Interviewer Name: Martin Nankunda

Interview date: 01/10/2019

Respondents Name: Simon

Household ID: 5110361

Age: 37

Title status: drop out

Occupation: casual laborer

Highest level of education: P.7

Marital status: Married

Number of years lived in the village: 7

Number of children: 3

Number of people living in the HH: 5

Roof material: Iron sheets

House material: mud and poles

Interview start time: 01:40 pm

Interview end time: 03:03 pm

Duration: 01:23:02

The interview was conducted in the respondent’s mother’s house and went on well without any interruptions. He has a single room mud and poles house with iron sheets and earth rammed floor next to the husband’s mother’s kitchen and judging from his sources of income, the house they live in and the inability to have their own land, they are poor. They dropped out because they do not own any land now. The land they had, the husband sold it to the mother in an exchange where the mother paid off his debts and she took the land

They have 3 children together whom they live with in their single room house. The woman had recently given birth and the husband was cooking for her food when we reached there. He seemed to regret why he lost his land and does not have hope of getting any more land. He could not have sold to anybody else because the mother has been good to them even when they do not have what to eat, she allows them to get matooke from the land.

**Warm-up**

I: I want to begin our conversation with you telling me about your health? How are you?

R: I am fine, doing my activities well

I: I see you have a new person in your family?

R: Yes

I: It must be a good feeling having a new person

R: Yes, the new person is always a good thing the woman delivered well, and the child so far is in good health and everything is ok

I: Congratulations, and I see it is you preparing the food

R: Yes, I must prepare for her what to eat because at this time she does not have the energy to cook and we do not have mature children that can help me, and our mother is also doing her other things

I: what about yesterday, how did it go for you?

R: It was ok too, because if you are not sick, having sick people and you get something to eat and drink then everything can be ok

I: what has changed about your village since we last visited your village?

R: Except that the drought has been a problem and we received some rain yesterday, I do not see want else has change. The sun has been too much but now we have rain

I: let’s hope it continue to rain

R: Yes, because if it does not keep raining our crops will be destroyed

I: What do you do for a living?

R: I do casual work, I dig and do other jobs like the village people are, if I don’t what can earn you income, you go to someone or help people with their farms to get money to help us and also farm to get food for my family.

I: The last time we come to this village where you staying here, or you have shifted?

R: I have not shifted at all.

**Background, household structure and land ownership**

I: I would like to ask you about yourself, the people you live with and your land. How are old are you?

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R: I am 37 years.

I: What is your highest level of education?

R: I finished primary seven.

I: Tell me about your family and the relationships?

R: I stay with my mother my wife and children.

I: How many children do you have?

R: I now have made 3 and there is some other child I take care of who is an orphan so all together they are 4 children as of now we are 6 people who live in this home.

I: How many years have you been staying in this home?

R: I have 9 years stay in in this village.

I: Before you started staying here where were you staying?

R: I was staying in Ntungamo we shifted to this place. We shifted and bought this plot where we live now, we shifted together with my mother

I: What were the reasons that led you to shift to this place?

R: There are things that may cause someone to shift like we had small land and our land had no access, even a car couldn’t get to us, water but mostly the reason is because our land was small and with no access but now where I want to get somewhere I get out od the house and get boda boda to town

I: Who made the decision that you should shift?

R: All as a family we agreed, Me and mum.

I: Were you staying with her before you shifted?

R: Yes.

I: Were you married by before you shifted her?

R: No, I married from this place.

I: How many plots of land do you currently own?

R: There land I had, is this this one and where I live and when life became hard, they had even written me for that title, but the situation became hard and I sold the land to my mother and I could not give to

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someone else, maybe for her she can say get a piece of matooke and eat it, but another person cannot. So not I have only the house that I live in.

I: Do you say that the land where the house is, is yours entirely?

R: Yes, with the kitchen

I: How big is it?

R: It’s just that place you see only the house and the kitchen. There is another room and my mother’s kitchen

I: what about this house where we are?

R: This is now my mother’s house, me I moved out

I: You have told me that life became hard and you decided to sell the land, would mind sharing with me what caused those problems?

R: Now poverty can cause you to do things you cannot afford to pay for example you can go to a Kafuna (money lender) and get a loan and choose to sell the land and start a new life

I: Tell me more about what you mean by Kafuna, it’s a new word to me

R: Kafuma means that you borrow money from and induvial at high interest, but you might see a small, for example, they give you 10,000 shillings and you have put in a monthly interest of 2000 shillings. So, if they give you a million, in a month you have to pay back 1.2 million and you fail to pay it back maybe you used the 1 million as investment in something, but it does not come up as planned

I: So, is this what happened to you?

R: Yes, it happened

I: Can you tell me what happened exactly?

R: It happened, I got money from saving groups that we have in the village and I failed to pay the money

I: How much was the money?

R: I had borrowed 500,000 shillings, I tried to pay some of it and couldn’t pay to finish the full amount but I later had to go to work somewhere else and spent like 3 years without paying and the interest kept accumulating, I had used my agreement as a security for the loan was for this land and my mother had a share on this land so I decided that instead of taking the land and she also starts to suffer, so she looked for money and paid the loan we got back our agreements and

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she kept the land. I could not go behind her back that she we got the agreements, I keep the land, no, and we did not even change the agreement that she has now bought the land because “of course” she is my mother

I: What did you want to use that money to for?

I had rented in land about 10 acres and I had planted beans in them, so I wanted that money to help me to take care of the beans because I was alone at that time, I bought seeds and digging I tied and did it myself but out of that money I invested, they were “totally” destroyed by drought and that how I failed to pay the money

I: So, you have told that when you couldn’t pay you decided to go to a different place so what were you doing?

R: I was planting maize in kamwenge, I got land, but I was not renting it. They could give you land, and you would prepare the land and plant after the harvesting you would share with the owner. At least there in kamwenge I got money, but thieves ambushed us on the way and all the money was stolen along the way as we were coming back. I came back with nothing and decide to stay here

I: Oh, I see, it must have a difficult time for you

R: You man, that time was the worst in my life

I: So, now how do find life?

R: The situation is as you see it, we have to get casual work in the village so that I can get money to take my children to school so I do not set

I: Ok, ow many of your children attend school?

R: they are 2 children

I: What class is the old one?

The old one is in primary 3 and the other one is in primary 2, the last on is in nursery and the other has just been born

I: Are they girls or boys?

R: No, they are all boys the girl hasn’t gone and the other one has just been born.

**General land**

I: in the next topic, I would like to ask you about land in general. How do people come to own land in your village?

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R: A person can come looking for land and finds another one selling the land, they agree and sign an agreement, the LC and other people can be present, they sign for you on the agreement and they give you land, and you live because those with land titles have been few, to say that they have to first remove you from the title and you sell that land and those with land titles don’t sale.

I: Other that buying is there any other way?

R: No, I don’t know.

I: How about people who inherit land from their parents?

R: Yes, they are also there a parent can give you land, and you build there and stay there

I: How about renting land in this village, can someone rent land in this village?

R: They were there but they are no longer there.

I: What could be the reason as to why?

R: We no longer have land to rent out in this village, people who want to rent in land are many but the owners of land are few people and they don’t rent it out I don’t know why they do it like that? We do not know what landowners thought but you find someone with big land, and it is not used at all, but they do not want to rent it. They have cows but the land is bigger than the cows, so I do not know how they thought about it

I: What about a person giving you land to use the way you got land in kamwenge?

R: I think why they do that in Kamwenge was because the land was a forest and the land owners wanted people to clear for them that land because even there now you can get such land because after clearing the land, the land owners want to use the land for themselves and in this village, everyone who has land uses it and they rarely rents it out

I: Does one need to consult from anyone else to sell land?

R: If it’s their land and people know it your land, he doesn’t need to consult from anyone maybe to inquire from the wife because you can’t sell land when your wife hasn’t agreed because the land feeds the family so informing them maybe, the wife has a right to know why your selling land, what is the use of the money I support it a lot.

I: Even when you bought the land before marriage?

R: If it is not for stupid hearts, because we I have lost land and I know how important land is, so if I was to sell land and my wife refuses, I would be happy and I leave the land because I now know the problems I have without land but land belongs to the family it doesn’t matter, me now I know what it means to live without land.

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I: When you sold your land did you consult your wife?

R: By then I wasn’t married

I: Did you consult anybody else?

R: You see I didn’t even sell it outside our family, actually by then she was there but she wouldn’t say no because it was a serious issue we chose that the way we got it I can still get land as long as I am free

I: The land you sold you had bought it, what of one in Ntungamo how did you come to own it?

R: It belonged to my father, so I inherited it.

I: If someone owns land in this village but they don’t stay in this village how can they maintain control of their land after it even if they are not living in this village?

R: The fact that he has land in this village there should be someone to look after his land like relatives because we have them, if the boundaries are clear and we don’t have those who come from outside this village to buy and leave.

I: What if someone wants to use that land how do they get access?

R: Basically, one through caretakers and they call, if they are allowed then you go ahead you can’t just go to someone’s land and begin using it without permission.

I: What is family land to you?

R: Family land is land that belongs to the people who stay in that land.

I: Tell me more

R: For example, like the way we sold the land from the other side as a family, me my mother, and my sisters, and we agreed that let us shift this family for this place and get land somewhere else as a family. You get it now? I stay in this land and my mother even when you consider my sisters like the way we agreed to shift to this place so it’s our land.

I: But some people say that family land is the land that belongs to a man, his wife and children?

R: Yes, it’s also true, like I have told about our family, so there can be “nuclear families” or “extended family” so it depends. For example, it can be extended family and you have you wife, children and your parents when they are still a live, it’s there and when you have relatives, they also have responsibility on that land and it is your land like that. And there is when you find it is for there people like that, you, wife and the children

I: So, if you find it’s an extended family who makes decisions?

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R: Everything has a head for example, if you are a man, you are the head of that family however you do not decide everything by yourself, the other people can give you advise and if the parent dies, at least they will always leave an heir.

I: What about if the head wants to sell family land, what do you think should happen?

R: As you can see there is a family there is a wife, she can say no. if you are married there’s your vise and if she see that you want to make a mistake she can refuse and the government can come in and resolve the issue, they will ask if you want to sell the land, what do you want to use the money for? Where do you want your people in the family to go?

I: I would like to take you back about renting land, and you have told me that you rented land where you plant beans. Tell me about the process of renting this land?

R: So someone had bought land and left the village, but as he left told me that here is land you can use it to do anything, for free but when he came back he started to use his land after me I had made a loss

I: Have you ever rented in land and paid for it?

R: No, I have never.

I: Is there something you would like to tell me about how you sold land to your mum that you did not tell me?

R: No, we just agreed that when she pays the other people, she will own the land fully, so I gave her the agreement. I don’t even know where she is keeping them, so the authorities were not aware for example, the chairman does not know whether I sold or not, it my secret with my mother so I can’t deny that I did not give it to her

I: What does it mean to own land?

R: I think you know that you own land, you should have an agreement but the best thing to have is a land tittle.

I: What about if you inherited land from your father, how would you know that you own it?

R: If your father is still a live you can agree with him because what of you use the land in your own way, he cannot take away from you because he already gave it to you. If he has a title, he can remove your part from his title and you become independent, because you have not forced him, he chose to give. If is making a will, he should write for you a will so that you have something to show that you own the land and I do what I think I can, on that land

I: In your view, what are the good things about including your wife’s name on the agreement

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R: The advantages if you marry a woman you be one person and if you have children, know that this is your land, even if she misbehaves and leaves like women do, she cannot take the land because the children are there. But if it is your land alone you can also misbehave and go and get you Kafuna where she does not even know, if she is there, she hears that they are taking the land. But if also has her name included on the agreement, she can say that the land is hers and the husband, and she does not know about the kafuna money and you find that she also gets a chance to defend the land. I can’t say men are righteous neither women are, but you can have what to keep you together and protect you if you have made your things together because the children are yours and there no one that can betray you. I think such an agreement can protect your land

I: Are there bad things about including your wife on the agreement?

R: In my thinking, I do not know of anything bad about including you wife’s name on the title

I: You told me you inherited land from your parent do you see chances of inheriting land again?

R: I don’t know because my father is no more and there is no land to inherit

I: What about this that you have sold to your mother?

R: I do not know about it, I do not expect it and besides, I am now old I need to get my own land, but maybe my mother in her thinking if she decides to give me some land but still, is entirely up to her but it’s not something that I’m looking at

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

R: The biggest wealth is land and when you lose it you don’t have anything anymore you need to work more and gain land and stand in people

I: So, do people worry about losing land?

R: Yes, they should worry

I: what makes them worry or whom should they worry about?

R: What you have asked me that are people worried about losing their land? Even if it was me, I would be worried but now am not worried because I do not know what can take it away if I had land, but I don’t have land now and am not worried. And the other people I don’t know if they are afraid, and if they is anything that can make them be afraid then, they can be

I: Were you afraid of losing land when you had land?

R: “Well”, we had come to this place, we bought land and later we heard that the land we bought was for someone else and they have a title it worried us because the other side we had our own land it did not belong to anyone else. It gave us headache, but it had happened we had nothing to do because you cannot go back, and they give you back your money but later we had that they

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paid for it. But even when they paid for it, we kept wondering where its title was so that we can have peace. So, now there is when you ask me something and am not worried because I do not have the land. But then I was afraid that they might take the land because we hear where the chase away people

I: So, whom were you worried that would take your land?

R: I hear it was for someone called Kabirisi, but it was a very big piece of land and it have a lot of people so they explained to the president and the bought the land, he paid Kabirisi and he left his people to stay on the land.

I: What was kabirisi doing?

R: I don’t know him; I have never seen him for years I have been in this

I: So, when the president paid him, people stopped fearing to lose their land?

R: Yeah people have built permanent house, planted trees, and put up farms and as of me I found history that people were already being chased out of the land, but I hear it is now ok

I: Would you say that this is family land?

R: Yes, but me am no longer part of this family land because I removed my share, but I was its leader

I: What do you specifically use this land for?

R: Planting food because its small there is a banana plantation and where to plant other crops.

I: How big is the land?

R: The land is 2.5 acres to 3 acres

**Baseline awareness of titles**

I: Thank you for explaining this to me, I would like now to change the topic and ask you about your knowledge of land titles. What does it mean to have a land title?

R: It means rightful ownership of land. It means that you have full proof of the land and also its security.

I: what are the benefits of having a land title?

R: If you have a land title, it is hard for someone to come from anywhere and take your land because you have the title to show that you own the land. There is when they bring programs for example building telecom company masks, if you have a title you decide your price that you need and in case you need a loan it can help you at low interest, you not have to go through the

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long process of sign here and there, look for the chairman’s letter etc. because the title can be enough

I: I know that you do not have land, but can you tell me what happened when the titling people came and offered you the title?

R: Like I have told you as I was no longer the owner of the land, if I had accepted to take up a land title, I was going to be taking someone’s land. It means it would be mine yet the other people that paid their money and I had used it for my own things, I would have stolen from them. That why I did not get the title and if it was possible that my name changes and they put the old woman’s name because she paid her money. That’s why I requested the girls that came, that at least in my names they put my mother’s name and they give it in her own names, I tried to explain to the person who came and if it was not possible, I explain to my mother if she can accept and I get in my names but I did not think she could accept that because we are different people she may not trust me getting for her a land title because they say that you give birth to the body not that heart. She might think that I wanted to get the land back, which I did not have at heart

I: What do you think of other people that received the land titles?

R: I don’t know whether the titles come or not so I don’t know what to think, because like you have come here that how you will go elsewhere and I will not know what you have given them and they will not what you have given me. So, I do not know whether the titles came or not. But my mother was the one to determine whether I get the title in my name or if they can come and put her name but there is no way I could have gotten a title myself because I do not have land

I: So, there is no one that you that got a land title?

R: I this village there is no one that I know that received the title and it is not easy to go to someone and ask them if they received their title

I: Before you got a chance to get a land titles, are there people who were able to get land title owned land titles in this village?

R: People with big land had them they were there for example Mr Abert Rwancwende down here has a title, this other side at Rusibuka’s they have a land title, even at Rwenbitebe’s they have a land title, so they are there, some people have land titles especially those with money because money can do every thing and the process of getting a title requires money but a person who is looking for daily food and doing casual work, can not afford a title

I: How much do you think a land title cost?

R: Even if they told me to go to Mbarara and comeback and go there after 4 days and the fee for the surveyor, even if it’s a small amount of money I may not have it as you can see my status

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but those who have money, do not see it as much. But I do not know how much it can cost

I: what do you think other people in this village think about titles?

R: Me I think they may want to have titles but it’s because they can’t afford them.

I: Why do think is the main reason people want titles?

R: I had told you that it because with title you know that the land id yours and whatever comes no one can take your land because it is more proof than the agreements. The agreements are written by a pen and a pen can be duplicated but a title, you cannot duplicate it

**Intra-household discussions and bargaining**

I: In the next topic, I would like to talk about your marriage? How long have you been living with your wife?

R: We have been together 7 years now

I: Are you officially married?

R: No

I: Would you say that your wife supports you in everything you do?

R: Yes, she supports me

I: Can you give me an example of how your wife supports you?

R: For example, if you have gone to work to get money and you find she has done something else at home, agree in working together and you find that there is cooperation, also in your talks you find she has a sense of development, even you finding all the situations she’s patient knowing that it will change, it means she supports you.

I: Do you feel that you give your wife support and encouragement?

R: Yes, I do. if I was not supporting her, she wouldn’t be here, you see when you get children you have to work and get money and if she sees that you have not taken the money elsewhere and waste it there and you buy soap, salt and all the necessities in the house. In my standards of I can provide for the family and I don’t waste money in the bar, I don’t take it to other women, when I come I do not quarrel with her and I have not chased her so from home, what other support would she want?

I: There are some of those things that are your responsibilities as a man

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R: For example, have you found me cooking and she cannot be cooking in her condition, she has just given birth and now she is sick she will not handle cooking and she is my wife and am there seated. So, when she’s weak I help her because I did not get her from her parents to suffer and when am also sick, she will not let me suffer either

I: But why do you think other couples do not feel supported by their partners?

R: You find they have their own conflicts as to why but there are things that I might fail to answer because people’s issues, are their issues and I might not know about them. Because people different hearts and they have a different way they do their things which I do not know

I: So, who makes major decisions for this family?

R: I agree with my wife in all things we discuss the biggest decisions is how we will live. For example, we cannot put a child in a school that we cannot afford and good enough they have not gone to high levels but plan each day as it comes

I: Are the time when you do not agree with you wife on a certain decision?

R: The common decisions that we make are about how to survive because the children like I have told you are still in lower classes and I pay 100,000 shillings per term but it is still much for my standard but there are schools for 300,000 shilling, shouldn’t they be in such schools, but that is where we agree with my wife

I: I see, that you agree but who makes the final decision?

R: The head of the family who is me.

I: So, did you discuss anything with you wife about the title?

R: Whenever your colleagues would come, they would find both us here and when they want us to be separated like today, then that’s what happens. They ask her and they also ask me

I: But after they have left would you discuss anything?

R: After they have left, we wait for something else that would follow according to what they would tell us. So, you tell us that when you come back, this and this will happen, what would discuss with my wife that can add anything to what you have said so we wait for what you will come and tell us

I: Let’s say you got that title that would it mean to your marriage?

R: It would have been a very good thing to us because we should be two people because that what we had wanted as to people. Not only us but also my mother was on the title from the way we started it. The people that were heading it was me and my wife. It would have been for wife that she also has hope and know that she is not in this family and she will not go away

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I: Did you discuss about that that you should include her and that of your mother?

R: Yes. they asked me if it was ok that my wife is also included and I told them that it was ok because she is my wife and we already have children and if she is included, I told them that it was ok.

I: Do you think it would change anything in your marriage?

R: what the title would change is that a person would have known that I have got my land and there nothing that can disturb me and if we get problems, even her can ask me that what if we take this title somewhere can’t we get a loan and we do like or that, and I also that what if we fails to pay because I do not trust borrowing money, and you find that we are discussing say that this thing is ours and would be strong and work together and increase our decision

I: Let’s say that you got the title and you did not include her on that title, what do you think it would mean to your marriage?

R: I would never have failed to include because I liked when we are together so you cannot say that what if I did not put her

**Gender norms around land**

I: We know that most land is owned by men in Uganda but there are some aspects to this system that we would like to know about especially concerning women, we do not have an idea about then in one way or the other but we would like to know your thinking is on this matter. Do women own land in this village?

R: We I see that land belongs to men and their wives and so far, no woman owns land in this village. I do not know any woman that owns land in this village

I: What do you think it like this?

R: This is how I found it I don’t know any woman that has her land, for the time I have in this village it has been like that. The you have asked me that how I see it, even the people that buy land in this village buy with their husbands and they make the agreements with the husbands like that. So, what can I say that causes this? I do not know

I: How about widows who get land from their late husbands?

R: They are there.

I: And there are no women who buy their land in this village?

R: I have only seen one woman who bought land, for that man where I planted beans but she still sold it and left she’s the only one I know who had land in this village but now there is no woman that has land in the village

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I: But you have told me that your mother bought land from you?

R: With my mother it was already our land and when I got problems, she helped me, and I gave her the land

I: In your view should women be allowed to own land in this village?

R: My thinking is if the woman can work and is able to purchase her property its ok and the man has no say over it to me its ok it’s for example, like how my mother gave me money and I still use her land but if she sees that am struggling she tells me to cut matooke and eat it and if the woman also had her land, we would getting what to feed our children. So, it is ok, it does not bring problems

I: Does your wife have her own land?

R: No, I do not about it

I: Do you think that most woman want to own land with their husbands or they prefer their separate land?

R: This question is best for women because I don’t know their thinking, I just know my thinking alone

I: But you can have an opinion on that

R: I can’t know if she can have land and hide it from me and I can’t just ask my wife if she has land unless she tells me herself. Its you that has asked about it otherwise I would not have that time to ask her if she has her own land. You can ask such question when you are at a certain level, when you are buying thing here and there but when your are like us now you cannot ask such questions and I have never thought about it, it is you that has just asked me about it

I: Are women included on family land for example, how this is family land does your wife also included on his land?

R: The is on my part and now that I have sold my shares doesn’t because like how I sold my part she doesn’t own anything if I leave, she will also follow me

I: Let’s say you have land and its family land, and you have other people you share it with, do you need to consult your wife before selling that land?

R: Let’s say I have the land; I need to ask her because even when you decide alone it’s not good. She has to know the reason what you are selling the land because you have a bad thinking but when it is very wrong but when you ask a friend, that can advise and if you also sleep and think about it and if it wrong then you leave it

I: You can consult your other friends but not your wife

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R: No, there is a best friend who knows how you have slept and the other they don’t know my needs and my problems the greatest friend you can have is your wife.

I: So why do you think another husband may choose not to consult their husband?

R: It depends, and like I said that am not other men, it is me individually, and their opinion is theirs and I don’t know the reasons as to why, and that why they say this person is wise and the other person is stupid and a stupid person cannot know himself that he is stupid so which means that I can tell you my opinion whether is stupid or not, but I don’t why other do it.

I: And that alright because I want to know your opinion and there no right or wrong answer

R: Me I think it is not right to disagree with you partner yet you are in the same family, you eat together, and you have been staying together

I: So, what reasons would a person not consult the wife?

R: According to how I have been with my wife, even if it is a goat, I ask her, maybe the child is sick and at work, they are not about to pay me and she can also see that we cannot let the child die and we sell the goat. If I can consult her on chicken, why not land? You have asked why you would not consult her but for me I do not why I should not consult her

I: For example, you might have bought your land before marriage and you feel you should not consult your wife, if you want to sell this land

R: Me I think even if you bought land when you are a child or when your are youth, it is up to you to decide that when you marry it becomes your land and you can allow her to work on that and because it have not gone into family land for example, if she has land at her home would she consult me if she wanted to sell the land? So, I think the land where I should consult her is the land where I have married her from, I have there my house and we are staying there but if I had bought land in Ntungamo where I came from, and I left it there and I was not married, of the neighbor want to buy the land and I bring that money and buy another plot this side, should first ask her how much money they should give me? I think the this you can consult your wife on are the things that she knows about for example, if I bought goats in Kamwenge where I was, I can tell her that I have go to kamwenge so that she knows where I have gone but I will not ask her whether to sell them or not

I: Do widows in this village remarry?

R: They do but mostly those that are young or that don’t have children, but old ones always stay at home.

I: Should woman remarry and stay on that some land or she should leave and go elsewhere with the new husband?

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R: It depends, because she might still be having young children and they cannot can stay because no one will look after those children unless the new husband chooses to take them. So, it depends on the children if they can be accepted in the new marriage well that’s fine and fi they cannot be accepted then, she can stay and remarry from the same land

I: Has it ever happened in this village that the relatives of the husband try to grab the widows land?

R: The years I have been in this village, although they are not many, I haven’t seen that happen because most women that lose their husbands at least they are old, and they stay on the land with their children and you find there is no one that can remarry her or the relative cannot chase her away

I: But what’s your opinion on what should happen to the woman after the death of her husband?

R: If the woman is old and has old children, she should stay on the land, and her children can take care of her for example when my father died, we were already old me and our mother did not get remarried and we have stayed with her up to today but if the woman is still young maybe she has one child, in my thinking, even if it my wife, she should not stay alone suffering, she should get a man and remarry

I: If you compere the past and now do you think that the treatment to the widows has changed?

R: In the past after the death of the husband the in-laws would want to begin deciding for the widow but now it has changed because today widows decide for themselves

I: So, what do you think has changed?

R: things now things have changed, and I think it is because of the change in governance so and the understanding of people has also increased, women have also been considered.

I: What has governance changed?

R: You can not disturb a widow these days

I: Are there laws that can stop people from doing it?

R: I think it governance although I do not know the law specifically, but I know that they are there because in the past they used to attach widows but now they don’t. I think even women now have a voice, let me say it like that

I: What happens to women who separate with their husbands in terms of their land?

R: It depends on what has caused the separation because there is when a woman on no longer wants to be with husband and she wants to get married elsewhere, so in this case the land stays

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with the man because you have not chased her away from the land, she has left you and the children because she is a mature person, so what else can she ask about land

I: How about if the cause of separation is entirely dependent on the man

R: If the problem is the man you should give her share because why should you chase her way? That is how is see it, if the woman does not want you, she can leave and may not even ask about the land, but if you chase her away, you should share the land and let her have her things and you also have your things

I: Is there be something you would like to see change about what happens to a woman once they separate with the husbands?

R: If it the woman that has separated with the man, she should not ask for anything, that is what I would like it to be, but I do not know if that how it is already. But if you chase her way and say that I no longer want to be with you, then look for her where to be because it is you that has chased her away.

I: So, what happens today to women who separate with their husband, do you it is okay?

R: I have given you the differences of what should happen

I: It that what happens, and it is it ok?

R: There are something that I see that are not right for example, there is a neighbor of ours here in this village who left her home with old children and even got married elsewhere, everyone knows that she is married but she comes back to disorganize the husband they go to court the husband but I would like to see that change because if you go and get married elsewhere you should not come back to the land and disturb the husband

I: How does she disturb the husband?

R: Because she take him to courts all the time claiming that the land is for the children but the man has made sure children study they are all in their private life she doesn’t have any young child but still goes to court claiming that the land belongs to children in case the man wants to use the land she doesn’t allow I remember she left the land meaning she didn’t want it. I would want if you have broken the marriage yourself then don’t come to disorganize it again.

I: But do you think what happens to the widows today is okay?

R: When the man dies me, I see widows take over everything that is how it is, and it should stay like that in my opinion.

I: What are the causes of separations among couples?

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R: I can’t tell because in the first case I don’t know what brought them together into a marriage I think sometimes the biggest issue is infidelity

I: But for the couples that you have seen, what is the cause of their separation?

R: I think the common cause of separation in that family is Infidelity, that is what causes most separations.

I: What are some of the things that men do that cause separations?

R: The first reason is having another woman where she is and can see me because that would be too much of an insult it wouldn’t stop her from running away even if it was you and you find her with another man and you see her, it would not he good. And women, if I talk about myself, the most thing that a woman would do and I do not like is stealing, for example a bunch of matooke yet I left posho at home because it is what I could afford. And before you know it, she has taken somebodies property and it can be habit for someone to be taking other people’s things and I hate it, I can leave with that person.

I: If the cause of separation was entirely because of the man, can the things and children be taken away from her?

R: I have told that if the reason for separation is the man then she has all the rights to share on the land and keep her things because it is the man that would have chased her away

I: You may not chase her away but do thing that can make her to leave the land

R: Like marrying another wife. But I can marry as many women as I can if I can take care of them and I give her land and she does not come on my wife’s land I do not see where the problem would be, but you see for woman they cannot get married to more that one man even when the men can take care of her

I: If women were able to jointly own land with their husbands, would that increase or reduce conflicts in the marriage?

R:Like you have asked me, I think what would cause conflict would only be that after including her on the title, she wants to separate with you and wants to marry someone else that can cause even murder if it isn’t something like that then there wouldn’t be any issue with including a wife on a land title. but if she on the title she would have a reason to come back and cause trouble

I: But do you think including a woman on a land title reduces conflicts in a marriage?

R: Everything has it good and bad, for example, the man has passed her that I was telling you about, the woman separated with him because of her infidelity but they did not have a title and got married elsewhere after giving birth to ten children here and left the house and the man is

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still there alone but if she does not come back, there will be no conflicts, but if he comes back because she is on the title, then there will be conflicts

**Land disputes**

I: I would now like to ask you about land disputes. What is the common cause of disputes on land?

R: What should I say causes dispute, because if I have my land, and the neighbor does not encroach and shift my emigorora, I do not where conflict can come from. But if you are neighboring a person and he want to remove the emigorora and changed the boundaries of the land then it can cause conflicts

I: What was the last time there was a land conflicts in this village?

R: No there has not been any land conflict that I know of the years that I have lived in this village

I: what about you, have you ever been involved in a land conflict?

R: No, I have never the one we had in Ntungamo we sold it peacefully and they even the neighbors there escorted us here and this one we bought we haven’t had any issue even with neighbors.

I: In general, what should be done to help people who have problems of security on their land

R: Getting them land titles would be the best because with it one gets them comfortable

I: What do you call us?

R: Me I know you as World Bank and they have telling us that it is the one giving people free land titles and a research organization that monitors people’s wellbeing what they lack if they needed land titles what they would change and they see what they would change in people’s lives

I: Do you have any questions for us or anything else you would like to tell us?

R: The question is, what will be the result for this research study because it started longtime ago?

I: The purpose of this was to help people have ownership on their land and now we want to understand how this has helped people in their households

R: That’s very good if most people got them it wasn’t my chance to get one it’s no one’s fault; I don’t have any other maybe if World Bank can also get me land, I would be extra ordinary happy

I: I do not think that is possible but thank you so much for your time

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