

Primary school  
jah

Oditeresha  
odolce

Jah clan

④ jah  
+makelce (head)  
Dapballe  
gat. mam  
Onyaza

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Questionnaire on the Physico-Cultural Landscape Evidence of Migration Pattern  
in Edo North

Section A - Administrative

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Settlement: Jah

Quarter: Elero

Name of Clan: Jah

Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation

1. What is the native name for the huge rock boulders we see around here? Egba

2. Do these rock boulders have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. If yes, what are they?

3. What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? Onya

4. Do the rocky hills have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. If yes, what are they?

5. In what ways have the people in this community used these rocky outcrops?

Grinding stone, building, stones

6. What is the name of the major river in this area? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain the name of the river: \_\_\_\_\_

7. 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.       |                          |                           |
| 2.       |                          |                           |



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.       |                |                           |
| 2.       |                |                           |

### Section C – Settlement

1. What is the meaning of the village name? Gal — Senior

2. What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where did the first settler(s) come from? Ozakem: (old Gal)

4. Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? Chay Died.  
Accessibility

5. Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you call the people from this area? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do the people from this area come from? \_\_\_\_\_

What made them to leave that place to come here? \_\_\_\_\_

7. 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                  |      |
| 2.       | Nearness to a major rock outcrop              |      |
| 3.       | Availability of farmland                      |      |
| 4.       | Nearness to a major hill or mountain shelter  |      |
| 5.       | Nearness to a major forest shelter            |      |
| 6.       | Expansive grassland or pasture land           |      |
| 7.       | Nearness to a powerful kingdom for protection |      |
| 8.       | Taking full possession of ancestral land      |      |
| 9.       | Others (specify):                             |      |



Men - Yam, Cassava, Corn

women - okra, melon, Tomato, Green Smeet, pepper, veg.

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

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

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? Cassava,  
Red Beans, Corn, Pepper, Vegetable Yam (could list more than one crop)  
okra.

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:

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

4. Who owns the farmland where the staple food crop(s) is produced? 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: \_\_\_\_\_

and where are the tools from? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you allow your farmland to rest (fallow) for some years after cultivation?

☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, for how many years? 4 yrs

How long was this fallow period during the time of the first settlers? \_\_\_\_\_ (years)

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

Please list the crops: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Please list the crops at that time \_\_\_\_\_

### Section E – Culture, Religion and Festivals

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Female inheritance

\_\_\_\_\_ Male inheritance

☒ Children

2. Please, list those things you forbid in this village/town? \_\_\_\_\_

Snake, monkey.

3. What is the name of the major festival celebrated in this village/town? Oruvie-Ukpogor

What is the festival celebrating? Afe-ro-p (Female)

Who introduced the festival to the community? \_\_\_\_\_

What part of the village/town is the festival shrine located? Dapalla, Ojirami

Who is the chief priest at the shrine? \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female none.

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 |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|          |                |                    |                        |
|          |                |                    |                        |
|          |                |                    |                        |