

- Quarters
- ① Ekpena
- ② Anni
- ④ Yola
- ⑤ Oke
- ⑥ Egbitue

SSI - SS2

JS-3

14-21 yrs

Ososo Grammar School

Students (17)

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
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**Questionnaire on the Physico-Cultural Landscape Evidence of Migration Pattern  
 in Edo North**

**Section A - Administrative**

Interviewer: F. Odemaro Date: 7/4/02

Name of Settlement: OSOSO Quarter: Yola

Name of Clan: OSOSO Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation**

- What is the native name for the huge rock boulders we see around here? Ese (Egbe) Egle (b.)
- Do these rock boulders have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?  
God
- What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? IKoshe
- Do the rocky hills have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?  
Separation / Boundary
- In what ways have the people in this community used these rocky outcrops?  
Salvage / Festival - for men / Tourist  
Security, Foundation, Grind up stone, Income / Quarry
- What is the name of the major river in this area? Okoko, Shallow Stream  
 Please explain the name of the river: Shallow Stream
- Please, name two trees that were very important in this community in the past but are no longer seen in this area today and indicate their uses:

Serial #	Names of Trees (extinct)	Primary Uses of the Trees
1.	<u>Uloko</u>	<u>Poles</u>
2.	<u>Oshake</u>	<u>medicine (witchcraft)</u>

8. Please, name two trees that are very important in this community today and indicate their uses:

Serial #	Names of Trees	Primary Uses of the Trees
1.	Okada	Shade tree
2.	Dongo yaro	medicinal - Fever

### Section C – Settlement

- What is the meaning of the village name? Need more than is sold.
- What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? To kura (male)  
Hunter
- Where did the first settler(s) come from? Yoruba.
- Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? wildlife (prey)
- Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village:  
Igbirs (7km) Okpells (30km), Ogori, Oja, Makeke, Ekpeds, Uneme-OSU, Ojirami
- What do you call the people from this area? Ososo  
Where do the people from this area come from? Benin  
What made them to leave that place to come here? Security
- Please rank the following environmental resources in order of their importance in influencing your ancestors' decision in settling down in this place. Rank the best reason as 1 and the worst or last as 9:

Serial #	Environmental Resources	Rank
1.	Nearness to a river resource	①
2.	Nearness to a major rock outcrop	9
3.	Availability of farmland	5
4.	Nearness to a major hill or mountain shelter	8
5.	Nearness to a major forest shelter	5
6.	Expansive grassland or pasture land	4
7.	Nearness to a powerful kingdom for protection	3
8.	Taking full possession of ancestral land	1
9.	Others (specify): <u>Security</u>	



8. Does this village have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, where is the location of the old site: Ami/ Osun or

when was the old site abandoned? 150 (yr) and why was it abandoned?

Population

9. What is the major occupation of the people in this village? Farming

### Section D – Farming and Food Habits

1. What is main staple food crop planted by the people of this village today? pawpaw, kolanut, cocoyam, oil palm, Cassava, Yam, maize, Okra, Tomato (could list more than one crop)

2. Is this staple food crop indigenous to your people? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If No, where did it come from? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List the main staple food crop planted by the first settlers of this village, if different from question 1 above:

Yam, ~~maize~~, maize

Give reasons for any differences in the two lists of staple food crops:

Technological Advance, Population, easy to produce

4. Who owns the farmland where the staple food crop(s) is produced? Farmer / Community

5. What are the major farming tools used in the production of the staple food crop(s)?

hoe, cutlass

Are these tools similar to the ones used by the first settlers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, please list the tools used by your ancestors: (stick digging)

and where are the tools from? local

6. Do you allow your farmland to rest (fallow) for some years after cultivation?  
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, for how many years? 5 yrs

How long was this fallow period during the time of the first settlers? > 5 yrs (years)

7. How many crops are planted on the same plot at a time? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the crops: Yam, Cassava, maize, Cocoyam, Okra, Tomato, Pepper

Male Careers: Carpenters, Farming, hunting, Lawyers  
medicine, Engineering, Teaching

Household { Women: Cook, clean, children, wash,  
men: Provide shelter, money, train children, clearing grasses

8. How many crops were planted on the same plot at a time by the first settlers? 2

Please list the crops at that time Yam, maize

### Section E – Culture, Religion and Festivals

1. What is the system of property inheritance in this community?

Female inheritance Male inheritance

2. Please, list those things you forbid in this village/town? Strangled animal

3. What is the name of the major festival celebrated in this village/town? Italapo festival  
Women forbidden to see Maduguade, Shrine for women  
Women initiation - no male participation

What is the festival celebrating? Age-group festival (7yrs)

Who introduced the festival to the community? fore father

What part of the village/town is the festival shrine located? Agikolico x Igbeada road

Who is the chief priest at the shrine? Male Female

Does the village/town have any other shrines? Yes No

If Yes, please complete the following table:

Serial #	Name of Shrine	Location of Shrine	Name of god worshipped
	Irewu	Okere side	God of the maduguade
	Enwetobu	Igbetua	God of the stone

maize  
yam  
coffee  
cocoa  
kola  
Cassia  
Bush mango

Male crops / female crops — okro, maize, melon, peppers,

Subjects in school

careers: — Nurses, Tailoring, hairdressing, trading, weaving,

market: — mostly women sellers/women buyers

child rearing

politics: no (local)

community involvement:

Education — male teacher: — maths, Eng., Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Govt.  
— female Teacher — CRK, Commerce, economics, PE, Geography

Story-Tellers — Old women (mostly)

Owa — cleaning activity for women