

## Eriendo ɾe Ọtaphia: Efuere ɾe ekuakue ɾe Uhworo vwe ona ɾe Ọtaphia

### Rhythms of Expression: Exploring Urhobo Musical Instruments in Verbal Arts

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#### ABSTRACT

This study examines the integral role of traditional Urhobo musical instruments in verbal arts, highlighting their symbiotic importance in traditional songs. Musical instruments such as ozi, agba, agogo, akaba, eshesheghẹ, igede otete, igede ode, agidigbo, egbagben, iwisoro, ibani and ogban are analyzed as vessels of cultural expression, conveying emotions, values, messages, and community identity. Through ethnographic research and performance analysis, this research reveals how Urhobo musical instruments enhance narrative depth and emotional resonance, facilitate communal participation and engagement, symbolize cultural values and mythological themes, inspire creative expression and improvisation and pass the right messages to citizens. This research contributes to the understanding of African musical traditions and their intersection with verbal arts, underscoring the significance of Urhobo cultural heritage in contemporary artistic expressions.

#### KEYWORDS

Urhobo musical instruments, verbal arts, cultural expression, Urhobo traditions.

#### ASIRATI

Uyono nana fuere ɾe ɾososo ɾe iruo ɾe ekuakua uhivoro ɾe uhworo rue vwe ona ɾe ọtaphia, obo ɾe orukugbe rayen epha vwe ine ɾe Urhobo. A nabo fuere ekuakua ɾe uhworo kere: ozi, agba, agogo, akaba, iwisoro, eshesheghẹ, igede otete, Igbede ode, agidigbo, egbagben, iwisoro, ibani kugbe ogban, kere ekuakua ɾe vwo dje kpahe irueru ɾe akpoeyere, obori fori, dje odavwe, iroroevun, ovue, kugbe omrevughe ɾe orho phia. A reyo ona ɾe efuere ɾe etimografiki ve oruphia vwo dje obo ɾe ekuakua uhworo ɾe Urhobo vwe ukecha vwo ke ukokodo ɾe ikuegbe ve oruru ekparọ, ro ghwa orukugbe cha, ro dia oka ɾe irueru ri shephiyọ ve uyovwin eta ri shekpahe irueru awanre, etavwerhe re kpare ewen kugbe, kpahe irueru awanre, etavwerhe re kpare ewen kugbe ineroro, vwo vue ovue roshephiyọ ke ihwo ɾe ekuoto na. Efuere nana toro ba eruọ ve omrevughe ɾe irueru ɾe uhworo ɾe Afrika kugbe obo ɾe irueru uhworo ve ona re ẹtaphia wian kugbe, ro dje omrevughe ɾe erhuvwu ɾe ekuruemu ɾe Urhobo ne awanre rhe phia

#### UYEDJE RE ETA

Ekuakua uhworo ɾe Urhobo; ona ɾe ọtaphia; eta ɾe irueru akpoeyere, irueru ɾe Urhobo ne awaure rhe.

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## Odjephia

Inẹsuo vẹ enarẹ ọtaphia, eyen emu rẹ a mrẹvughe, ri fiemu vwe irueru rẹ akpọeyere rẹ Urhobo nẹ awanre rhe, re wian kugbe vwọ kẹ ẹvwọphia rẹ ikun rẹ orho, irueru rẹ a jẹ reyo vẹ irueru rẹ notorhe. Orukugbe rẹ edo uhwo vẹ eta nana reyo oma phia vwe ẹkuoma rẹ ekuakua uhwo Urhobo sansan. Ekuakua uhwo na, ọvuovo dohwo dogherẹ rẹ edo rẹ obọ royen ro dje oka royen obọ ro riemute. Efuẹrẹ nana duoto rẹ ertuvwe rẹ ekuakauna uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ iruo rẹ ayen vwe irueru rẹ ọtaphia. Vwe ẹkuoma rẹ edorhwi rẹ umri rẹ ozi, agba, agogo, akaba, esheshẹghẹ, igede otẹtẹ, igbede ode, agidigbo, edgagen, iwisoro, ini, vẹ ogban. A cha fuẹrẹ obo rẹ ẹkuakra uhwo nana ejobi ghwa erhuvwu phiyo ine vẹ irueru rẹ ikuegbe nẹ ihwo Urhobo.

Owian nana, dje orukugbe rọ kpẹkpẹre mamọ vwe uvwe rẹ unẹsno, ihwohwo, ephẹrẹ kugbe ekuruemu. Orukugbe nana vwe ọmaphia vwe irhivwen vẹ avwerhe rẹ ọtaphia, ro d je Urhobo vẹ ona rẹ uhwo rayen phia.

Urhobo ọyen ẹko ihwo re dia ubroto rẹ Naija Delta vwe Naijiria. Urhobo vwo omamọ rẹ ekuruemu rẹ ayen sẹro royen nẹ awanre rhe rọ nabo vwe owọ muoto vwe evun rẹ irueru rẹ uhwo vẹ ona rẹ ọtaphia, unẹsuo vẹ ikuegbe herọ nẹ awanre rhe vwe ẹkuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo. Ihwo Urhobo reyo inẹsuo vẹ ikugbe vwọ ta eta kẹ ohwohwo, ru iruefa rẹ omavwerhovwe, ẹroerhie kugbe ẹsẹro rẹ ẹkuruemu rayen, (Darah, 1985); Iworin 2024). Ihwo buebun vwo ọmrẹvughe rẹ obo rẹ unẹsuo vẹ ona rẹ ọtaphia fiemu te vwe Urhobo, ekevuovo, iruo rẹ erianen rẹ oto efuẹrẹ kpahe orukugbe rẹ ekuakua rẹ ihwehwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ ona rẹ ọtaphia ghwa vwe oma phia vwe isiesi rẹ uyono, koyen, ihwo je ghwa wian kpahe orukugbe re ekuakua ihwehwo Urhobo vẹ ona ọtaphiaa. Uyono na guono dje kpahe owọ rẹ eriarin nana ro ghwe na vwe ẹkuoma rẹ efuẹrẹ rẹ iruo rẹ ekuakua ihwehwo Urhobo rue vwe evun rẹ ona ọtaphia, marho kẹ iruo rẹ ekuakua rẹ uhwo na rue vwe inẹsuo vẹ ikuegbe vwe Urhobo.

## Ọdavwe rẹ iruo na

- i. Ẹsẹro rẹ ekuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo nẹ awanre rhe, marho kẹ irueru rẹ uhwo vẹ ona rẹ ọtaphia.
- ii. Efuẹrẹ rẹ idjerhe sasan rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwo vwe avwerehe vẹ ẹruofiotọ vwọ kẹ ona ọtaphia
- iii. dje iruo rẹ unẹsuo vẹ ona ọtaphia rue vwe odjephia rẹ ekuruemu kugbe eta rẹ aroerhie

## Ofowwe rẹ Uyono na

Efuẹrẹ rẹ ẹriendo rẹ umri rẹ ekuakua rẹ uhwo rẹ ihwo Urhobo vẹ irueru rẹ ọtaphia, ọyen obo ri fori mamọ kidie efuẹrẹ na cha vwe erere kẹ ọmrẹvughe vẹ ẹruo rẹ ihwo Urhobo kpahe orukugbe rẹ inẹsuo, ephẹrẹ vẹ ẹkuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo. Uyono nana rod je kpahe Eriendo rẹ ọtaphia: Efuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua uhwo vwe ona ọtaphia cha vwe erere sasan kẹ ihwo Urhobo, ihwo ri yono kpahe ephẹrẹ kugbe iyono rẹ inẹsuo vẹ ihwehwo: Erere efa rẹ a cha mrẹ vwe iruo na kẹ ena:

Uyono na toro vwoba irueru rẹ ẹsẹro vẹ esiophiyoto rẹ ekumuemu rẹ Urhobo, marho kẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo kugbe irueru rẹ ọtaphia. Uyono na nẹhẹ nẹ erianen rẹ ekurnemu rẹ Urhobo kpahe inẹsuo vẹ ihwehwo rẹ ihwo (ibiebi) Afrika fiki rẹ eriarin

kpokpọ kpahe orukugbe rẹ unẹsuọ, ephẹrẹ vẹ ẹkuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo rod je phia. Ẹkuoma rẹ ẹvwọphia rẹ obodẹn rẹ irueru rẹ uhwo rẹ ona rẹ otaphia rẹ ihwo Urhobo, iruo na cha nẹhẹ nẹ ihwo rẹn ofẹnẹ rẹ uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ e rẹ ẹkuotọ efa. Uyono na cha nerhe ihwo ri vwo ọdavwẹ rẹ uyono rẹ ẹkuruemu rẹ egborho sasan vwo ọmrevughe okokodo vẹ ẹguonọ kpahe ẹkuruemu sansan rẹ ihwo rẹ Naigiria. Uyono na cha vwe oruru vẹ ukecha vwo ke ighene Urhobo re guonọ yono kpahe iruo rẹ inẹsuọ vẹ uhwo rẹ kugbe iruo rẹ otota. Ayen cha mwe eriarẹn kpokpọ nẹ uyono na rhe rọ cha chọn ayen uko.

### Ukpokpoma rọ ghwa iruo na rhe

Dede nẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ irueru rẹ otaphia, fiemu mamọ kẹ Urhobo, ihwo je ghwa tọn iruo rẹ ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ ona rẹ ọfaphia, phiyoo, marho kẹ kpahe orukugbe rẹ ekuakua uhwo na vẹ irueru otaphia. Ọkanrovwe rẹ iruo rẹ otọfuẹrẹ kpahe orukugbe rẹ uvwie rẹ unẹsuọ, ephẹrẹ vẹ ẹkuruemu rẹ Urhobo da rhe dia. Oshegberi kẹ Ọmrevughe rẹ orukugbe ọgagan rẹ uvwe rẹ unẹsuọ, ihwehwo, ephẹrẹ kugbe ẹkuruemu vwe ubrotọ rẹ Urhobo.

A mrevughe nẹ ọkanrovwe rẹ uyono re fuẹrẹ ukokodo rẹ ọbodẹn rẹ idjerhe sasan rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ otaphia rẹ ephẹrẹ vwo ruẹ kugbe hero. Ihwo ẹvo wian kpahen ine vẹ umiesuo kugbe irueru rẹ otaphia kẹrẹ obo re ayen epha, ẹkẹovo ayen fuẹrẹ obo rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ irueru otaphia rẹ ephẹrẹ na wian kugbe. Onana koyen uphen ro rhiiephiyo rẹ iruo nana guonọ fuẹrẹ.

### Ọrakugbe rẹ itiori sasan re ni vwo fuẹrẹ iruo na

Iruo nana, vwe owọ muotọ vwe evun rẹ itiori rẹ aghon uyoo efa kẹrẹ Muzikoloji, Linguistiki, Antropoloji kugbe uyone re ẹkuruemu. Evo rẹ ugedje rẹ uyono rẹ itiori rẹ aghon iyono na kẹ ena:

- i. **Orukugbe rẹ Unẹsuọ vẹ ephẹrẹ:** Uyono na na fuẹrẹ orukugbe ọgagan rẹ uvwe rẹ unẹsuọ vẹ ephẹrẹ, ọ davwoma ro vwo ni orukugbe rẹ uvwe rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ irueru otaphia fiotọ vwo dje ẹkuruemu rẹ Urhobo phia.
- ii. **Ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ otọ eta ri she kpahe ẹkuruemu:** Uyono na toro mie uyono rẹ otọeta vẹ ẹkuruemu vwoba fuẹrẹ idjerhe rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ ona otaphia vwo dje otọeta vẹ ẹkurhemu, obo ri fiemu vẹ omaedje phia.
- iii. **Itiori rẹ Eruophia:** Iruo na reyo eriarẹn rẹ itiori rẹ eruophia vwoba fuẹrẹ iruo rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo ruẹ vwe eruophia rẹ otaphia. A reyo itiori na vwo dje orukugbe rẹ uvwe rẹ ọboine; iririne rẹ ihwo re kerhọn phia.
- iv. **Unẹsuọ rẹ ekuotọ:** Efuẹrẹ nana vwe owọ muotọ vwe itiori rẹ unẹsuọ, vwe omrevughe rẹ obo rẹ ẹkuruemu fiemiute vwe unẹsuọ vẹ otọ rayen.
- v. **Vidjerhebuebu:** Iruo na fuẹrẹ idjerhe ibuebu rẹ e ru otaphia Urhobo nene kugbe obo rẹ ekuakua uhwo, urhuru, eka rẹ a vwe ugboma dje, vẹ idjerhe efa ri kuomagbe vwo dje otituvwe rẹ otaphia vẹ ẹkuruemu phia.
- vi. **Eriarẹn rẹ ihwo ekuotọ:** Iruo na mwe ofovwe rẹ eriarẹn rẹ ihwo rẹ ẹkuotọ vughe kẹrẹ obo re sa vwe ukecha ke eriarẹn rẹ ekuakua uhwo vẹ ona otaphia rẹ ihwo Urhobo. Ọ vwe urhukpe kẹ ofovwe rẹ otọfuẹrẹ rẹ a vẹ ihwo rẹ ekuotọ ru kugbe.

Efuerotọ na cha wan ekuoma rẹ orukugbe rẹ itiori sasan na toro arhogho eriarẹn okokodo kpahe orukugbe ọgagan rẹ uvwe rẹ unẹsuọ, ephẹrẹ, kugbe ẹkuruemu vwe ubrotọ rẹ Urhobo.

## Ota kpahe ona rẹ a vwọ ghwẹ iruo na koko

Uyono nana “Eriendo rẹ ọtaphia: Efuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwe ona rẹ ọtaphia” Ku ena sasan kugbe vwo si Idata koko rẹ a vwọ fuẹrẹ uyono na. E ku ena rẹ ọromeyovwin (kuṣilitetivi) vẹ ọromebu (kuṣititetivi) vwọ ghwẹ idata ri shekpahe oruikugbe ọgagan rọ uvwre rẹ unẹsuọ, ephẹrẹ vẹ ekuruemu vwe Urhobo. Ena rẹ a vwọ ghwẹ idata koko rẹ a vwọ ba ru uyono na kẹ ena:

- i. Omaẹvwoba uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ irueru ọtaphia vwe asan rẹ e de ruemu.
- ii. Ọnọmie okokodo rẹ a vẹ ibune Urhobo, irorine, vẹ isun rẹ orho ruru.
- iii. Etairoroeje rẹ a vẹ ihwo re rien kpahe irueru rẹ unẹsuọ, ihwehwo rẹ etota Urhobo.
- iv. Ona rẹ a vwọ reyọ ofreta vẹ ividio vwo reyọ eta vẹ ughe rẹ uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwe asan etota Urhobo de ru irueru ayen.

Ekuoma rẹ omewian vẹ ona ọgagan, uyono na dje ẹruọ okokodo rẹ irhivwe rẹ ọtaphia rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ irueru ọtaphia vwe Urhobo.

## Efuẹrẹ rẹ Ilitresho

A fuẹrẹ iruo (ilitresho) ri she kpahe aghon rẹ uyono sansan ri dje eriarie kpahe uyono nana. A fuẹrẹ iruo ri she kpahe. Efuẹrẹ rẹ ilitresho na dje kpahe uyono ve iruo sasan re vwe uchivwo vwọ kẹ iruo nana.

Iruo rẹ a fuẹrẹ djephia rẹ unesorọ vẹ ephẹrẹ yan kugbe maMọ vwe ekuruemu rẹ ihwo Afrika (Nketia, 1974) Agawu, 2003). Vwe ekuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo, unẹsuọ vẹ ephẹrẹ gba yan, kugbe ẹkuakua uhwo; ayen erha na vwo okpiruo rẹ ayen rue vwe irueru rẹ ọtaphia (Oviri, 2007).

Otọ ẹfuẹrẹ kpaha ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo dje ofovwe rẹ a vwe ayen rue vwe eha egbe vẹ unẹsuọ vwe Urhobo, (Ejiofor, 1981). Dede nẹ (Ejiofor, 1981) dje kpahe ofo vwe rẹ ekuakua uhwo vwe eha egbe vẹ unẹsuọ na, o ji fo nẹ e mu uyono na kpo obaro vwọ ta kpahe iruo rẹ ekuakua uhwo, na rue vwe irueru rẹ ọtaphia kere ipoetri vẹ ikun egbe (Uyilawa, 2013).

Unẹsuọ vẹ uhwo vwo obọden iruo ri rue vwe ekuruemu rẹ Urhobo kere irueru egago, ore ẹriọ, omavwerhovwe kugbe ikun egbe (Ogunleye, 2003). Uyono sansan reyọ ona iru sansan vwọ fuẹrẹ orukugbe rọ uvwre rẹ unẹsuọ vẹ ephẹrẹ kugbe uyono rẹ akpọeyere rẹ ihwo akpo (ethnografi) ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ otaeta (diskosi) vẹ muzikoloji (Turino, 2000; Feld, 2012). Iruo nana che si nu agbon eriarie sasan vwoba ru iruo rẹ ọtọẹfuẹrẹ na. A cha reyọ ugheghe rẹ ona rẹ (kuṣilitetivi) ọromeyovwi vẹ (kuṣititetivi). Ọromebun vwọ fuẹrẹ Eriendo rẹ ọtaphia vwe ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ irueru rẹ ọtaphia.

Efuẹrẹotọ vẹ uyono ẹvo si kpalie, ekuakua irwro rẹ Urhobo, ayen je fuẹrẹ otọ rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo jowwo rẹ. Iruo rẹ ihwo na dje irueru Urhobo, avwerhe kugbe ẹbere ọvo rẹ oyerinkugbe rẹ uhwo rẹ Urhobo phia. Okpeki (2023) fuẹrẹ obo rẹ Idisiko Urhobo, owo eha rẹ Olorogun Okpan Aribu ghwa rhe, dje obo rẹ akpọeriọ re ihwo Urhobo epha phia, marho, kẹ ekuoma rẹ iruo rẹ agboro (iredio). Iruo royen na dje obo rẹ ekuakua rẹ ọkenana rhe vwe oma ba edo uhwo rẹ awanre vwo dje Urhobo phia vwe akpọ rẹ aghwoghwo vwe akon rẹ iruo rẹ agboro.

Ọkuyade (2012) si kpahe ona rẹ otaphia vwe isiesi re ipuemu rẹ Tanure ojaide. Iruo na dje kpahe ẹrherie rẹ oriendo rẹ uhwo rẹ ihwo vẹ ine rẹ ekuoto ne otaunu diodi kpo ọ rẹ siri phiyo ẹbe. Ọ nabo dje obo rẹ ipoetri rẹ ojaide vwe oma hohọ yeren dje erhuvwu rẹ avwerhe rẹ unesusu vwe irueru rẹ Urhobo phia. Ọnana ko dje phia, oka rẹ orukugbe ọ uvwe rẹ uhwo, eriendo kugbe ona rẹ otaphia.

Sunday – Kanu (2018) ru uyono kpahe uhwo rẹ Afrika herẹ ro vwo dje kpahe ebaḅon rẹ ọke nana vẹ obo rẹ eriendo yan wan vwe uhwo rẹ ekuoto. Ewophia rẹ uyono royen na ghwa oma phiyo irueru vẹ owenewene rẹ uhwo rẹ Urhobo rẹ a da mre nẹ eriendo oyen me fiemu vwe ihwehwo ve ota ẹta rẹ azagba.

Ikeke (2021) si kpahe efafenẹ rẹ eya vẹ eshare vwe uhwo rẹ Urhobo. Ọ reyọ ubioaro rẹ uyono ofenẹ ọ uvwe rẹ eya vẹ eshare(ifeminizimu) vwo no obo rẹ uhwo Urhobo hepha. O djephia, obo rẹ irueru uhwo vẹ ekuakua uhwo dje obo rẹ ekuruemu fiemute kugbe obo rẹ ọ ghare ẹkiruo kẹ eya vẹ eshare kugbe obo rẹ a guṇṇ mre vwe uvwe rẹ eya vẹ eshare vwe irueru rẹ aroerhie vwe Urhobo.

Aluede (2023) fuẹrẹ erhuvwu rẹ oyerinkugbe rẹ ihwo igbe vẹ ihwo ega rẹ lyayi vwe uhwo rayen vwe uvwe rẹ ihwo Urhobo vẹ ishan. Efuẹrẹ royen na dje phia obo rẹ uhwo rẹ egagọ reyọ ekuakua uhwo rẹ ekuoto vẹ eriendo rayen vwo dje erhuvwu rẹ oyerinkugbe rẹ egagọ epha, ekuoma rẹ ọnana e vwo ru irueru otaphia vẹ uhwo rho phiyo.

Ojaruẹga (2015) fuẹrẹ ẹgbausuon rẹ ilitresho unu rẹ Urhobo vwo vwe enu rẹ ipoetri rẹ Ojaide. O djephia oto rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ a mre vwe ilitesho unu ru ona rẹ ikuegbe rẹ ipuetri Ojaide gan. Uyono nana ghwa obo phiyo obo rẹ uhwo rue vwo rhuẹrẹ ona rẹ otaphia shephiyo.

Friday vẹ otu royen (2023) wian kpahe ẹsẹro rẹ ipuetri rẹ uhwo rẹ ekuoto rẹ Okpan Arhibo soro. Inesusu royen dje omaekuogbe rẹ ikuegbe, ekuakua uhwo vẹ eriendo vwe eyoro gan rẹ irueru ekuoto rẹ a vwe unu gbe. Iruo nana mre erhuvwu rẹ okiejobi rẹ mre vwe uhwo Urhobo vwe akpo rẹ ọke nana.

ekuoto Urhobo vwe uyono ro shekpahe uhwo ekuoto phia rod je kpahe ine rẹ omaerovwo. Ọ da nabọ fuẹrẹ obo rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ ekuoto vwe ukecha vwo kẹ oyenikugbe rẹ ihwo rẹ ekuoto, akpoero rẹ uyoro rekuruemu.

Dick-Duvwaroro (2017), vwe uyono ro shekpahe uhwo rẹ ekuoto rẹ a da so ine rẹ omaerovwo phia. Ọ fuẹrẹ obo rẹ ekuakua uhwo re ru vwe ekuoto rẹ ihwo ibiebi vwe ukecha vwo kẹ oyerinkugbe rẹ ihwo rẹ ekuoto, irueru rẹ ugheno rẹ uyono rẹ ekuruemu.

Iyono nana ejobi rẹ a fuẹrẹ na djephia nẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo ghwa dia ekuakua rẹ a mre ghevweghee, ẹkẹvuovo, ayen vwe ukecha vwo kẹ eruophen rẹ irueru rẹ otaphia, ẹkarophiyo rẹ ekuruemu, ẹfenẹ rẹ eya vẹ eshare vwe irueru rẹ uhwo vẹ eyerinkugbe rẹ a vwo mre ihwo rẹ ega vughe. Ofenẹ rẹ uyono nana vẹ e rẹ a fuẹrẹ na kẹ ẹbere rẹ orukugbe rẹ ekuakua uhwo vẹ otaphia rẹ ihwo ghwe si kpahee.



## Ẹvwọphia rẹ Idata vẹ Ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ Idata

### Ifoto 1: Isorogu

Ọnana orọvwọn rẹ e vwo hworo ihwehwo.



Isorogun ọyen orọvwọn rẹ uhwo rẹ ewena re kanre irhe ruẹ. A kanre ekpeti, e mi phi unu phiyo ọbenu royen, kẹ etuyine e rue dada rẹ ogba re siẹ e me vwe edo phia phiyo. Onoriose djere nẹ “isonogun aro rẹ a vwe edada vẹ ekpeti vwo ruẹ, ọ mra vẹ urhuru sasan, ekuakua re vwo gbe eha (Onoriose 2008: 54). Asa kiephana, te iboine rẹ Urhobo, ihwo rẹ ishoshi rẹ igbe ọghenẹ – uku eyen ma reyo isorogun vwoba ihwehwo rayen. Ihwo ẹvo ji se hworo isorogun vwoba dia otọ yerẹ vwe irueru rẹ ikuegbe vwe ovwovwon. Vwe ekuoma rẹ otọ efuẹrẹ a mrevughe nẹ isorogun ehwo tonphiyo vwe eha rẹ ishoshi re se ikiriniomọ rẹ ishoshi rẹ Urhobo vẹ Isoko ka reyo vwoba ru iruo rẹ uhwo. Kerẹ obo rẹ igede vwo epherẹ rẹ obo royen rọ mra plua siẹ rẹ e de hworo ọtiọyen isorogun je hepha. Isorogun se dje owo rẹ eha vwo kẹ igbeha.

## Ifoto 2: Akisẹ/Ishẹghẹshẹshẹ/Ishẹshẹghẹ

Ishẹghẹshẹshẹ/Ishẹshẹghẹ vwo oka rẹ edon san rẹ ọ ghwa phiyo uhworo.



Akisẹ ọyen ọvo vwe ekuakua uhworo rẹ Urhobo rẹ eboine, ihwo rẹ igbe vẹ ishoshi ẹvo vwo ba ru irueru re uhworo. Akisẹ, ọyen emekpe (ukoko) re ku ariri vẹ ibi rẹ esaibolo yẹrẹ ibi ewwarha phiyo rẹ e hworo (Arerierian 2008). Vwe irueru rẹ Urhobo, Akisẹ uvi rẹ orọvwọ re hworo phiyo ine vẹ eha rẹ Urhobo vwe ọke rẹ orẹ, eha, irueru rẹ ẹga vẹ ikuegbe. Akisẹ ọyen iruo rẹ ewena Urhobo ruru, rẹ a nabo rhuẹrẹ phiyo yoyovwin, ede hworo kẹ a nabo nyo edo royen ke rẹ shẹshẹghẹ. Ọ ghwa dia uhworo ghevweghe ọvoo, Akisẹ vwo iruo rẹ ephẹrẹ rẹ ihwo rẹ igbe vẹ iruiruo rẹ egagọ sa fan otọ royen, kerẹ ọdiagbe rẹ erivwin vẹ eyaobaro rẹ egagọ vwe irueru rẹ Urhobo. Kerẹ okuakua rẹ uhworo vẹ oka ro vwo otọ,



Akise na vwo omamọ iroro vwe ẹsẹrọ vẹ odjephia rẹ irueru Urhobo rẹ a vwo mrẹ ihwo Urhobo vughe.

### Ifoto 3: Igede

Onana orọvwon rẹ o me titi vwe uhwo rẹ Urhobo.



Urhobo vwo eka rẹ igede sasan re vwo ru irueru rẹ uhwo rẹ egagọ. Urhe re ru evun rọyen horhohorho vẹ ophiẹn rẹ eravwe ọyen e vwo si igede. Urhobo vwo oni rẹ igede, ozun, ukiri vẹ agba. Ku oka rẹ uhwo ku oka rẹ igede rọyen. A je reyo igede vwo ghwoghwo agwoghwo vwe orho kere obo rẹ a reyo akabo vwo ghwoghwo. Vwe irueru rẹ uhwo, epherẹ rẹ igede jẹre ọyen owotọ rẹ eha nene; kọyen a sa reyo igede vwo vwe ovwe vwo kẹ igbeha. Vwe ọke rẹ orẹ, irueru ega, omavwerhovwe vẹ ọghwekoko sasan, a sa reyo igede vwo vwe ovwe, vwo se erivwin cha akpọ, vwo hwo edjọ kugbe eha/igbe sasan. Kere okuakua rẹ uhwo vẹ ọ rẹ a vwo kpare irueru Urhobo kpenu, Eka rẹ igede sasan na nabo dje uruemu vẹ esegbuyota rẹ Urhobo phia kugbe akpoeere rẹ Urhobo.



#### Ifoto 4: Akaba

Ọnana orọvwọn uhworo rẹ ọ ghwa ugogo edon phiyo une.



Urhobo vwo Akaba rode vẹ ọ rẹ otete. A vwe Akaba rode na vwo hwohwo emu vẹ aghwoghwo rẹ orho. E de hworo jẹ ihwo rẹ orho na riẹrẹ nẹ emu phare yerẹn orho na. Akaba ọyen ogba/utehru rẹ evun royen vwa horhohorho rẹ a reyo ubi ogba/etuhru ọfa vwo ghwiẹ/teyan ọ me vwe edo rẹ uhworo phia. E vwo Ekaba rẹ itete sasan rẹ e vwo ru irueru rẹ uhworo. Ku Akaba ku edo rọ vwo phia. Obo rẹ Akaba na rho te ọyen dje oka rẹ avwerhe rẹ edo royen vwo phia. Ihwo rẹ ega sasan kere igbe, ishoshi, ọneru vẹ ebine reyo Akaba vwo ba ru iruo. Akaba vẹ agogo ghwa hoho oma tiyee, ẹkẹvuovo iruo ọvwovo ọyen a vwe ayen rue. Ifoto rẹ Akaba vẹ agogo re hẹ oboto na dje ofenẹ nana phia. Vwe ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua rẹ uhworo, a mrevughe nẹ ihwo rẹ Africa ọvo eyen reyo Akaba vwo ru iruo rẹ uhworo. Onana oka rẹ idjogun duvwuru, ẹkẹvuovo agogo vwe ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ ihwo rẹ Africa ọvo eyen reyo Akaba vwo ru iroro rẹ uhworo. Onana oka rẹ idjogun duvwuru, ẹkẹvuovo agogo ọyen okuakua rẹ uhworo rẹ te ẹbo te igbori vwoba ru iruo rẹ uhworo. Akaba vẹ agogo vwo oto kokodo vwe irueru rẹ erhi, egago vẹ use, ọ ghwa dia uhworo ọvoo.

## Obo rẹ a mrẹ vwẹ uyono na

Efuẹrẹ rẹ Idata na dje ọmrevughe sansan rẹ hẹ oboto na phia:

- i. Ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo eyen obo ri fiemu mamọ vwẹ irueru ọtaphia.
- ii. Ekpahọ ro nẹ irueru rẹ otọekion na re ruru wan ẹkuoma re ọnomie vẹ obo resiri, vwẹ otọekion na dje phia nẹ irueru rẹ otota Urhobo vẹ iruo rẹ ọtaphia efa vẹ uhwo gba yan kugbe vwẹ Urhobo. A mre udje tionana vwẹ irueru otaphia. Chief Dr. Sam Orauwani Akpomedaye Ofua; Omriagua John Odje vwẹ Isete ine rẹ ayen ruphia.
- iii. Ẹkuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo dje ekuruemu Urhobo vẹ otọ irueru Urhobo phia. Efuẹrẹ rẹ obo rẹ a mrẹ vwẹ obo rọ evun rẹ irueru uhwo vẹ otaphia rẹ a reyọ ofreta vẹ ividio vwọ reyọ djephia nẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ irueru rẹ etota Urhobo dje ẹkuruemu Urhobo vẹ otọ rẹ irueru Urhobo sasan phia.
- iv. A vwẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwoba ru iruo vwẹ oruphia rẹ ekruremu Urhobo sasan. Obo re siri vwẹ ekuoma rẹ oniso kugbe ọnomie djephia nẹ a vwẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwoba ru iroro vwẹ asan rẹ e de dje ẹkuruemn Urhobo sasan phia. Kerẹ udje: irueru rẹ egagọ, orivwin esho, orovwe, uvie ẹrio vẹ orẹ sasan rẹ ihwo Urhobo ruẹ.

## Ekuophiyọ

Iruo nana, “Eriendo rẹ ọtaphia: Efuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ ona rẹ ọtaphia”, nabo fuẹrẹ onukugbe rẹ unẹsuọ, ephẹrẹ, kugbe ekuruemi rẹ ihwo Urhobo. Vwẹ ẹkuoma rẹ ẹfuẹrẹ, kugbe ẹkuruemu rẹ ihwo Urhobo. Vwẹ ẹkuoma rẹ ẹfuẹrẹ rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo vwẹ irueru ọtaphia na, otọ ẹfuẹrẹ na nabo djephia erhuvwu rẹ unẹsuọ vẹ obo ro reyọ ukecha rẹ avwerhe, otọeta, kugbe erhuvwu rekuruemu Urhobo rọ vwẹ omaphia vwẹ irueru otaphia rayen. Uyono rẹ a mrẹ rẹ otọ ẹfuẹrẹ na rhe djephia nẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo kere: ozi, agba, agogo, eshẹhẹghẹ, igede otete, igede ode, isorogun (agidigbo) egbagen, iwisoro, akaba, ibani vẹ ogban vwẹ omamọ iruo rẹ ayen ruẹ rẹ ayen vwo dje otọeta rẹ ẹkuruemu obo ri shephiyọ vwẹ iruo rẹ otaphia. Iruo nana je nabo djephia obo no vwo fo nẹ a nabo vwo oniso vwo kẹ Oghene rẹ asan rẹ e de ru iruo rẹ ekuruemu rẹ Urhobo rẹ a da vwẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ tionanua vwoba ruẹ rere a sa vwọ mrevugbe iruo rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ na ruẹ kugbe obo rayen fiemute vwẹ irueru rẹ ekuruemu rẹ Urhobo.

Je vwoba obo rẹ a mrẹ vwẹ iruo na, iruo na vwẹ ujiri tẹ ogburhugbu rẹ iroro sasan rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo ve iruo otaphia rẹ etota Urhobo ruẹ vwo kpare ẹkuruemu Urhobo kpenu. O ji djephia nẹ ofori rere a rha fuẹrẹ otọ kpahe ekuruemu Urhobo, rere e ji si ayen phiyotọ.

## Iroro ẹjẹ vwọ kẹ eyan obaro rẹ otọ ẹfuẹrẹ

- i. A vwẹ ẹyerobaro vwọ kẹ iruo rẹ otọẹfuẹrẹ kpahe iruo rẹ ekuakua uhwo rẹ Urhobo ruẹ vwẹ irueru rẹ Urhobo efa kerẹ, egagọ, orẹ ẹriọ vẹ eha egbe
- ii. Efuẹrẹ rẹ obo rẹ ẹruorakpeje vẹ orhoerhie ru kpahe irueru uhwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ ona rẹ etaeta vwẹ Urhobo.
- iii. Eruobhuaro rẹ ena kpokpọ re vwo yono obo ne hwo ihwehwo rẹ Urhobo vẹ ena rẹ etaeta vwẹ Urhobo.

Vwe ẹkuoma eruophiyobaro ɾe efuafuɾe ɾe Eriendo ɾe, ọtaphia ɾe ekuakua uhwo ɾe Urhobo kugbe ena ọtaphia, a sa mɾe erere okokodo ɾo cha vwe ɾuo ɾe ọwẹnẹwẹnẹ ɾe orukugbe ɾo uvwe ɾe unẹsuọ, ephẹ ɾe ekuruemu vughe; a me je vwe ujiri ke ogburhugbu ɾe ukkureno re ekuruemu ɾe ihwo Urhobo.

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