

Respondent: ID#14031

Interviewer: Nicholas Alidi

Date: 7 July, 1999

District: Balaka

[seems like a poor interview, abrupt. On the other hand it wasn't taped but recalled, so Nicholas may not have written everything down]

Nicholas asked T (respondent) to escort him to the school. Asked about the width of the village, and then how many children he had, which is 5. His wife is from the village.

He then asks whether the villagers here follow the traditional customs, T says they do, but not all the customs, because some aren't effective. Nicholas then asks abruptly whether T's friends have other women; T says, (not unreasonably) "What do you mean"? Nicholas explains, T says, "They do have, but not very often, because they are afraid their wives will realize what they are doing and the marriage will break down". And in addition to fearing their wives, "they also fear these traditional sex-traps called *chitega*, through which men can be injured. He then asks whether he's had another woman, R. Says No, that's not good for him. Nicholas asks again, T said he once did it but a long time ago, 6 years ago. He says he decided not to do that any more because "the little money I had, I had to share between the family and that extra woman. So the family was suffering too much".