18

304 I: ok, it just falls dry in some years, but normally it stays.

305 T: mostly when there is no enough rain.

306 I: and what are the activities in your household you use water for?

307 T: oshiwambo speaking.

308 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

309 T: oshiwambo speaking.

310 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

311 T: oshiwambo speaking.

312 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

313 T: what do you use water with at your house?

314 OG-A: i only use it for drinking, personal hygiene and cooking but when i'm doing laundry i go to the well just to save water.

315 T: only use this for drinking, cooking, personal hygiene.

316 T: oshiwambo speaking.

317 OG-A: oshiambo speaking.

24:16

318 T: ok. but laundry go to the well. either a hand-dug well or the surface one.

319 I: well to the- (inc.).

320 T: yes apparently (...) just the way (of for?). because he's now getting (...) old and power not that ok. can't able to carry all those- all those water to go and wash at home.

321 I: do you also use water to prevent dust in the air?

322 T: oshiwambo speaking.

323 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

324 T: oshiwambo speaking.

325 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

25:07

326 T: do you have a garden at home or do you spite water in your rooms to get dust away?

327 OG-A: no not really.

328 T: he never did anything like that, yet.

329 I: ok, and (...) when your livestock is at home, at your homestead. how do you water it?

330 T: oshiwambo speaking.

331 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

332 T: oshiwambo speaking.

333 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

334 T: where do you take your livestock for drinking when you were having livestock at home?

335 OG-A: we only take the livestock at the water point and let them drink.

336 T: by the time he had the livestock. the (...) it was very rare for the surface water to get dry. so they just, they were just using the (...) surface water here. and if (...) like if it happens, they just go to the hand-dug well and give this bucket where they put water for the livestock.

26:09

337 I: but he does not- you don't fetch water and water them at home. you bring the livestock there?

338 T: yes.

339 I: do you also have gardening in terms of guava tree or vegetables that you have to water?

340 T: oshiwambo speaking.

341 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

342 T: oshiwambo speaking.

343 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

344 T: do you have a garden like for guavas?

345 OG-A: no.

346 T: no.

347 I: ok. and beside your livestock, which of the activities are you meeting with the surface water?

348 T: oshiwambo speaking.

349 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

350 T: oshiwambo speaking.

351 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

352 T: oshiwambo speaking.

353 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

27:02

354 T: oshiwambo speaking.

355 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

356 T: aside from livestock what else do you use to water from the well apart from drinking and washing?

357 OG-A: i just made brick making.

358 T: ok. just bricks, cement sand bricks.

359 I: so, brick making is also.

360 T: yes, from the surface well.

361 I: from the surface well. but the in-house water uses like drinking, cooking, personal hygiene is all made of hand-dug well-.

362 T: and the one harvested.

363 I: and the rainwater harvested. ok. and this one. ok. do you have rainwater in the dry season? probably not? or can you store your rainwater until the dry season?

28:02

364 T: oshiwambo speaking.

365 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

366 T: do you keep that rain water the one you get from corrugated iron for a long time?

367 OG-A: since i'm alone i handle them with care so i use them for long.

368 T: yes, because he's alone. because he made a bucket of this high full, of those rainwater harvested. now, because he's taking much care of them, he think maybe there is still a week for this water to rest in this (inc.) small bucket.

369 I: so it's like ninety liters, or something? ninety-five liters?

370 T: oshiwambo speaking.

371 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

29:01

372 T: i think it's fifty liters if i'm not mistaken.

373 I: fifty liters. and if you would have the money, would you buy another bucket of this size in order to harvest even more rainwater?

374 T: oshiwambo speaking.

375 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

376 T: if you get money are you thinking of buying another bucket so you keep water in it?

377 OG-A: yes that the main idea but my sons are thinking bringing water at home or buy big buckets so it's store a lot of water.

378 T: yes, that's the reason. even the sons have (...) they are thinking, when the time they are going to (...) to move the house, they will be building iron things, to harvest more and they will also buy another big bucket. for him not to go and collect waters far. so he can just have his waters in the house because he's alone. and they are also thinking of a private tap in future.

30:26

379 I: do you realized that the water in this tank is getting bad, week after week, the longer the water is standing in this bucket?

380 T: oshiwambo speaking.

381 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

382 T: did you realize that the water is getting bad after some weeks?

383 OG-A: no because we cover the top with the lid.

384 T: they are just ok. they are not losing any quality. he just-.

385 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

386 T: they just put the lid on, and he tighten it nicely. they are just in there, nothing is going in so they are just fresh and good

31:04

387 I: ok, good. and why are you thinking about getting a private tap? because the water, the public water is being build and right next to your homestead.

388 T: oshiwambo speaking.

389 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

390 T: oshiwambo speaking.

391 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

392 T: oshiwambo speaking.

393 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

32:04

394 T: why do you think having a private tap at home is a good thing?

395 OG-A: it's good because i'm getting old so i won't be having enough energy to go get water from far.

396 T: ok. is because he's getting old, his (...) strength is getting lower now. he can't able to lift those big bucket now to go and get water even though it's in a short distance. so he want to have water just close to him. in case maybe he need- or they just get a thing from the tap and use that moment.

397 I: i see, yes. but paying the water is not a problem for you? you have enough money for that?

398 T: oshiwambo speaking.

399 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

400 T: so paying water to you is not a problem to you?

401 OG-A: no it's not a problem.

402 T: no.

403 I: is not enough money?

404 T: no is no paying water is not a problem to him.

405 I: but when he has this tap water, then he has to pay. so this won't be a problem for him?

406 T: won't be a problem for him.

33:00

407 I: so there is enough money? last question to this part. can you just say how much water you use per day?

408 T: oshiwambo speaking.

409 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

410 T: oshiwambo speaking.

411 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

412 T: how many liters of water do you use per day?

413 OG-A: i use it depending, maybe if i cook that day, i really don't use a lot of water.

414 T: he can't really tell how much, but he said, if he use much water, it's only if he cooks and (...) drinks and take bath. yes, that's why even if he thinking of having his private tap, it will not be a problem, because he think being alone you not think, you not be using that much water. you paying less.

34:21

415 I: ok. alright. so the third part (...) now deals with drought, yes? how you cope with drought. but my first question, very broad question would be, what is a good life for you?

416 T: oshiwambo speaking.

34:59

417 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

418 T: oshiwambo speaking.

419 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

420 T: oshiwambo speaking.

421 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking

36:36

422 T: what is a good life for you?

423 OG-A: good life is when there is respect, and when you have money so you buy everything because everything now costs money so if there is no money no good life.

424 T: good life to him (...) is when a person have money. because to him, when a person has money. he have almost everything. because money is an instrument to buy a goat, a cattle, to buy mahangu, buy clothes. and even to make people work in their farmland so they can get enough mahangu. so he think the money is the one they use to buy food. so if a person is living a good life is only when he have money to him.

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425 I: ok. do you (...) somehow value the landscape, how it is?

426 T: oshiwambo speaking.

427 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

428 T: do you think land is not good when it comes to farming?

429 OG-A: yes because it depends if you have livestocks it will give you manure and gives you a good harvest.

430 T: yes. he value the landscape and animal. yes, livestocks. if you could-have a good landscape and you could have (...) could have livestocks. because from livestock he can get humes to add value to his (...) soil. so it could be better.

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431 I: ok, yes. and when you think of yourself (...) what is your main concern in life?

432 T: oshiwambo speaking.

433 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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434 T: what is your main concern in life is it when there is no money or drought?

435 OG-A: i'm only more concern when there is drought really because i get money from the pension.

436 T: the only concern part is drought and if (...) there is drought and doesn't have money. yes, but if he got money like he got his pension and he got some money to sustain and (inc.) go and buy his few sheep, fish, yes and a sack of maize meal. and then he mix at the house. doesn't really have problem, because he's just alone.

437 I: pillow of maize meal.

438 T: yes (LAUGHING).

439 I: (LAUGHING), and-.

440 T: pillows, yes.

441 I: is flooding a problem for you? there where you live?

442 T: oshiwambo speaking.

443 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

444 T: does flood effect your field?

445 OG-A: only at some parts.

446 T: yes, but not the whole field. it's only affected the- some part of the land.

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447 I: ok. but is flooding for you more positive or more negative? positive for example because there is new grass which is for grazing and- so, do you associate flooding with negative or also positive things?

448 T: oshiwambo speaking.

449 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

450 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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451 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

452 T: do you think is a bad and good thing?

453 OG-A: to me it's not really because we find ways to block water not to come in our house, it was only that long ago that time we didn't have materials to block the water.

454 T: only long ago when there were no materials to prevent floods for him. it was really negative. but now that more specially now even their thinking of moving (...) the house and have some brick wall made of house, main rooms. yes, cements. that they can not- the water can not really enter in the room, for them. so he think for now (...) the flood he can say it's positive for him. because he can bring more good things. yes, and is only affected one part of his farming land.

455 I: and now if we focus on drought now. how are you affected by drought?

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456 T: oshiwambo speaking.

457 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

458 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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459 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

460 T: how are you effected by drought in general?

461 OG-A: not really the only drought i experience is when maybe i didn't harvest a lot of mahangu that season so i don't really get affected.

462 T: drought to him it's only when the rain did not rain. yes, and or otherwise if he did not work in the- maybe he got- he doesn't have that strength to work in the land. in the farming- in the mahangu land. but if he works nicely, he always produces enough for him, because is just him alone. these guys are just coming the part-time, they come and go so they- he doesn't really see- doesn't really get problem. (inc.) guys.

463 I: but you said right now, currently, you're also not affected by food shortage or water shortage?

464 T: oshiwambo speaking.

465 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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466 T: so now you don't have any shortage of water and food?

467 OG-A: no because i'm alone, it's only when i have people it's when i worry too much for them.

468 T: because he's alone. doesn't really (see?) that. only if he had maybe more people is when he get (inc.) how can i feed them and so, but now that he's alone, no problem, currently no problem, no shortage of water, no shortage of food.

469 I: and when you have enough food now, are you giving it to some other people who are in need of it?

470 T: oshiwambo speaking.

471 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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472 T: do you help out some people who don't have enough food since you have enough?

473 OG-A: yes i do help out because now i get drought relief food and the one i cultivate at home and the pensioner and there is someone starving i give to those people because i have enough.

474 T: because he's alone and he producing enough for him and he's also getting drought relief. the other sacks. he also buy maize meal, also. he now get most enough, so from there he give it to the other old meme, who have some kids in the house. and a lot of (inc.) there. and if- like- let me say if they got drought relief of two sacks, and now- he may even receive another relief without using this ones. yes, and now he can even get say: "me just give me one and then come get the other two from my house and then you guys get for me, because you have a lot of children and-, yes".

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475 I: ok, that's good, yes. and (...) if you look back (...) like ten or twenty years, where more people lived in your household. was this different- was there food shortage a problem, water shortage a problem and did it also affect your health somehow?

476 T: oshiwambo speaking.

477 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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478 T: maybe after some ten years back later did you ever find yourself in a situation where there is no water and food?

479 OG-A: no because i was working in a fish company at walvis bay since when i get retired so i really never experience such a thing.

480 T: since he was- since nineteen-sixty-one when he get work at walvis bay, working in fishing companies (...) till two-thousand and one when he (...).

481 T: oshiwambo speaking.

482 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

483 T: when he get his pension out of that company. they never had problem with food shortage in the house. he always supplying enough food and even some fish at home. so he never found himself in shortage of food.

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484 I: alright. do you perceive that in drought situations, the community is somehow in conflict? that people are arguing against each other? stealing is maybe a problem?

485 T: oshiwambo speaking.

486 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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487 T: is there any tensions in the community due to such a situation so people will end up stealing others livestock due to drought?

488 OG-A: yes, it only happen to those who came in a village and cause trouble.

489 T: so far he not yet attend a meeting at the headman of a person within (...) the village, who steal somebody's things, or maybe shouting at each others or maybe till they had a meeting for that. no he never attended that, unless people who just came in the village, maybe for some time. not really a villager, so to say. not really a villager in that village, he just came for a visit or something and then he try to (...) you know he try to- he doesn't really com- (what?) i say this complying with the village (legs?) rules. so those people happen- yes it's happen- he attended lot of meeting but they were not people from the village, they only came here and steal maybe and then they (inc.) probably they are not really the villager of that

village. yes, but what they are trying for the villagers and him, they are really trying to organize them. people come together, make peace. yes something like that. the villagers are somehow ok. and don't during drought.

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490 I: yes. since you are not really affected by drought in terms of food and water. when you think of your neighbours and the other community members, how do they get along with the situation?

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491 T: apart from you that you really don't get affected by the drought, how do you think other people from the community survive?

492 OG-A: they are really surviving hard, the youngster's don't have time to stay at home so there is no respect in houses.

493 T: maybe he thinks more specially the old ones are the- he not really see them or hear them complaining. but the way he imagine and see things the way their daughter's or their things are doing. mostly the old people in the village thinks they are the most suffering.

494 I: mostly suffering people?

495 T: yes, because there will be staying in the house while these other youngster's are going just out to cuca shop wherever, down. while these guys are just in the house. so he think mostly the last- our first interviewers today of this old meme is the one he (emphasize?) on, old meme and the tate. these guys are seems to be. can't really tell but he seems- there seems to be (...) (inc.) hectic.

496 I: yes, yes. do you know of some people who moved away from here because of this water situation? moved for example into the city?

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497 T: oshiwambo speaking.

498 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

499 T: do you know some people who moved to the village due to drought?

500 OG-A: no i really can't tell that i can't remember only those who went to look for jobs maybe.

501 T: he can't really- no he can't remember that.

502 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

503 T: maybe, but he said, maybe youngster's to some moving (inc.) towns. maybe they move with the reason of going to get work and just be staying there. maybe not coming sometimes, but he can't really tell if the (...) migration is drought. maybe is two things, work and, yes.

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504 I: do you think, bigger households with more members, not like you, you're alone or just have three sons. who is more suffering from drought? bigger or smaller households?

505 T: oshiwambo speaking.

506 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

507 T: oshiwambo speaking.

508 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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509 T: oshiwambo speaking.

510 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

511 do you think the people who are affected by the drought are the old ones or the young ones? or who are living few in the house?

512 OG-A: the old ones are suffering.

513 T: alright. it's only the house of old peoples. those old people so to say elders. not really with a number, but just the- the house of old people are suffering. that's the only thing he can recommend.

514 I: last question would be (...) do you know anything when you realize there is a drought coming, there is no rain, food or (...) the mahangu is not growing. is there any option for you or your community members to prepare for this situation?

515 T: oshiwambo speaking.

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516 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

517 T: oshiwambo speaking.

518 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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519 T: do you do something that you or your community members to prepare yourself for that?

520 OG-A: i really didn't came across that, but a lot uses the pension money to buy extra maize meal to be mixing with the drought relief food, like to me i use my pension money to buy food. a lot of us we depend on our pension money so we mix with other food like rice and macaroni, so we really don't prepare anything.

521 T: yes if he can see a sign of drought, he can't really say the villagers prepare themselves. but he saw some people when they- because they- mostly those who really just depends on the government pension money. he saw some people going to maybe just to buy a sack of maize grains and the maize meal. so maybe some days they put the grains, some days they cook the food. maybe he thinks- maybe that kind of things, kind of sign of preparation for the drought. and for him, he doesn't really prepare much. only do go town and buy some little bit of rice, a sack of rice and together with a sack of maize meal. now, he can just do one day he cook the mixture of mahangu and the maize meal and then one day he maybe cook rice for him. so that's how he prepare (inc.)

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522 I: ok, thank you very much.

523 T: oshiwambo speaking.

524 I: is there anything else you would like to tell me? i have no questions anymore but if you think: "hey you should know this about drought, about water." just tell me.

525 T: oshiwambo speaking.

526 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.

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527 T: oshiwambo speaking.

528 T: do you have any question that you want to ask about drought?

529 OG-A: not really i just want to thank you very big because he really hopes you help them one day with our problems and i'm thanking you on behalf of the whole community.

- 530 T: so him say doesn't really have much to tell us about drought. he only say he only thanks us for being here. he hopes, or maybe somehow through our research, maybe there will be some help to them. even though it's not really him, himself as individual. even if a neighbour, if he- somebody got something out of it, more specially the old ones. he will thank you, because it's through him, that that person also get something.
- 531 I: i hope that we can help someday. we are just trying to understand the situation and then we are looking for solutions. that is our aim, yes.
- 532 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 533 OG-A: oshiwambo speaking.
- 534 T: oshiwambo speaking.
- 535 T: thank you very much.

