

**University of Ibadan and Southern Illinois University**  
**A Questionnaire Survey of Place Names**

**SECTION A - SETTLEMENT NAME AND IMPORTANCE**

1. Name of Settlement: Sasaro LGA: Akoko-Edo
2. Language Spoken in the Settlement: Sasaro Ethnic Group: Sasaro
2. Name Parts: 1. ✓ Meaning: Go on forward to settle  
 2. ✓ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the meaning of the settlement's name? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What aspect of your culture is this place noted for? Farming, spinning cotton, etc.
5. What other things make this village important in this entire area? Drinking water, Ika-festival (Forward)
6. Are there any other villages bearing the same name as this village?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, Please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B - SPATIAL RELATIONS**

7. How many quarters are there in this settlement? 7 (male children)  
 List all the quarters beginning with the oldest quarter: Ozenakhu, Afedo
8. Does this settlement have an old site?  Yes  No. If yes, what is the name of the old site(s)? Une-olu (Hill)
9. Name all the villages you have some form of relationship with in this area and indicate the type of relationship.

Related Villages	Type of Relationship
<u>Ique</u>	<u>brother</u>
<u>Erwan</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Uolke</u>	<u>"</u>

10. Name all the villages founded by people from this settlement? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the name of the major shrine of this village called? nyirazaro (mother's) *aka*

12. Which part of the village is the major shrine located? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C – ORIGIN AND SOCIO-CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

13. Founders of this settlement came from where? Okhwaata, Odion - (village), ~~Okhwaata~~ *Okhwaata*

14. Why did the founders of this settlement choose this place? move during the  
1st Eweka. Junior brother crowned instead of Odion

15. Rank the following environmental factors in terms of their roles in influencing the choice of this site for settlement by its founders:

Reasons for Selection	Rank
Nearness to a river or a stream	
Rock shelter	(1)
Availability of farm land	
Ancestral homeland	
Rock shelter adjacent to ample farm land	
Accessibility and centrality	
Protection offered by nearby big kingdoms	

16. What do you call the head of this village? Oba of Sasara

Is the village head answerable to another head outside this village? \_\_\_ Yes -  No

If yes, please give the name of this other head: \_\_\_\_\_ His Location: \_\_\_\_\_

and why? \_\_\_\_\_

17. How does your culture explain how rivers are formed? \_\_\_\_\_

18. How does your culture explain how the huge rock outcrops and hills around here formed? \_\_\_\_\_

19. List all other things you think make this place special to your people: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION D - FOOD HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

20. What are the three most important crops planted in farms owned by members of this settlement (village)?

1. Cassava
2. Yam
3. Corn

21. Are the crops planted by the first farmers who founded this settlement the same as those planted in farms today?

Yes  No

If no, please name those crops planted by your ancestors:

1. Yam
2. Corn, ~~beans~~, beans

22. Why are those crops planted by your ancestors not planted today?

1. Commercial reason
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is the main food this village is known for?

Yam

24. Has the main food remained the same over the years?  Yes  No

If no, what was the main food and why has it changed?

Yam, Stuka (Amala)

Age-group  
Marriage  
Festival  
Ceremonial