**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT**

Interviewer Name: Fiona Atukunda

Interview date: 22/10/2019

Name of respondent: Serina

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Title status: Solo title (The respondent says it was joint, her husband too told Martin the same)

Interview start time: 11:34 am

Interview stop time: 1:19 pm

Age: 35

Marital status: Married

No. of children: 7

No. of people living in the household: 9

Occupation: Farmer

Second source of income: Weaves *endiiro* (baskets where they put millet bread)

Highest level of education: Primary 7

No. of years living in the village: 19

Roofing material: Iron sheets

Housing material: Partly bricks, mud, poles, cement and solar

Interview Duration: 1:45:40

The interview happened in the respondent’s house in their living room. Their house is made of partly bricks with cement, mud, poles and they have iron sheets for the roofing and solar for lighting. We had no interruptions. She told me that they joint titled with the husband and even when they brought the title they signed together with the husband on it. She also told me that recently her husband went to get a loan without her, and Muhame bank told him to come with the wife who signed on the title but she refused. She loves the title because this means that her husband mainly can’t sell the land without her consent but she was worried that since he got a new woman with whom they have been living together 1 year and 3 months as of now, they are planning to try and remove her so she is scared that if this is done then her children will have nothing. They have 2 plots with her husband; one is the plantation that was titled which she said that they bought together even though she signed as a witness not buyer, then the main land they are on is his share from his parents. She said that the marriage is struggling as of now, the husband got another wife and wanted to give away part of the plantation to her but she refused because of her children. The husband rents out the land to other farmers and cattle keepers but never shares the money with or involves her, actually they both have separate gardens and every one sells their harvest and doesn’t tell the other. She tried involving the husband but he refused. When she asked he husband why he was marrying another woman, he said that it was by mistake that the girl got pregnant and after she forced him to marry her. She is currently the breadwinner for her family because her husband keeps telling her he has no money when she asks him to provide. She was generally sad and looked to be burdened because she also said that she has considered leaving but people have requested her to stay for the sake of her children. She has a support system in her friends in the village, and somewhat from home.

According to the way the house is, the land that they have and what they use it even though the husband doesn’t provide in time or not all, they look to be middle class. She has 7 children with her husband. We had a good conversation, I didn’t feel like she withdrew anything because she told me about her marriage in the first parts of the background section.

**Warm up**

I: Good morning Mama, how are you today?

R: We are well busy weeding in the gardens. The weeds are too many so we spend the whole day in the gardens.

I: Many people have told me that they can’t stay home.

R: No, and it is almost raining every day. Yesterday it didn’t rain the whole day.

I: I see you have to work all day. Has your husband also been in the garden?

R: He was this side also weeding.

I: How was yesterday for you here, the children, you and your husband?

R: It was okay, there were no issues.

I: I have found only one child here, where are the rest?

R: They have all gone to school, this is the last born.

**Background, Household structure and Land ownership**

I: Thanks for welcoming me. We shall start with talking about your family, how you live generally and land. There is no right or wrong answer, they are your thoughts and everyone is entitled to theirs. How many people live here Mama?

R: We have out 7 children and my husband and I but he got another woman and they have been weeding this side together.

I: He has been weeding with his other wife, I would love to know whether you are all living as one family?

R: No, that is his other woman.

I: Mama, I would love to know if you are the older wife.

R: Yes, I am.

I: When did he get this other woman?

R: By the time someone decides to show you that this is his woman, that means that they have spent a long time living together and you didn’t know it. They have a child and I think they have spent together 1 year and 3 months in my view. I think he will talk to your colleague about how they met and came to know each other.

I: Tell me more about how you came to know about this?

R: He used to leave home and append days without coming back and he would come back.

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I: Where would he tell you that he slept?

R: He say that they were drinking alcohol with his friends and they slept there because of time. This went on until I came to know about it and I gave him a chance to marry and that was it he went to the other woman.

I: He came and told you about it.

R: Yes, he used to go and sleep there until he told me that he has married another woman. From that time there has never been peace up to this day. It is just that as a person I don’t want to show what is happening on my face.

I: How this gone for you Mama?

R: It is very hard.

I: Where is the biggest problem right now?

R: Food to eat and school fees for the children. They have sent the back today and also yesterday they had sent the children back home. These are my biggest problems.

I: I am wondering, he brought this woman here next to you?

R: He shifted here form where he had married her form and brought her to the trading centre where you passed. That is where she lives, she leaves her home coming here to dig.

I: He has given her land?

R: He has not yet, he brings her under him to help him dig his gardens.

I: This is not easy.

R: I now work alone in everything, when another day comes I pray and give thanks.

I: Does he come here to sleep or he is the other side most of the time?

R: Most of the time he is the other side, he rarely comes here.

I: Have you sat to talk about it ever since this all happened to see how you will move forward.

R: We have never sat as such but I called someone with whom we sat and started to talk about it, he kept on blaming to many things, he was not speaking the real reason and he was moving around in circles. The way am telling you supposing am explaining to you lies, you will give me advice according to what I have told you. So he told lies to the other person who we had and I failed to get what I wanted out of the conversation. When we finished, he told that he wanted to give the wife part of the plantation so that she can get where to cut from banana leaves because when I also came I got a plantation to get food and banana leaves. I then told him that by the time he married two women he knew that he could handle it, so I told him that he shouldn’t disturb me touching the plantation, he said that he was going to cut it into two halves. I told him that the government will come to solve our issues.

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So I went and weeded down here and planted my banana plants, he took her down there and they also planted banana plants. Around this time, he tried to go and get a loan that I didn’t know about so I refused to sign for him. That is the time he had brought this woman and married her publically so I thought that he wanted to take the money to eat it with her. I had not known that he was thinking of getting a loan. It is like how you came today, he just came and told me that he was going to get a loan, he didn’t give me the reason as to why he wanted to get it., I remember the plans we had back then before he married this woman, we had decided that I will dig and gather produce even if it means wearing only one cloth over time until I make about 400,000 shillings then he can get a loan and I add my money then we buy a cow. You see us here we have land that has nothing in it, he rents it out. By the time he came to tell me he had already got the loan forms form Muhame bank. In the morning the next day he came back again and told me to sign, I told him that am not signing for him the loan he wants, I again asked him why he was getting a loan and what it was going to do. He told me that he wants to buy goats and our children graze them. I reminded him of a time when I told him that we had no cups, plates and other things to use to use in the house and I asked him to get a loan and he refused. I allowed him to get that loan, and he only bought for us 6 plates and the rest of the money he went to Mbarara with his new woman, he loves sex a lot. I told him that I saw him do that once and now I can’t do it. So I asked him wait and I sort myself because I thought he would come and we talk but he didn’t come at all. I was there one day at a time like this, and I was in the garden there, and I heard the children telling me that their father has brought a woman to the banana plantation with other people, he stood with this woman in the planation and the people took them pictures and after they left. So I knew that the other woman must have signed and any way he would pay it. There is no peace at all in this home.

I: Sorry about this, it is persevering through. The children are also looking up to you.

R: I have always wanted to leave them and go, but I am praying to God to help me.

I: You wanted to go back home?

R: Yes, if I ask him for food and he says that he doesn’t have, you ask him for home things he says he doesn’t have money. You see him there, he has a saloon in the centre, he studied saloon things. He works in a one room in Rubindi at the road, the land is here he puts cattle keepers and farmers to grow their crops. You see someone getting this income but when you ask him for soothing he keeps telling you that he doesn’t have it and even the school to pay it is after they have sent these children back home after the school is also tired. I get a hard heart after all this but when I tell a friend about it, they tell you to be strong for your children because they will help you tomorrow. When I look at the years where they will be helping me, I wonder where and how I will be. This has kept me and a voice in me keeps telling me to be patient and strong that is why you have even found me here otherwise you would have found another woman. And every time you people are coming it is not the same person that comes, you keep changing.

I: Sorry about this. When we were coming, we were asked which home we wanted because he has two wives and we had to ask by the directions. This is hard for you but when you are still alive, anything is possible, things change. May you continue being patient all through.

R: Today when I was coming up here, they had not seen me.

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He had told me that you people were coming so I should be home by 9 am or 10 am, because I weed my millet garden alone I went there and knew that by the time it clocks 10 am I will have worked a big piece. He thought I would refuse like last time when he had gone to get out a loan. I heard him telling her that he was going to get a loan and I made it very hard for him and disturbed him. I continued and came. When it was 9 am I decided to come up and be in the ground nuts garden and I came back.

I: Well done taking care of your children and everything. So is there any other person who lives with you here?

R: No one.

I: How many years have you lived here?

R: 19

I: Are these also your marriage years?

R: Yes

I: Before you came here, where were you living before?

R: Omukabare

I: Where is this?

R: It is another neighboring village to this one. You take the other turn in the centre.

I: Do you usually go back home?

R: Yes

I: What causes you to go there most of the time?

R: I go to see how they are and to visit them.

I: You still have both your parents there?

R: I only have one, my mother.

I: After how long do you go there?

R: After 3 or 4 months and sometimes even after 1 month. I have been going there after a week in the past days because my mother was processing a title for her land. Our father had title his land before he died, after his death my mother wanted to remove her share from his title and put it in her title. I last went there when the surveyors had brought the stones but she had not yet got the title and I don’t know if she has got it by now.

I: So you father gave all of you children at your home shares?

R: No, there are two wives also and it has been a battle. They were three wives but by the time

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he died they were two of them remaining, he gave his two wives land but not the child of the third wife who had passed. They didn’t give this child a share and at the end my mother started complaining saying that the child will bring problems tomorrow. She called the family, and they gave him a share but all the land stayed in one title. So my mother would ask her self that if she died tomorrow, wont they take land that her children are supposed to share after she is gone and it might be hard for them to get their share off. So this is how she started to process her title, but I think she must have got it by now.

I: I would love to understand this; your father gave land to his wives but not to his children?

R: He didn’t leave to anyone be it the children or the wives. When he died, I think he had a will but the older wife made it disappear. We stayed there and later my mother went to FIDA, I remember I was in primary 6 by then. She went there and they divided the land for the wives not the children, my mother lifted up a voice and they also gave the other child his mother’s share. Now she wanted to get her land out into the title.

I: Your mother was what wife number?

R: She was the second one.

I: Meaning that your mother will be the one to share for you all.

R: Yes, because they have never given us anything.

I: Mama, how old are you?

R: I have made 35 years; I was born in 1983

I: You studied up to what class?

R: I had reached in primary 7 and I loved getting married (She laughs)

I: You came knowingly or?

R: They lied to me, and made me leave school. Now this is what am regretting.

I: What work gives you money?

R: If I don’t cultivate and harvest then I have no money.

I: What do you usually plant?

R: Beans, millet, ground nut and millet. When I harvest and it is good, I sell 1 sack and 40 kilograms and the rest I eat and I also keep some for the seeds for the coming season.

I: Mama, do you have land that you own?

R: No

I: How about with your husband?

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R: Yes.

I: How did he acquire this land?

R: It was his share from the father.

I: How big is it?

R: She estimated to be close to 3 acres.

I: Is the only one or there are other pieces?

R: This are we are in as you have seen it going around, it was his mother’s share. This house was for his mother, when she died he remained here and I came and got married to him here. He has his older brother, and this mother’s piece of land they haven’t shared it yet but I don’t think he will come here to share my compound or house.

I: Their father had given them their shares already?

R: Yes, and their mother remained with this going down a little and coming back around.

I: Your land is also part of this share?

R: Yes

I: If you add it up together then how big is it?

R: The one they put in the title is half acre of the banana plantation.

I: Is it also part of this share?

R: Yes, it is together.

I: So you told them that you have two pieces of land?

R: Yes, we took them down there and also here, when they came back they chose the banana plantation.

I: Okay. So do you have approved shares on this land?

R: There is quarter acre that we had bought together then the other part he also received it as a share. Both of them were titled, the one we bought I signed as the witness but not like the person who bought with my husband.

I: The other piece of land was his share?

R: Yes, apart from that quarter acre that we bought.

I: You had said that you witnessed on the other piece of land, so do you have approved shares on the other land?

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R: I am counted here because I am his wife. If he decides to give the other woman on his share we both take a half of it. Because also the government allows to divide for you the land even though you got married without being wedded, they allow to share the things.

I: How about the other land that is close to 3 acres, does he give you a share too?

R: If he wants he can divide it but when if I harden for him then he can’t. I heard something on the radio, the government said that if you were not wedded he has to share the land even though it is his share from his father.

I: Who works on your land?

R: Yes, there are farmers who cultivate it and cattle keepers grazing their cattle.

I: So you rent it out. How come you don’t cultivate it by your selves?

R: Can you dig all that land that is close to 5 acres.

I: You are only digging on the land that you can and all the rest you have it rented.

R: Yes.

I: So they pay you per season.

R: They pay the man not me

I: About how many farmers have you rented out to?

R: They are about 7 of them but each with different sizes of land they are using but it is not big land, the bigger part of the land he gave to cattle farmers to graze their animals.

I: How long has the cattle farmer been on the land grazing?

R: Two years

I: I know grazing land to be more expensive, I have heard there that they pay them 2 million shillings for a whole year.

R: People here pay lesser money.

I: I think it also depends on where the land is.

R: Yes.

**General land**

I: In this next part we will talk about land generally, yours inclusive but also for others. How do people come to acquire land that they own in this village?

R: You find someone with their money will look for a seller and they buy land maybe half or quarter acre. This is how they own land.

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I: Are there any other people that own land but they didn’t buy it?

R: Yes, there is someone who owns land, he didn’t buy it but he received it as a share from his father.

I: Okay, can someone access land and use it even though they don’t own it?

R: Now, these people that are digging in our land they rented it.

I: Do you have people who use land but they don’t pay rent?

R: You give them whatever land they want and in whichever size they can hand and they put their gardens and pay you the money for it.

I: Are there people who share the harvest after the season and not pay money?

R: These things are not here, you have to pay.

I: Are their people that just help others and give them land to use without paying money?

R: It depends on the way someone likes you, but it is rare because of poverty these days. They also want to rent their land and get money to pay for their children school fees. If they are there they are very few.

I: If someone wants to sell land, can they?

R: They have the right to sell it but according to how they are in the family.

I: Does he have to consult with any one?

R: Yes, his older siblings and uncle if he has them. And if he is an older person like a family head how my husband is, he has to consult with his wife, if he doesn’t have a wife then he can ask his uncles and if he doesn’t have them because you find some people bought their own land and they are alone he can sell it.

I: Let us say that someone has land on this village but he doesn’t stay there, he lives elsewhere. Does he maintain control over it?

R: Yes, he has the authority. Now for example my husband’s older brother left his land to us, but after sometime he comes back to check on it.

I: Where does he stay?

R: He was blessed and went through school and now he is a headmaster. He was a youth living her and started looking for teaching jobs and he hadn’t built yet. He is in Masaka (a district in the central part of Uganda) now at a school where is a headmaster. When he comes to visit he sleeps here.

I: Does he have a family?

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R: When he reached there, he bought another piece of land there and married a woman and they have children. He comes to check on his land.

I: How big is his land?

R: It is about 3 acres also.

I: They were only two of them.

R: Yes.

I: people of old never used to give birth to few children, I am surprised by this.

R: Now their father was soldier in the army, and he had about 4 wives but he has his land and things. Their mother was the first wife, she gave birth to 3 children but one died and they remained two of them. I think why she gave birth like this is because her husband was a soldier and he would come for a short while and then he would leave for a long period of time without coming back.

I: I know them; they go for years. I had my mother’s brother who also was a soldier but he died at the frontline there, no one saw him ever again because they go for a long time.

R: Yes

I: Supposing a person comes and they want to use this land, how can they go about it?

R: When a person on the side comes, whoever he left can call the land owner and tell him that there are people who want to rent the land, does he accept. They call the land owner and let him know. Then he will either say yes or no.

I: Okay. Mama, when someone says that this is family land, what do you understand by this?

R: It is land for the family and there is no other person who can come and try to enter it.

I: Since it is family land, is everyone in the family allowed to do what they want on it?

R: If I family land, the people of that family can do whatever they want.

I: Who has the authority to allow them since it is family land?

R: No one should have authority over it because it I for the whole family. Either of them can decide to plant peas here and the other put something lese there and the others do whatever they want on the land.

I: What if one wants to sell it?

R: That one has to agree with the others and they all sell or they give him his share of the land.

I: So family land can be shared.

R: Yes.

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I: When do they decide to share it?

R: When they are dividing family land, you find that someone says they want to go and be independent. If the other see that this person wants to leave, they will share and buy from him so that no one outside their family will come to buy it. And if they allow another person to come in then it is oaky he will come and buy that land.

I: So this family land doesn’t belong to a man or a woman.

R: There is someone with supreme authority and even if it is for the family, there will be someone heading the resting.

I: Who has the authority to lead the rest?

R: I think that it is the family head of that home and the wife in that home.

I: Okay. Thanks for telling me about this. Mama, have you rented land before?

R: Yet I have it, no I have never.

I: It is enough of for you to use and even leave.

R: Yes, if I have big gardens they must be 1 acre only, I can’t dig the whole land.

I: How about your husband, doesn’t he did with you?

R: He digs, but his own gardens then I also dig my own gardens.

I: At the end, do you bring it all together?

R: No, we used to grow crops and harvest and we put the beans in the house and we keep picking for eating. But after, God can help you with wisdom, so I decided to work harder and have like 4 garden and when I harvest I will have more money like maybe 300,000 shillings. Now all this money, for me as a woman I don’t have what to us it for, I don’t have a business so that I invest in it. So I told him that with this 300,000 he can also go and get a loan and we put it together and buy a cow but this failed. So this money now that we have the other woman between us, I can’t get it and give it to him. Now, this season I will harvest and sell because we have a child going to secondary school so if he pays the school fees then I will buy the uniform. After this I will have to buy for them clothes because it is me who dresses them.

I: If you had land that you own Mama, what would this mean to you?

R: It is my land and I can do whatever oi want on it. I have the right to all that I want and I have the right to decide whether to get off it or stay on it.

I: Apart from the agreement, what other ways can show that someone owns land?

R: Yes, the agreement showing how you got that land and it talks about that land saying that,

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the land belongs to you. Or you don’t have an agreement but you have a will and the chairman know that the land belonged to that person’s father or grandfather. You find that you as a child you don’t have an agreement but you inherited the land.

I: Is there any other thing that could show that land owns to someone?

R: People in the village can also see how you have been using the land, taking care of it, keeping it and how long you have lived on it.

I: What else shown that you own land here aprt from the agreement?

R: People know me that I have lived here and they see me using it and the title for the plantation they gave us.

I: What advantages do you think are there in finding a woman’s names on these land documents?

R: The good thing in mine is that the other time when the man went to get a loan and I refused it annoyed him. That is when I found him talking about me and the loan I had refused him to get the loan. When he went to get a loan and I refused he started saying that if he had put the other woman in the title, she would have allowed him to get the money. He said that adding me on the title was a big mistake and it was because the other woman was not yet there. This shows that if I get out of the title with their minds and what I hear them planning, I will have gone with nothing. The remaining link to me and here is because I am on the title. If the other woman pushes him to change the title and add her names, then I might leave with nothing because now we have 7 children and half acre of a banana plantation but we still buy food and now he wants to share it between me and the other woman. Now if he gives her part of it yet even when it was more we have been buying food, after giving it to her won’t I steal to take care of the children.

I: Now that you have talked about the title, your names are on it?

R: Yes, and I signed on it too.

I: Is there any other advantage in having women included on these land documents?

R: It is a good thing if the woman knows that whatever she has worked to acquire with her husband has her name on it.

I: How does it help her then?

R: If the man wants to do things in hiding where the woman doesn’t know about it, it helps you. Like this one he tried to do things where I wasn’t and he would have succeeded but they told him to give them the woman he has on the title. The first time he came and I signed for him, and he got the money which he repaid. But now the way I see his mind, I see that if I get out of the title, he will use the title the way he wants because the other woman has only one child and she has the desire of they can sell the land and since it is only one child, she doesn’t mind if they eat the property and finish it.

I: Are there any problems that would arise because the woman is included on such documents?

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R: The problems can come out for example wanted to get a loan that I refused him to get so he saw it as a problem to him for having me on the title. They told him to take the woman he has on the title, the one not on the title they wouldn’t accept her because if he fails to repay the loan, the woman on the title can come and chase them away.

I: You had told me that you have not yet inherited land, do you hope to inherit land?

R: Inheriting land, I can’t think about it because those are not my plans. If I don’t buy it and have its writing in my hand showing that it is my land, then I don’t hope to get more land. It is God’s plan that if one of us should die then I can take the land but what if am the one who dies first.

I: How about from your home?

R: No, she has four children and I can know whom she might choose to inherit the land.

I: Don’t you hope that she might give all of you the land?

R: An now that she has put it in the title, I don’t know. If she leaves for us a will then everyone of us will take their share.

I: Do people fear losing their land in this village?

R: Yes

I: Why do you think so?

R: Yes, people have become thieves of the land you find that where your *mugorora* is planted it has been moved. Even down here, we have been in a dispute where by a man kept taking his neighbors banana plantation by moving the boundary like from here to there. He kept taking the sides and covering it with land when digging because he is the middle, he kept taking the sides of her plantation. When they put together all the land he has been taking, they found it to be a half acre it was big. So people are fearful.

I: When you went to resolve the dispute, whose problem was it?

R: It was for the man because the time the boundary had been there, you could see where it was passing even when he kept on burying it with soil when digging and planting more banana plants.

I: How did the woman can to realize this?

R: The woman kept seeing the man entering her land so much, she saw that where the road was it kept coming more into her land. He used to follow people foot paths and add it to his side while pushing them to pass the other side of the woman’s land.

I: So you went there and called who else?

R: She went and called the leaders and the village people and they came and saw.

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He tried to hide and would not come. The people decided to put the *migorora* where they are supposed to be but he said that wherever she knows her boundary was before let them mark there. So the people put it there but he never came.

I: Who are the people most fearful of stealing their land?

R: Now even when the title came, we were fearful that they would take our land. There are people who refused it because the government wanted to take their land.

I: So what are the land owners doing to prevent their land from being lost?

R: I think they should find a way to get a tile because even though you die and leave the title to your grandchild, no one can steal it.

I: What are they doing right now to prevent it, the ones whose boundaries are being entered into?

R: They are using the government to help them avoid people stealing their land.

I: Who is the government do they go to?

R: They go the LC 1 chairman and LC 3

I: In you view Mama, if you were able to get more land, in what way would you get it?

R: I have to buy it.

I: Do you personally have family land in the way you explained to me about it?

R: Yes.

I: Which one is it?

R: This one here.

I: Do you have any proof showing that you have shares here?

R: I don’t have because it is his share form his father but I have been married here and I have given birth to children here, this is the proof I have.

I: Did you find your mother in law alive?

R: No she had already passed on. I found him with no parents. He became his father and mother.

I: Who makes the decisions on this land like on what you will plant and where you will plant it?

R: It is him but I also do.

I: Is there a time when he decides on things that you can’t decide on?

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R: There is when we don’t agree.

I: You told me that there are people who rent your land, when they are coming does he talk to you about it?

R: He tells that we look for people to rent on one part of the land, when he was going to put there, we first talked about it. He said that we leave them with one part to dig and the other part we leave it for those who want to rent grazing land. He gave one part to grazing because he had a thought that when they dig on the land the land gets infertile and the grass if growing it is not good. So he decided that one side they should cultivate it and the other side we leave it to remain for farm land and he also had plans of buying hi own cows to graze but he hasn’t yet.

I: Have you bought land before?

R: The one we bought that I told you about that is next to this land there.

I: Have you sold land?

R: No we haven’t yet sold any land.

I: Thanks Mama for telling me about this.

**Baseline awareness of titles**

We are going to our next part, we will talk about titles and we would like to get your thoughts on them. What does a title mean?

R: What I know about a title is that if I have my land that is in a title no one can come to take it. If they come and stick on it to take it, then I can bring my title and put it there and it acts as your evidence.

I: What are its purposes?

R: Not even your neighbor can wake up and buy land without this title. A title can keep your land from being sold and if you don’t agree as a family, no one can buy that land because the title keeps it.

I: This titling process, what have you like about it?

R: It is good because it educated us on what we couldn’t understand. Secondly, it has helped us keep the land which we women buy with our husbands, if you get a title you don’t just sign as a witness but as a co-owner. It will say that Budidi Yonah and his wife, this is their land.

I: Is there any concern you have encountered that you would want to let us know about.

R: No, there is nothing because since we got it, no one has been cultivating and tried to enter our land. You see the *mugorora* can be removed and shifted but you can’t remove the stones of the title and throw them away because when they bring the machine to detect it will show where the stone was.

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I: Do think women prefer it to be titles with their husbands?

R: Yes, they love it.

I: Why?

R: Because she knows that if she is now on the title with her husband, there is no right to add the other woman. Do you people allow a man to put two women on the title or he has to put his one wife. I don’t know if you allow this. Because if I know that I am on that title with my husband, even if another woman comes, she has to work hard to get hers. If this land is in the title, it is mine and my husband and not another woman.

I: Do you think that there are women who don’t like it?

R: There is no woman who doesn’t like it because are you the one who will not want to have a thing with your husband. You can refuse it but your never know there can be one who says they want to have land alone and the husband also gets his land alone. But if it is mine and my husband, I have no issue.

I: Okay. What benefits would be there in having both a man and a woman listed on the title together?

R: The title will help them in keeping their land from whoever might come to try and take it away from them. If I am the owner of the title, no one can enter my land.

I: Is there any other benefit that would come out of this?

R: To help us both in case I am not around and my husband is not around too, it will help our children stay with their land should someone try to take it away from them.

I: Mama, why do you think a man would not list his wife on the title?

R: It depends on how the man thinks, you find him having plans to marry other women and he doesn’t put the wife. So he will say that he can’t put the wife there yet he has plans of marrying another woman. Because of this the man will refuse to put you in the title or now that we have it both for our banana plantation, if he gets a chance to re do the title he would not put me there because he will say that he no longer agrees with me, so you find him not wanting to put me there yet he doesn’t know how it will be like tomorrow. He may choose to remove me tomorrow and he puts another woman, but you also find the other woman with her own heart and she wants to sell land and they get the money, and go. I may not have the heart of saying we sell the land because we are getting food from it while the other woman wants them to sell.

I: Is there any other reason a man would not list his wife other than this?

R: He may want to title another land that the woman doesn’t know about and he asks not to out the wife, so you find him putting his child and not the wife.

I: So he can wake up and decide to put the child yet he has a wife.

R: Yes

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I: This is according to the way he is thinking. The way you have lived with someone, you will know about them now like I have lived with my husband he will think and say that this woman will stop me from doing this thing so let me put there my child.

I: The child is the one who will not stop him.

R: The children can be deceived with little things and they change their mind.

I: Before you encountered the people that were educating you about titles, how were people getting titles in this village?

R: When I last saw people getting titles was long time ago and I remember from my father. They used to say that they would pay tax for the title after a while.

I: Are there any people that had got title before the titling people came?

R: I think they must be there. I think they got them long time ago.

I: Where do they go to get these titles?

R: They go to Mbarara and Kampala, they go to Mbarara to the land offices where they give title.

I: Where was your mother going to?

R: She was going to Mbarara to the office of titles

I: She has been going alone.

R: She was going with someone; my uncle’s son from her side. You see my mother gave birth to only girls, so asking for a man’s help to escort you they might think of other things. So what she did, she told me to come when they are planting the stones. She would go with my cousin he knows where that office is.

I: In your view, what do people in this village think about titles?

R: When they brought our titles, people that that they were going to take out land but according to how they explained to us and our chairman LC 1 and LC 2 also assured us, and when they brought the title the other people who had refused started saying that they wish they had accepted while other people said that they wish they had also got the chance to be chosen.

I: So they loved them after knowing that they were real.

R: They love them but you see this process was like an election, they would choose randomly.

I: Thanks mama for telling me about this.

**Intra household discussion and bargaining**

In this part, we will talk about the conversations you had with your husband in this titling journey. When they came to visit you for the first time, what did you talk about after they left.

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R: When they came at first we thought that they were going to steal from us. A lady came to visit us I think her name was Clare and after we took her around the land, she left. She left us with soap and we said with my husband that they are going to take our land just for a bar of soap. After that we saw them come back and put stones for us but we stayed fearful but after they assured us well and we saw that there was no issue. But at first we feared and many people who were chosen refused.

I: After them visiting you the second tile and you talked about titling, what did you talk about after?

R: We had a conversation about the land, the nest land there is his step mother. So we said that even though we go and spend years out there, there is no way she can try to take our land no matter what. We felt strong and firm and I was happy too. We didn’t fear in any way.

I: His step mother is alive.

R: Yes, she was the youngest wife.

I: She also remained with land from the husband?

R: Yes.

I: How big is her part?

R: It is quite big.

I: Is it bigger than yours?

R: Yes, but it is slightly almost the same. Also them, when their father died, they looked for the will and they couldn’t find it. The government came, their mother went to report wanting her children to get something. They had gone to FIDA, so it came and gave every child their share and she also got her piece of land and her children got too.

I: How many children does she have?

R: She has 3 children. There were children form 4 women when they were sharing but every child got their share.

I: This man had things.

R: Yes, all this hill and going down there was his land alone.

I: Okay. When they would come to visit you, would they speak to you privately or the both of you were there?

R: We used to be there both but there is a time they talked to us separately.

I: After talking to you separately, what conversation did you have with your husband after?

R: I remember after they left he asked me what they had told me and I told him,

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I also asked him what they had told him and he told me. He asked me what bad thing I found in there and I told him that I had seen any bad thing there. That time we were one person talking together so he told me that he didn’t also see any bad thing so we agreed together.

I: They came back and brought the title, were you here too?

R: Yes, I was here, they called us because we were going to the chairman’s place we met with them somewhere, the chairman was also there so I signed on the title, with my husband too and we received it.

I: When you came back, what conversations did you have after receiving it?

R: They told us that now we can get whatever loan we have, there is no more running around to go to the chairman to sign for you and get witnesses to sign also. So they told us to just take the title to where we want to get the loan from and get the money

I: Have you used it before to get loans?

R: He is the one who used it, when he brought it he is the one who kept it and I put my trust in him, maybe if he removed it and hid it elsewhere.

I: How has this experience been for you?

R: I haven’t found any issue at all.

I: Is there any conversation you had with your husband about going on the title.

R: I didn’t task him and he didn’t ask me but when they had come to plant the stones. The man who was planting the stones, stood together with my husband and talked. From back then, they would ask me to sign on everything but at the end they stood at a distance. I kept thinking that the man doesn’t want to put me in the title, so I didn’t know anything there. Knowing that I am on the title was when they gave the title and we signed on it.

I: Ever since you went on the title, has anything changed in your home?

R: No, but I have a voice on that title. If he is going to get a loan, he has to first ask me.

I: How have the 19 years in your marriage been for you?

R: Marriage is not easy at all. If you decide to make it hard it will be hard and if you make it easy it will be easy for you. Marriage is good and bad, there are months that are good and there are months that are bad.

I: You know other women out there haven’t even made these years, they separate and leave.

R: I separated for 2 months the longest. After this I can separate for 1 week, 3 days like that. The last time I spent a long time away was the 2 months. The first time I left for this long, I went away was because he had married another woman. I was patient and I thought maybe he had a desire to have another wife. He married her and brought her to the centre too and they kept telling lies about me.

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They used to say that I spend the day with other men and I don’t stay at home. He deiced to marry her saying that he started seeing her and before he knew it she was pregnant and the woman told her to marry her. This is the reason he gave me for marrying her, and that he wasn’t intentional and I also thought that it is an accident sometimes the girl can get pregnant. But what hurt me was that they kept talking lies about me and brought bad manners over me, I failed to get what to eat, I had no peace. He refused to give me anything and I tried to be patient but then he tried to inflict pain on me, so I said that to die I would rather be ashamed and for my children to see my grave they would rather not see me for a long time but they keep knowing that their mother is alive and that wherever I am they will see me some day. He wanted to slaughter my neck so I left. I spent there my two months, the moment I left he brought that woman and put her in our house. I thought he was angry and we would get back together, but every time I wanted to come back, I wondered how he brought a woman and put her in the house. I decided to sit at my mother’s house and stay there. That woman with my husband made a plan to get rid of me; this woman had divorced with her husband and the government had separated them, she was married with a ring, so they separated their rings and they gave each of them a chance to be alone. So she wanted me to divorce with my husband the way she had divorced hers. They made up stories about me that I had come and broken the house, and they reported me for this and abandoning my children. When I was there, police men came and arrested me and took me to prison. They called my husband and asked me if I knew him and I told them that he is my husband, I asked them why I would be breaking into my own house and steal what is mine. They asked me why I abandoned the children, I told them that I never abandoned the children, I told the woman office that the way she knows labor pains, and how you can drink herbs and how the child pains then I grow them up to 14 years and I deice to abandon them that time when I can send them to fetch for me water and they can do anything I send them to do. I said that I helped myself leave because the man was on my case. I won the case and I came back and this was in 2005. They had misunderstanding with this woman and she left. Id din think that he would think about marrying another woman, now in the last year, he got this other one that he has now.

I: Did he give birth with this woman?

R: They gave birth to one child.

I: Where is this child?

R: The woman has the child and sis taking care of the child by herself.

I: Do you feel supported by your husband in the things you do?

R: No, I take care of myself.

I: There is no way he comes in to support you?

R: No, he has been paying school fees and I praying that keeps paying it, even when they chase them, he puts it after a while.

I: You have any children in boarding school?

R: No, I don’t have any child that has gone to secondary school. They all go to school and come back.

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I: Mama, how would you compare this to other marriages?

R: It can’t be the same. You will find a woman who pays the school fees, buys salt for herself and takes care of the home and yet she has a man but she pays the rent of the house they are living in. She takes care of everything, these women are there. Now my husband, when I ask him for something he tells me that he doesn’t have it and after a while you see him bringing it. But my heart tells me that a time is coming when he will not do it. These days when the children come to ask him for school fees, he tells them to see their mother yet he knows that I have no job apart from the season, so where does he wants me to get the money from. I don’t have a job that I do with my hands apart from the seasonal harvests. I hope he keeps paying the school fees because I see women out there paying school fees for their children and they have many in secondary but me I have non in secondary but when they go there, what will I do. By the time he gives me soap I will have asked until I am tired of asking him.

I: Okay. In what ways do you encourage your husband in the things that he does?

R: In the things he does, if he says that he doesn’t have soap I go and buy it for myself and we wait for when he will decide to buy for us. I buy for the children clothes and the one who wants a pen I buy it when I have money.

I: Mama, before you sell the season’s harvest, where do you get money from?

R: I weave *endiiro* (baskets where they serve millet bread when eating). They give me 5000 shillings for one.

I: Where do you take them to sell?

R: There are some traders that pass in here to pick them but if they don’t come then you take them to the market but they give you less money. They refuse to give you money saying that you didn’t want the traders in the village to get them but you wanted to come to the market to get more money do they don’t give it to you.

I: I thought that it is better in the market?

R: They want you to give them to the traders and they get them from the traders and make some profit.

I: Okay. How do you compare this to other marriages out there?

R: In some it is the same while in others it is not the same. You can find that you are better than some, you find that others are worse than you and others are way better than you.

I: Who makes the major decisions in your household?

R: The man decides. Because there is a school where they were and it was good to help the children to understand and study well when I had separated he got them form there. When I came and asked him why he had got them from there he said that if I know that I will pay school fees for them then I can take them back. I kept on begging him to take the children to school so that they study well and tomorrow they help him, he told me that unless I know that I will pay the school fees. I failed here.

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I: What is the latest major decision you have done in your household?

R: The one I remember I had 90,000 shillings from the last season and I told him that I sold my beans and got this money so I am suggesting that we buy cement and renovate our house on the floor, he told me that 90,000 shillings is little money but I wanted him to add like 30,000 shillings to it. He didn’t add anything, he just said that it little man it can’t do anything, it old him that we can only do the floor for now and we slowly we add. He refused so I looked at my children they had no clothes and they needed me so I went and bought for them clothes and the money got finished.

I: Do you think that is similar in other families the way they make their decisions?

R: In other marriages where they haven’t had unfaithfulness, but also you may find that the man has his 2 or 3 different homes but they have agreement, they decide together, they discuss to use their money from their business to buy a cow, or they buy chicken or buy goats and they have oneness in their income discussions.

I: Thanks for talking to me up until now.

**Gender norms round land**

In this part, we will talk about women and land. We have always seen land to be for men more than women. We want to understand some aspects about this and get your thoughts as a person. In this village, are there women that own land.

R: They are there

I: How have they acquired it?

R: They come to a centre like this and start a bar and out other small items for sell and she makes money and buys like a quarter acre of a banana plantation, she even builds a house and stays there.

I: Does the man know about it?

R: There are women that come to the trading centre alone like I see, they get small jobs to do and they buy land and sometimes she comes with a man and you find them getting money with the man and they buy some plot of land there from the people that are near them.

I: So there are women who buy and put it in their names while there are also women that buy with their husbands.

R: Yes.

I: Are there women that buy and hide the land?

R: Yes, you find a woman like me the way I have my husband I also have my money and I don’t want the man to know about it, and I go and buy my plot of land and it is mine on the side. These are there but they have their big incomes, to do these things you find that thy have like an acre of a banana plantation where they cut bananas and sell them and get this money,

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she gives the husband little of the money she sold the bananas for and she remains with the rest. She keeps the money together and with time she has enough money to go and buy land. But for me, I can’t do this.

I: Do you think that there are other ways women own land apart from buying it?

R: You find the father gave her land and it hers because they gave it to her and the village people know that she received it form her father.

I: Are there women who own land with their husband?

R: Yes

I: In your view, do you think that it should bellowed for women to own land in this village?

R: Yes

I: Why do you say so?

R: For this reason, when you know that this is your land, there is no way the man will wake up and put another woman there. Let me give the example of he has married another woman or he wakes up and just sells it. If the land is yours both, you will have to sell, for example he will tell you that he is sick and that he wants to go for medication so you the woman will allow to sell. But if the land is mine and I have worked to acquire it by myself, it is mine.

I: Do you think that women want to own land with their husbands or they want to own it alone?

R: They love it to have land with their husbands but also when she has hers on the side. Why I say this is because if they have any conflict with the husband, she will leave that land and go to her land.

I: How about these that want own land with their husbands, why do they want to?

R: Depending on how you have lived with your husband and how you see him, you may see that he has no manipulative heart or to sell land and eat it like that so you decide to put your land together. If it is on good terms, the man and woman should be having their land together and not each on having on the side.

I: Let us say that the woman keeps putting land on the side, why do you think this woman decided to start buying and putting on the side?

R: What causes someone to buy a hen and hide it, buy land and hide it where the man doesn’t know about, she sees the man’s thoughts being about eating and doesn’t plan for tomorrow and another thing, she sees that that the man loves drinking alcohol or smoking or selling home things. This land the woman to buy goats and keep them at someone’s home, tomorrow these goats will buy for her land that the man doesn’t know about because of the man does his things, carries himself and leads the home. The woman decides to buy and hide, so that if the man sells all these thing they have and they get done then the other things can help them.

I: When she buys and hides, does it help only her the woman or?

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R: They can help her as a woman when the things they had in the home are done but it also helps her with her husband when all is done. She will ho and sell a goat which will help settle something home that had failed.

I: Okay. I know that we had talked about family land, but finding a man owning land and finding a woman owning land, do you think that it is related to all of this?

R: When each of them has their own land then it can’t be related to this.

I: In your view, do women have approved shares on family land?

R: Yes, they do.

I: Even if the land is in the names of the man alone?

R: The woman has a share. Now this land we are on is in the names of the man because he inherited it form his father. But on this land, I got married, gave birth to children from here and worked on it therefore I have a share on it.

I: In a marriage, if the man wants to sell family land, does he need approval from the wife?

R: Yes

I: Do you think this depends on what land it is that if you worked for it together and it is titled he can ask you, and if he inherited it then he can’t ask you?

R: He has to consult me whether I found him with it or if we worked for it together. I have to be knowing what he is going to do.

I: Are widows allowed to remain on the land after their husband’s death?

R: Yes

I: Is there any difference whether she worked for the land with the husband or whether she found him with it, is she still allowed to remain there?

R: She has to stay on the land whether they worked together or whether he inherited it because the way I came here, even though it is inherited land, I have spent here many years, so I have to get a share or talk about it in a way.

I: When the widow dies, who owns the land?

R: The children will then own it.

I: Supposing the children are every young, what happens here?

R: The widow has older siblings to the husband who will take care of the children until they grow old and take over their land. If these relatives are not there, then the chairman takes up the role to protect that land for the children.

I: Okay, the chairman also takes care of the land. You said that even though the man inherited,

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the land and you find him with it, you can stay on it.

R: Yes

I: Let us say that now that the widow has lost the husband but he never gave birth to children, can she stay?

R: There are times you find that the woman didn’t give birth to any child but she took good care of her husband, he may have given her share saying that even though she doesn’t have children but he chooses to give her the land. But you also find that the family doesn’t like the woman and their love was there only because the husband was alive, when the husband dies and didn’t leave a will then the family will chase her away from the land now that she doesn’t even have children. In the right terms, if the woman consults the government, she should be getting something because there are things that she worked for with her husband when they were getting that land but also she cooked for him, took care of him while he was buying that land. If they don’t want to give her land, then they should pay her.

I: I would love to understand this better, if a man dies without leaving any will or writing behind, can the widow remain on the land?

R: If the man has not written a will, the widow has to remain there because they know that she was his wife and not the husband has died.

I: Thanks for telling me about this. So these widows remarry?

R: If you go to see nature, they get wedded and the promised that only death would part them. Now if the woman was wedded with her husband, she has the right to go and remarry because even the bible says it that in the tow, if one passes on then the other is free to go on.

I: Can she bring the new husband here on the land?

R: No, if she wants to get married, let her get where to go with her husband but not on this land.

I: Why?

R: You think that the brothers and sisters of her late husband will like it for her to bring the man here or even the child can love it.

I: Are there any women you know of that have brought their husbands on the land?

R: They are there but people keep blaming her saying that if she wants to get married, she should have gone away but not to bring the man to come in her late husband’s house. It also depends on the way the woman is, you may find that she is still young and they allow her to remarry but it is very difficult to bring a man into the home when his siblings are there watching.

I: For what reasons do you think these widows decide to remarry?

R: They are many reasons. There are those that say that they are still young. Others say that,

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she has young children that need to be taken care of.

I: So the new man is the one who will come to take care of her children?

R: Yes, he takes care of them. Sometimes you find that she is not the woman who was working and the husband would go and work to bring money and they educated their children up to primary 7. No she will desire to get a man; that if she is working on the side then also the man is working on his side and they bring together the money together for her children to go ahead in education or even get land from that man.

I: The way you see widows being treated now, has something changed on the recent years?

R: I see that the widows have much freedom these days, they get their share of the land and other things that the husband left. She can speak and I hear the president talking about widows saying that he doesn’t want anything to be done to them.

I: I am wondering to know how they were they treated in the past?

R: They used not to let her be something, they would hate her.

I: Wouldn’t hey allow he to remain on the land?

R: In the past, if she had her 2 or 3 children, if she is young and she wanted to get married again, shew would go away but these days she can stay there.

I: In the past, generally how were they treated?

R: They would treat them badly, she wouldn’t be given a voice to speak, if the husband died without leaving behind a will, the relatives would try to take away the land from her and the things that her husband left behind. The woman would later have a heavy heart and leave the home but these days they have their freedom to live.

I: What is your opinion about all these things that happen to women after they lose their husbands?

R: They are many things that happen to these widows, for example you find that a woman doesn’t know how to work around buying salt for her home and now that the husband is gone, she need salts and soap which she wasn’t providing before. This makes it hard for her so she finds herself looking for another man to come and provide for her these things.

I: In your view, the way you treat widows in this village, is it okay?

R: Yes. I see widows are way much better than the women who are married with their husbands. Now like the woman I was telling you about, their step mother. She is well off now; she looks good too.

I: Okay. Mama let us talk about the women that separate with their husband, what happens to them after the separation in regard to the land? Do they stay or?

R: There are times when you were not wedded with your husband and you separate with him.

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In this case, you can’t say much because you are not included in his things much. Sometimes when you are gone you find that another woman already came in and it is hard for you to come and start wanting to get a share of these things. I think for you to get a share is when you have proof in writing that you own them too, you can go ahead and report but you can’t do this loudly like the woman who is in the house already. The woman in the house has a louder say than the one that is already out of the house.

I: Mama, let me take you back a little bit. Has it ever been the case in your village where a widow loses her husband and the male relatives try to grab land from her?

R: I used to hear about it long time before I got married, they would want to take the land away from her. But because she has children in that family, they give the children their share, she doesn’t receive anything. They give her because of the children. I haven’t heard about it in this village though.

I: Okay. So were still talking about the women that have separated with their husbands. When you separate with your husband, it is the woman that is chased from the land?

R: Yes.

I: Let us say that the main cause of the separation is on the man, is the woman still chased away from the land?

R: I see that the biggest reason that would separate a man and woman is the issue of adultery. If this is why they are separating and they reach the point of sharing, they will share because they no longer have any relationship, whether she was married or not. She knows the things that she worked with her husband and she knows what she didn’t put her hands on. She has the right to share on the land because she worked with you to acquire them.

I: You have said that the ones she didn’t work to acquire with her husband, if you found the man with his land, you don’t share on this?

R: No, you don’t get this one because it will be taken by the woman who is actively in the home married to him.

I: I am curious to know about this; supposing the land was his inheritance but when you titled, both your names were included there. Do you share this or?

R: Is he doesn’t go to the titling people and removes your name from there, you will share this land.

I: I would love to know when these women separate with their husbands whether the fault is for the man or woman, do they take away the land from the woman?

R: There is no reason to make the woman leave her child because most of the time it is the woman who knows how the children eat and sleep, how they spend their day, how they play. I see no reason that would make a woman leave her children.

I: So, is the woman allowed to go with the children?

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R: Yes, but if you see that where you will leave the children with their father, he is not able to take care of them. If you know that when you leave the children behind, their father can take care of them then you can leave them with him. Most of the times, the mother always knows how the children are.

I: Let us say that they have shared the land, can the woman stay on that land?

R: Yes, when they share she can stay and use her land and the man too can stay and use his land. If she wants to shift, then she can go but when they share everyone decides how they will use their share.

I: Most of the times, I would love to know whether the woman can also construct her house there.

R: Like now if we separate with my husband, I can stay in my house but I think by the time you are sharing land then it is not good between you two.

I: Have you seen any example of a people that have separated in your village and you tell me about it?

R: The woman I remember, separated and left but they didn’t share. The man destroyed the house, they must be in their 7th year since they separated. He built another house, married another woman but what I don’t understand is why they never shared.

I: Did she leave the children behind or?

R: She left them behind.

I: The way these women are treated; would you love to see anything change about it or the current way is okay?

R: I think that they should share the land because you have been married for r all these years then you leave with nothing, where will you start from.

I: Okay, in your view, why do you think that some men prefer listing their woman on the title?

R: What may lead someone to add the other on the title and they be there together is because should one of them die, then the remaining spouse will be knowing their land and how it is.

I: How about for those that don’t list their women on the tile, why do they refuse to?

R: This mainly because of disagreement where by no one agree with what the other has said or wants to do.

I: Do you think problems will come out of this?

R: In disagreement?

I: Yes, whether the man has put the woman on the title or he has not, what problems would come out of this?

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R: They are many problems. The man may put the wife on the title and after a while, he wants to sell the land and the woman refuses. Most of the time it is the men who want to sell the land, let us say that the woman has done a very bad thing and it requires money you tell the man about selling the land, the man also refuses. Also sometimes the man wants quick money and you the woman you don’t want so you refuse to sign for him to go and get a loan.

I: What about when he refuses to list the woman on the title, is there any problem that would com out of this?

R: Yes. If the man doesn’t put me on the tile and I know it, do you think it will make me happy to be on the land where I have worked and put gardens but all this time I have been working for nothing. This land where you are not on the title doesn’t belong to you at all.

I: What would you do about this?

R: I lose energy and then you find me taking away the harvest for example and I keep piling up so that I also get money on the side.

I: If women were able o own land with their husbands and they have it together, will it decrease conflict in their marriage?

R: It may decrease the misunderstandings because I know that we are on the land together therefore whatever we choose to do, we do it together.

I: Supposing you have other misunderstandings’ will it decrease them too?

R: Problems happen in the family, you find that this month we have conflict and the next month we are agreeing together and doing the same thing and you find that the previous conflict ended. It is not the same all through.

I: If you have these misunderstandings, and then you happen to own land together, will this owning land together decrease the other misunderstandings still?

R: It may try to decrease some but it may not finish them. We may have conflict but at times because we have land together it gets resolved.

I: Do you think that a woman owning land together with her husband will increase conflict in their marriage?

R: It may increase because someone may want to share the land and take their part while the other refuses.

I: Let us say that this conflict happens, is there a way it can resolved?

R: You can call people and they counsel you and maybe you van agree with one another again.

I: The people they call to counsel them; how do they relate to them?

R: You can call a family friend or a village neighbor, and if it fails then you call the LC 1 chairman and after talking the issues out, agreement and trusting one another comes back again.

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**Land disputes**

I: Thanks Mama for talking me about this. Let us get into our last part and it is about disputes on land. What do you think is the most common cause of disputes on land generally?

R: I think it when someone wants to use the land to cultivate and plant some crops while the other person doesn’t want the land to be used for anything, the other person wants to graze, and the other person also doesn’t want this person to graze from there.

I: Are these man and woman or?

R: It is in the family’ you find the other person has used this person land but at harvest time they don’t see anything. Then the owner of the land asks the person about where the harvest went so they start to fight and the owner of the land tell the other person never to go and use his land again.

I: Ho about generally in the village, what is the most common cause of disputes on land?

R: Finding one person moving their neighbor’s boundary trying to steal their land. This brings about a dispute and sometimes also there are people that keep throwing rubbish into the other person land.

I: Tell me about any example of these disputes in your village that has happened.

R: It is that one that I had told you about where the man was stealing neighbor’s banana plantation.

I: If there is such a disputes, is there a way it can be resolved in the family?

R: Yes, they call the family people, village people and the LC1 chairman has to be there and they settle the matter.

I: Do you think that it can end in the family without being the village people and the chairman?

R: It depends on the way the person who was stealing land form their neighbor thinks. You may find that he is a rude person so you need to involve the police or the chairman. Now like this man who I told you about, we were about to involve the police because he would not come and had refused to allow that he was in wrong.

I; Is there a moment when you can involve the village people?

R: Yes, they can come but when the person refuses to accept then they can go up.

I: Okay I get this. If there is such a dispute what happens?

R: It is almost killing each other, or you go and report to the authorities.

I: Like for the ones you told me about, supposing one side had a title, would this help in resolving the dispute they had?

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R: Yes, because you can’t steal the tile. The wring is the re at the office of the titles. When they are giving it, there are village people to witness, your neighbors all know about your title because you are next to them. So you can’t steal this land.

I: In your view, what do you think should be done to help these people that have land security issues.

R: What would help them or help keep someone’s land from being stolen is getting a title.

I: How about the ones that can’t handle or afford the title, how can they be helped?

R: The chairman can help them in these times when they have such disputes of stealing their land.

I: Thanks Mama for talking to me and giving me your time. Where do you think we come from?

R: It is an organization but I don’t know its name.

I: Do you have any questions for me about what we have discussed today?

R: The question I wanted to ask is, now that we are on the title together, if he wants can he remove, my name and out another name?

I: I think because you are on together it requires both of you to agree about whatever you want to do with it unless one of you is dead.

R: That is what I was asking because I have seen him thinking that if he wants to change then he can remove me from the title and put the other woman.

I: Okay. Thanks Mama for today, here is your gift to appreciate your time.

R: Thank you, God bless you

I: You too

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