

Eeh, I think we will start the interview, and
 a child who is interviewing her mother, but it
 must be so.) Ao, it is nothing (Today also, I am
 coming to do my teacher an interview, ah, but it
 is the part of the job) Ah, mho (So we will start)
 So?) (Please Mama, what is your name?) My name
 is Beatrice Afua Takyiwah. (Please, how old are
 you?) Please, I am sixty two years old. (Please,
 what is your address?) Eeh, Box 366 Kumasi. And
 my house number also is, Mbrom 246 Kumasi
 (Please, where were you born?) Please I was born
 in Bechem (Mm) but I am not from there. My father
 and my mother were living there, so I was born
 there. (Yes, Please, your marital status? Please, are
 you married or not?) Please, I got married, but
 my husband is dead. (Ao, sorry, nowadays most
 of the people have lost their husbands) (Eheheh
 (Please, I am sorry) Ao, it is nothing. (Please, how
 many ~~numbers~~ children have you?) Please, I have
 six children, but five is alive now (Only one of
 them is no more) One of them is no more. (So,
 you have five children now?) Five (Thank you.
 Please, what is your employment?) Mm, now Eeh,
 now, I have joined the Sanitation and waste
 management Eeh, Contractors association. But I
 was a retired teacher (yes) I will come to that
 point. But now, I am waste management
 contractor. (Please, ^{can you} explain it, maybe I dont
 understand the english, Ehe-he-he) Aah, Sweeping
 in the house, Sweeping at the street, Eeh, we
 collects the rubbish, (yes) Yes, we collects the
 toilet (You clean things) We clean the toilet, we
 clean the city (yes) and so on, yes, and the city.)

become neat and beautiful (Thank you, it is a very very good job.) Mm (Thank you very much. Please, what kind of work did you start in first as a young woman? (Please, I started as a teacher, I am a teacher, yes, but I have retired now, I have retired. That is why I am roaming about to find a job to do, and I have joined ECh, waste and management. (Thank you. Please, before you became a teacher, when you have not completed school, did you have any work?) Aah Please, when I finished school, I went to training collage collage, and I came out and teach. (So, it means that, because of your school, you didn't do any work?) No I was teaching (Please, how did you start your present bussiness? ECh, I became an Assembly woman. (yes) and if you are an Assembly woman, or Assembly member, you must clean your area or street, so that, your area becomes neat and beautiful. So, when I saw that, the public toilet, where the people go, (yes) it was not good at all, the one at K.O. Post Office, it was not good at all, even, people can't pass by (yes) excuse me to say, people go to toilet on the ground (In the street?) In the street. So, it makes me feel bad, so I decided to clean the toilet, so that people can go there. So, I cleaned the toilet very very nice. Those ones, which the old ladies can't kneel down (yes) I, ECh, prepare some wooden boxes, and put it on the toilet, it is ECh, pan latrine (yes) and I put it on the toilet, so ~~when~~ if the old ladies comes, they can sit on it, and they have comfort. They can sit on it and go to the toilet. So,

I see to it that, the people will stop going to toilet on the ground. I see to it that, they will stop it. So, I trained them, I changed their character (You taught them) I taught them that, if you go to toilet ~~on~~ the ground, and if the Sun shines on it and the air or the wind blows, it brings us diseases and so on, so, I stayed there continuously for about four months. Every day, I go there, early in the morning. Even, I go there at four a.m. and clean the toilet, I use, I clean it very nice by myself (yes) And if they come, and meet me, they ask, Auntie, why? I answered, hmm, I want you to know that, yourself, if your child is at home, and he/she go to toilet, you will clean it. So, I clean the toilet very nicely and people go ~~on~~ ^{to} it, I saw that, it is working what~~is~~ I ~~am~~ ^{was} doing, it was working very good. So, I did the work continuously, I trained some people also, if they come and I am no around, they would clean it and do it nicely. Women. Because of this, I became happy that I have achieved my ~~gain~~, that I will not allow them to go to toilet on the ground, so that that place won't smell bad, but I have clean that place nicely, I was happy about it. So, when they Assembly Concept; when we were overthrew, and they asked us to vote again, I got years. When they asked us to vote again, ~~EEh~~, I joined the contractors, that ~~EEh~~, If I have achieved something good, I can take some of them and, do it and care for it, and I also would do it nicely and collect money. Because of this, I joined them. (Thank you very much, Please, this work)

that you are talking about, it is a bit difficult.) Yes (Please, what difficulties or problems did you have?) Hmm, the difficulties I have is that, if you clean it, you would return and see that, somebody has spoiled it (yes) So, you have to go back and clean it. Again, also, somebody may come and ask you to allow him/her to go there free of charge. (So, he/she won't pay money) He/she would not pay money, rather, go it free of charge. Somebody of them quarrel with us, but we must have patience. And somebody is an old lady or an old man, you have to allow him/her to go there free of charge. Maybe a child also, he/she will say, I will go there free of charge. But the young men, they fight, they fight with my labours who collects the money, they fight with them very seriously. (Mm) So, ~~EEh~~ it bring problems. Maybe, the labour, who you have employed him to do the work, he would not go and do the work before reach there, so you have to sweep and clean by yourself. Even, if he collects the money, he would not come and do it. If the ~~surrounding~~ is weedy, and you give him money to weed for ^{me} you, you see? he will not do it, ~~except~~ ^{unless} you find another person and give him money. So, it is very very difficult. There are problems very seriously. (Thank you very much. Please, this question also is in it, so I have to ask you, you said that, your husband is dead but I want you to add it) AO, ~~EEh~~ when your husband was alive, did he ever objected to your business activities or helped you in your business?) ~~EEh~~, we were both teachers, (yes) so,

Eeh, excuse me to say, he cannot tell me that he will not allow me to ^{do the} work. He was a trained teacher, and I also was a train teacher, so, it means that, we go to work and come, so he never pull me back, (EhEE) He encouraged me, he helped me to do the work (Thank you: What helped you to move forward in your business?) What helped me to move forward is that, when I did it, and I saw that, Eeh, what I have done have ^{become} ~~was~~ profitable, so I said to myself, Oh, then, if I also collect the money to the Government, then, ~~that~~, also do ^{it} by myself, and collect the money, and pay the Government, and I also get a share, I can use it to do the living, that was why I did the job. (Thank you very much, Please, in your business, this one, it has not been very quiet long, ~~when~~ ^{since} you started it, but I have to ask you. Eeh, have you been able to acquire any property because of your business?) Mm, no, it is not quiet very long that I started it, so. I have not been able to acquire any property from it. Even, this one, they have taken it from me. When Kwasi Agyemang came, he has taken it from me and has given it to the assembly members who came later. (Yes) So, I am not doing the work, but the case is at court. (Please, did you acquire any property from your first job? You said that, you was a teacher) A, teacher oh? (Before you became an assembly woman, at that time, were you able to acquire any property?) No, as a teacher, the only property that I was able to acquired was that, I was able to trained my children up to secondary schools, Eeh.)

as at now, even, the lowest education in my house, is Esh, diploma - my last born has a diploma in accounting, now he is going to be a Pastor. He is at the Trinity Collage, so - - - - - (Opare?) ah, Opare. (I never knew that he is you son oh.) Ah, so, the only property that I was able to acquire ~~was~~ ^{is} that, I trained my children properly, though I have not saved any money, but all my children has been to the university - - - (We thank God very much.

Please, has the business enabled you to help family members or other business?)

This present job or the teaching? (Any of them)

Aah, the teaching has help my children to complete school, mm (Thank you, Please, have any of your children joined you in your business?)

As at now, nobody has not joined me because it is not quiet long since I started it. But it is Opare, whom I decided to employed him ~~to~~ ~~my~~ do my accounts for me. He would be an accountant and do my accounts for me, but he has also gone to

Trinity Collage. ~~So~~ none of my children have not joined me. (Please, have you trained any other woman in your business?)

Yes I have been able to trained about three or four women, who can now do the ~~the~~ work. They can go and collect Somebody's toilet and clean it nicely, yes, I have trained some of the women. Somebody like Afrakoma, Esh, Afua Agatha, I have trained them very well. If they get toilets now, they can look after it with their strength and their knowledge and understanding and they will be

Successful. (Thank you very much. Please if any young woman come to you for advice about starting this kind of business, what would you tell her?) I would advice her that, she must exercise patience, because, there are quarrels in it, if you dont exercise patience you cannot do it, she must be a person, who is hard working. She must work very very hard yes, and she must deny herself, because, excuse me to say, working on toilet is not an easy^{job}. It is difficult, even yourself, if you do it and turn again to ~~work~~, see it, it is not nice. So, if somebody do it and you are looking at it, you must have; you must be somebody who have free will. It is a free will job, before you can do it. (Then, it is somebody who is not afraid of filthy things) Somebody who is not afraid of filthy things. (Thank you very much. Please, how does your life differ from that of your mother and grandmother?) Mm, at the time of my mother, my mother never attended school, Eeh, so, there are many changes, because my mother was a farmer, Eeh, myself also, I became a farmer later, ~~my~~ ~~mat~~ but I used a book on mine. Eeh, I am an agric teacher, (yes) She also did some things anyhow. She did, she cultivate it like that, and excuse me to say, he was not using any plans to do the work. Even, she also did something good, she was able to trained her children. (Yes) Though she never went to school, but I think that, because of Christianity, she was able to trained her children to become good. And in the beginning also)

I wanted to asked that, in our time, I am a little older, in my time and Eeh, this present time (Yes) Yes, from that time up to this time, when I attended school, I didn't wear sandals ooh. (Yes) When I reached form three, When we were to do confirmation, Standard six, - Standard seven, it was at that ^{time} I put on sandals. (Mm) But presently, even a child, if it is born and it is at the back of the mother, ~~it~~ it wears sandals (ehe-he-he) Eeh, So, there is a difference, there are more difference. Again, we were not difficult (Yes) like today's youth, yes, today's youth are difficult. They don't listen to the advice of their mothers. We also, excuse me to say, we were humble, we were respectful, yes, there was no civilization at that time, Ehee, So, there were no different things around. Now there are different things around us, and because of this the world has become very very hard. (Thank you very much. Please, would a young woman today be able to start as you started?) Eeh, that was why I was saying that, I have trained some people which, - as at now, even I have no job, they have got a job to do. Yes, somebody can do it, yes, she can do ^{the} something. Somebody who deny herself, can do it. But somebody excuse me to say, somebody who is proud and afraid of filthy thing, excuse me to say, somebody who like quarrel and not respectful, she cannot do it. (Thank you very much. Please, why the change / difference in this present society?) Mm, this present life, people have become more civilized, yes, now, people have become civilized!

People have become civilized, there is civilization so everybody knows ~~the~~ ^{his/her} right. Everybody knows what he/she ~~she~~ must do, yes, nobody can cheat his/her neighbour. At first, also, if you say anything, we say yes, and everybody ^{under} stands it, simple, he/she understands it at once. But it ~~is~~ not like that now. Now there is civilization. People ~~he~~ know what he/she should do, and what he/she must not do. So there are many changes. (Thank you very much. Please, what are your regrets in life? Maybe, there ~~was~~ a day in your life, which something happened in your life, and you was disappointed, like it gave you pains. Has something happened in your life like that? your regrets?) Mm, I have never met something like that before, yes, I have never met such a thing before, maybe I would meet such a thing in future, I have never met a thing like that. Aah. (Thank you very much. Please, after this, what has been your happiest moment in life? Can you say something about it for us? Like, one day, I did this, or I did that, or something happened, and it was my happiest moment in my life?) Aa, Hmm, my happiest moment, because of God, I always become happy, but my happiest moment in my life was a day, it is two years ago, when I was sixty year old (Yes) I celebrated my sixtieth birthday very very well (You Printed T shirt) I became very happy (Aah) And I am still, excuse me to say, I am still

strong, that if people are going I can go with them, I became very very happy. (Thank you so, you was sixty years, last two years, you see?) Yes (So, you are now sixty two?) I am sixty two. (O.K.) I was sixty two on the twelve May. (God has done great thing. Please, who has influenced you most in your life?) Ah, about this, (maybe somebody helped you, maybe, you was staying with somebody, or somebody gave you some advice, or somebody helped you in a different way to become what you are at now?) Then, I will say, it was Doctor Asafo Adjei, he has helped me. Father of Mrs. Prempeh (yes) He has helped me a lot. I ~~was~~ was working in the Palace (yes) When Asantehene celebrated his --- no, when they enstooled this present Asantehene (yes) Nana Opoku Ware (Yes) They were celebrating the funeral rites of Nana Kwame Kyeretwie (yes) I went to the funeral rites at the Palace (yes) and I was one of the Planning Committee members (yes) So, I was working in the Palace, and while I was doing the work, father of Mrs Prempeh (yes) Doctor Asafo Adjei, Eeh, he saw so that, I have done the work very properly, so he gave me a house as a gift (Mmm?) Yes, he said that, I have done the work very properly and he is pleased so he gave me a house as a gift. The house that I am living, he gave it to me as a gift. (Mmm?) Yes, he said that, I have done the work and he is pleased, so, he is giving me a gift. Even, I thought that Eeh, behaviour of men, maybe he loves me, (mho-ho-ho) he said, no.

never
 so I ~~couldn't~~ believed him, until I attended
 the church and he told "Press" President, Esh,
 Press, Mr. Afriyie (yes) Esh, and I told him that
 Press, a certain man ~~of~~ says that he want to give
 me a gift, but I want to refuse, because I
 dont believe it is true, and excuse me to say,
 maybe he loves me, that is why he is saying
 these things. And Press said, eei, these family,
 that is their habit. If you have done something
 and he is well pleased, then he has given it
 to you. But what I did to pleased him was
 that, can I explain it? (No, you can explain it
 oo.) What I did to pleased him was that, Esh
 at the time when I was, I was at the
 Presidential Stand, I was a supervisor at
 that place (yes) and the place for Ambassadors
 I was there with Nana Antwi Boasiako, a
 linguist Antwi Boasiako (yes) I was standing
 there with him. I send a chair to somebody
 but, when I returned, somebody was sitting
 at the Ambassadors place, (yes) he was
 wearing 'black mourning cloth (yes) and I
 made up my mind by myself that, this man,
 if he is an ambassador, he would wear ~~stut~~
 Suit (yes) he would not wear cloth, so he is
 a Ghanaian. So I went to him and asked him
 that, Please (who are you?) Doctor Asafo Adjei
 (Yes) And I asked him that, Please, you are
 an ~~As~~ Ambassador from where? I didn't know
 him (yes) and he said, oh why? why are you
 asking me this? And I said, oo, Esh, every seat
 has a card (yes) which we must give to him
 before he can have his seat (the one we use)

for Eeh, elders for their seats) So, so, - We built about six tents, and we prepare about six cards, so the red cards has its seat, (yes) yellow cards has its seat, but when I asked him to show me his card, he said that he would not show it to me, but he will sit there, for he is also an ambassador. And I said that, I will not allowed that, so when I was arguing with him, the man was abusing me. If I speak, he ~~he~~ said, Oh, who are you? Why ~~are~~ ^{do} you want to trouble me. (Mho-ho) If he stop talking, I also tell him that, please what I need is only the ^{his} card, he must give it to me, so that I can give him a special seat ~~for~~ (yes) But the man got angry. But I said nothing. And when Nana Kofohene came, Nana Inguish Antwi Bosaiako (yes) as soon as he came, he asked me why Adua? And I replied, Nana, this man want to spoil my work, this place is not for him, but he says that, he will sit here. (yes) If I am speaking also, he is abusing me, (and your work has spoiled) And my work would also spoil, (yes) And Nana said ooh, allow him to sit there. And I asked, Nana, did you say that he should stay there ooh, so, if somebody or a friend of mine come, and I ~~se~~ give him/her the same seat, and you come and drive him/her away, I would not understand (yes) And Nana answered yes I have understand, and he left. When he returned on the following morning, he took the same "seat" place (Ehe-he) (Eha-ha-ha) And brought his wife and gave her the same place a seat)

(Eeei!) Yes, then he called me and introduced me to his wife that, Eeh, this woman, she is very hard working, yesterday, she tried to drive me from here but I didn't get up, (mho-ho) and we have come and sit at this place, so greet her, so the wife greeted me, and I walk away. Again he took the same seat continuously for about six days till the funeral celebration lasted. (Mm, with all the Ambassadors?) Yes, so, when we finished the funeral celebration, for about two months later (yes) I went to school. When I returned, they told me that a certain man was waiting for me. The man came about one o'clock. What type of man? Why a man? Truly, when I came in, a man was sitting there. When he saw me, he stood up, and he greeted me. I asked, ah, where from this man (mho-ho) So I send my books to the bedroom and returned. And I asked him his mission? He said, ah, I came to give you my thanks. He give me thanks from Ghanaian's, especially Ashanti (yes) They thank me. And I asked why? He said, ah, have you not remember me? And I replied no ooh. He said, I am the person whom you fought with him in the Palace. (Ehe-he-he) And I said, oh, I ~~did~~ didn't fought with you, but I was saying my right. (Yes) He replied yes, that is why I came here. If we have about ten people like you in Ghana, maybe Ghana will become good (yes) because me, you make me feel shy, you let me know that I have cheated you (yes) but I felt shy but I couldn't say it, so my house, Mbrom 46 go and

stay there (Eeh) My soul tells me that I should give you a gift, so I ~~g~~ have given it to you as a gift (yes) That's all ooh. (So the man gave you that house?) The man gave it to me, a teacher, I have no money, I use three pence and pennies to look after my children at school (Yes) The man gave it all to me as a gift that I should go and stay there, and he gave the house to me as a gift (This means that, the day was your happiest moment in your life) I was very happy, but I was not happy like my sixty years, because, I did not believe that he would give the house to me as a present. (Yes) But when he finished preparing ~~of~~ the papers, then I believed that ooh this man, it is true, he has given it to me. Because of this, I became happy, I became happy. I inform many people and they went and give him my thanks. Also, myself, I bought a sheep, I bought wine, I bought yams, I bought many many things and gave it to ^{him} ~~me~~ as my thanks (Yes, we thank God very much that through your work, you was able to aquired a property) Yes, yes (We thank God very very much. Please, NO 7 yes) Please now, Eeh, do you feel fulfilled in life?) Yes, now, I prayed to God that, all my children should go to secondary school, all my children should go to the University it is left with only one, but I am sure that, God will help him to go. (Thank you very much. Please how has the current economic situation affected your life?) Mm, as at now, the living has become difficult, Eeh, even, if you have money and you want to trade, even, people would not come and.)

buy it, people would not pay, so the living has become difficult, it has become difficult for many people, and myself also, it has become difficult for me, but Eeh, because of my children (yes) yes, they help me little by little.

Those, who are in Abroad send something little to me, so I have noticed that Eeh, but they cant get it sufficient for me because of the economy, because the economy has become something bad. (Thank you very much. Please

what has changed most in the community and general society/country for the past ten years?) Mm, the changes, example* is Eeh, the law that Rawlings has passed about marriages, at first Eeh, at first Eeh, if a woman got married and the husband die, they drive you out from the house. (Yes) But now, there are changes that, if your property belongs to your husband and your husband also property belongs to you, if only the man register your marriage, your property also belongs to him, so the lives of women has changed a

bit. Again, because of the high cost of living, even, giving birth to children, it has reduce, (yes) yes, we dont give birth to many children like at first. Now if you give birth to many children, you will have problems, because you would not ge enough money to look after them the children as you would like to do, if ^{only} you want to train your child properly, so there are Eeh, many changes. About ten years ago, Eem, more women dont go to school, we dont ~~do~~ do office work more (yes) only few women. (We dont do

office work more) Yes, but now, every woman is trying to go to school, so that she can also work and help her house. At first, the women were only house wives, she is staying and home and marrin got married, so the man buy everything even the tread that she would use to plait her hair, the man would buy it. But now, there are changes, the women are competition with the men, they work. She don't look up to a man look after her (yes) Yes, so women, they are working. (Thank you very much. Please, how have women's and men's views in the African context on marriage changed over the years? Which changes have been positive? What changes still need to take place?) How? About what? (Please, women's and men's, our view in marriages which have changed over past years as you were saying ~~of~~ now. Now you see that most of the marriages have changed) yes (Some years ago, yes, now it is good, what ~~changes~~ changes still need to take place?) Eeh, the positive ones are, maybe- Eeh, every man should take one wife, so that they can plan ^{Eeh} their family, for if the men took many wives, they took the change to give birth to many children. Because, he has a child with me, if he marry you, he must have a child with you, because of this, there is no love in the marriage, you will see that, if a man dies, they would bring children from some place, so the children become more, the man cannot look after them, you also, you cannot look after them, so it becomes something bad. So what we should add to it is that, if possible, the

men must take one wife, so that he can look after his wife and children to help Ghana (So which changes have been positive?) This present ones ~~a~~ is good yes this present one is good It is good for every man to take one wife and look after his children and register his wife also so that they can stay peacefully, so that, if the man is no more, the woman may not face any problems. If the woman also is no more, the man would not face any problems. (Thank you, now, what changes still need to take place?

(The changes that still need to take place is that, we must advise the men, (yes) so that the men would take only one wife (Yes) Yes, we must advise them, because, even if the children are too much, even you, the man, you would face troubles. Again, your first wife, if her children grows up, they would not send any money to you to use it to look after the second wife children, and even yourself, you would go bad, your life becomes bad, so if you become sick and Esh, if the children are bringing you some amount of money, they would think that you would use it to look after your second wife's children (So, if he get it, he will bring it to his mother) he would sent it, to his mother (yes) and his mother also will use ^{it} to buy something to eat ~~and~~ survive, he will not bring it to you.

(Thank you very much. That means, this polygamy we are talking about, is it good or bad? (Is polygamy a necessary evil?) It is not good (yes) it is not good, it is not good at all, but only few ~~are~~ of them are a bit good, because, maybe)

a man will marry and he will not have children with his wife, he must ^{also} have ^{EEh} a child, yes. About this, EEh, if he take another woman, he will get a child. But in all these, Polygamy is not a good thing. (Mho-ho-) Polygamy bring troubles. (Thank you very much. Please, what are your views on Family Planning?) Family planning is a very good thing (Yes) Yes it is good, it is good, because it will help everybody to look after his/her child so that his/her child get education, yes his/her child will get good education, and it brings EEh; Progress, this help us to improve in our lives.

And, excuse me to say, maybe, you have been to school, but you will not have any progress, EEh, except the one who is staying in the city even, there is a bit different, yes, so if you ~~can~~ ^{are} be able to look after your children properly, if you give them good education, you will also ~~have~~ have your freedom. (Thank you. I think you have five children now, you see?) Please yes. (Yes, now, if you were to be given another chance, would you have the same number of children as you have now?) Ah, maybe I would have only three (Ehe-he-) I would have three, maybe I would no have more (Please why?) Because, the living has become difficult now. (yes) it is not like at first (yes) At first, even, if you toast plantain for a child, he/she will eat (Ehe-he) I remember, when we were at school, we mash "yam-plantain" ^{its}, and put ~~it~~ in the center of the fire (yes) in the following morning, you take it to school, (Ehe-he-) Today, if you give "its" to a child, he/she will not eat, ehehe)

(Except tea with bread) Except tea, bread, egg and butter¹³ added she-he (Thank you very much Please, what are your views on the current laws on intestate succession and the registration of marriages?) It is very good, yes it is good, it is good for us, ~~who are~~ ^{as} women. But if we allow the men to register ~~more~~ women, as for me I don't support them, (yes) if the men can register ten women, ~~three~~ women or four women and many them. This cannot help the Family Planning because, he will have children with this one, and will have children with this one and another children with the other one, and the children will become more, so we must advise them, that was what I have already said, that we must advise the men, that the men should take only one wife, so that he can live happily with his wife and children. (Thank you very much. (Again, I was talking about the intestate) It is good (What about the registration of marriages?) It is very very good (Yes, thank you very much. Please, you are a bit older. Do you belong to any women's group in Kumasi or elsewhere?) Yes, I am in a group, but it is only women's group. About women group, I ~~be~~ belong to Women's Fellowship ~~from~~ Presby, And I have my own, even I ~~form~~ a group by myself form a group, women's group by myself, we sweep the streets (yes) and so on. Again, also we were called Ideal women (What?) Ideal women, (yes, Ideal women, yes) Again, liberty, Kumasi liberty club, it is men and women (yes) ^{also} I belong to it. (Thank you very much. I take it)

like it is only the Church group which is the
 Presbyterian Women's Fellowship, that you belong
 to. The rest are with men.) Men are among
 (And the one you form by yourself for women)
 Women's group --- (Thank you very much. What
 are some of the ways in which women's groups
 like yours are helping to nurture, teach support
 and train young females to help them face
 and be prepared for the 21st century?) Ao,
 I train the girls - that ECh --- a way we should
 train them or? (Yesⁿ a way that will be
 good example for them, how they can help
 them, how they can ~~train~~^{teach} them, they can push
 them forward, in a way they ~~of~~ can get
 improvement, so that they can face this live?)
 Yes, ECh, advice, first of all, we must advice
 them that, ECh, if they reach their age that
 they want to get marry, or even, if they are
 not married, we can teach them some hand-
 work for them to do, that is, we should advice
 them that, if you are a woman, and you
 get married to a man, and sit down and
 look to the man, that the man alone should
 look after you, you will face difficulties, ^{if} you
~~will~~ leave all the burden on the man, it
 will not go well with you. So we must help
 them, so that they would have good education
 and develop, and get improvement. Again ECh,
 we must teach them how to keep the home
 tidy, how is it helpful if a woman is neat
 and about marriage, how you should be humble
 if you get into marriage; if you finish your house
 work, ECh, you do everything very very nicely

you respect your husband and ^{you} do a very good job, I think that, it will help you and your husband and your husband good work will also improve.

(Thank you very much. Please, what do you think women's groups should do to improve conditions of life for women and the family?)

We must go and visit them, we send some people to visit them, like as we have joined like this, and if Womens Fellowship, we can send some people to go and visit them, or advice them to come and join the groups, so that, if they are advising us, they will also hear it and keep it for their lives. And how we should do it, if we come together and go from house to house, maybe in the evening or in the morning or maybe afternoon and talk to the women, and even, if we talk to their mothers parents, the parents also can talk to their children and eh, it will be good. If your house and my house become good and the other one and the other one also house become good, I think it will help the community, and the community will also become good and it will be the whole Nation, and it will become good. (Thank you very much. Now, what do you think are the most important current problems of women?) (Woman) Hmmm, (Women, we have problems ooh,) Our only problem is that, the men dont help us at home We do the work, we go to work and return or we return from the office and we return and prepare the meals, the man will sit down and play or he is going to drink wine, or he is going to walk around, he has got bad friends, he would

not come home and help the woman, so we are suffering, if you get up in the morning, you will bath your children, you will clean the home you will prepare breakfast for your husband, before you also go to the office, so we don't sleep, a woman must get up early and do all these works and Eeh, it is a problem, it is a very big problem for women. (Please, what are the causes? You can look from what you have written.) Yes (What are the causes and remedies?) Please, (Please this one is very important)

(Let me ask you again. Please, now, the problems of women, which you are talking about, what are the causes, and remedies?) Mm, the remedies and causes (yes) examples are, if we are going to get married, ~~we~~ we have to, Eeh, we don't ask anything about the man, what we do is that, as soon as Eeh, you saw the man and saw how handsome he is and his ~~riches~~ ~~riches~~ riches, then you marry him, you don't ask anything about him (we don't ask) we don't ask. (like at first) So, so, we don't study the person's back ground. Again, we don't take good friends (yes) we don't take good friends to advice us so Eeh, problems in the living, we must take good friends so that they can give us good advice. Again, the causes, our culture don't give a chance for women to speak, Eeh, (We cannot express our selves) Yes, if the men meets, women don't speak, if a woman speak, they don't take it Eeh, but what the woman is saying, excuse me to say, there is ~~a~~ sense in it (yes) so, if you

are ~~the~~ speaking with men about something, if you meet with men and you talking about something, they will not take yours, but he will rather say, I am going home to ask the old lady, he is not going to ask the old lady ooh, he is going to ask his wife (mho-ho) he will say that, when I went to "work" office, this and that was what happened, and if the woman tell him her mind, that means, the man will go and ~~tell~~ say it, and the rest of the men will take it, so we have problem, they dont allow the women to shine, they supress the women, yes they supress us, so women, we have serious problems. Both in marriage and the family (yes) the men supress us. (Yes) (So please, what are the remedies? Can we found any solution to it?) Mmm, the remedies (or how it can stop) Mho-ho, about the remedies, eeh, is that, we should learn, and continue to do seminars, or ~~if~~ we should continue to speak, so that the men may understand, so that the men also may know that, if we speak, it is true, (yes) and we should talk to them, we should talk to the men, and we have to call some meetings and invite the men to listen, and they will know that, women also have knowledge, (yes) they will come down, they will help us, so if we speak, they will listen. (Thank you very much. Please, must a woman choose between a family and a carrier? Can she be successful at both?) Yes, it can be successful, because, because, we have already said that, if a woman dont do any work and you look up to your husband, it will not be well with you. So you must try hard and work. You must do something, - you)

have to use time, you must plan, you have to use
 # time in everything, that was what I said at first
 that, as a woman, you must give birth, you will work
 you will look after your husband, your responsibilities
 is too much (yes) you you have to try and do all
 of it (yes) so we must try and clean the house in
 the morning, we serve our husbands before we go
 to work, we have to look after our children, though,
 there would be a ^{little} conflict, but I think that we can
 overcome, we can help and train our children, so that
 our children also would come and help us

(Thank you. But there is a little question again.)

What are the tensions for a woman involved in
 juggling in a carrier and a family? Mm, some
 examples are, you will shout at your children, you
 must do everything quickly, you see? You will shout at
 some children. The children would not agree with
 you, they will say that, you have no time for
 them. Your husband also will say that, Eeh, you
 don't have time for me, you are going to work,
 you are doing this, but in all these, you must
 have patient and explain it, you have to call
 them and explain it to them that, maybe, ^{it is because of} this and
 that, it is because of the work, if I didn't go to
 work, we will not eat, the money cannot pay school
 fees, Eeh, school uniform, sandals, everything is upon
 us, so we are working, that is why ~~the~~ # hardship,
 we are all facing the hardship, so if God permits
 and we are all alive and we finish our work,
 if everybody leaves the house, if everybody grows
 up and leave here, the hardship will reduce, yes,
 so if a woman say that she will not do any
 work, but you are getting married and have children,

and stay at home and become a house-wife, it will not be well with you. Again if you also do only the work and you have no children also, it is not good, you would have problems in future, yes, so we have to combine the two and try as hard as we can, and pray to God to help us (So, if you combined it, what are the tension..) Yes, it is tension, it is tension, for I have gone through this, ~~for~~ before, it is tension, it is a very serious tension but what ~~of~~ can you do about it? (Thank you very much. Please, what do you imagine or know are the disadvantages of being the only woman in a profession or office e.g. law, medicine, engineering and military which are dominated by men?)

Disadvantages? There are many. Because they will call you a witch, mko-ho; a woman cock, a woman who is a witch yes, so the people will not come to properly (yes) yes people are afraid of you, you see? It is Eeh, a woman who is a soldier, excuse me to say, it is a work of men, and as a woman, you get up in the morning, you are going to training, you are doing this, you are doing that, you are holding a gun, you are going up and down, the men will be afraid of you. Maybe, even you have got married at all ^{and} if you don't be careful, you would not get a husband to marry (Ehe-he-be-) (So?) Yes, look! because they are afraid of you. As woman if you go to the university, and as soon as you finish, and if God didn't help you to get a man or if any man did not come and marry you, you it is hard to get married. (Yes) You see that, a woman, as far as you are going high, then your marriage it becoming difficult. If a man is coming)

to you, he is afraid of you. (Yes) Because, your education can't cope with his, Σ (it cannot go through) Yes, so those women who do such jobs, it is very difficult for them to get husbands.

Mm. (O.K. let me take it like, you have got a husband already, and maybe you went go to Parliament and you have mixed with the men maybe you are the only woman among them, what do you think that --- what tensions ^{would} you face?)

Mm. The only tension is that, if you speak they will not take your advice (yes) if there is sense in it, you will find it very difficult before they take it. So, Σ m, those women who do such a job, sometimes you must very hard, and if you become too hard, they call you a woman cock, yes, so they suppress you, anytime, you come down. (Yes, thank you very much. Please

what examples in history can you think of where women's contributions have been overshadowed...?)

About this, I will use myself as an example (yes)

I have done something myself but the men have overshadowed it. (Yes) The Subin valley project ~~that~~ which they have build, (yes, yes) it is me who indicated it, I was the one who went for the land from Otumfos, I begged Otumfos, that I am going to build stores for my litrates, and Otumfos gave the land to me.

And Otumfos told me that, he pours libation at that place, so I should go and see, --- they should send me to nsumankwaa here "Chief of idols) yes, and nsumankwaa here told me that he pours. Show me where he pours libation and told me to leave that portion aside.

and I answered yes, Oh Nana, even I will build a shrine around it for you, and pour your libation there. So I went and saw nsumamkae here, and nsumankwaa here send me to the head of Subin river, at Bantama race course (Ah, it that where the head of Subin river is?) (yes, (yes)) So, major Cobbina came and ~~prepared~~ ^{built the} (yes, the man who has left?) shrine there, yes. So I went and saw it myself, and we went and told the counsel, and we design everything nicely. So, when the time came for us to do it, they didn't told me, they ~~don't~~ ^{didn't} mention my name to it, (ao,) as at now, I am not among them at all, you see? (yes) So it is some behaviour of men, that, a woman

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I must build ① stores for my people who voted for me, and Eeh, Metropolitan said that he will use it for Eeh, taxi rank. And I begged him that, even, if he build taxi rank at all, he must ~~add~~ attached stores to it, even, he didn't ~~attended~~ understand us to attached stores to it. They said, everything, store, store, store for the stores would cover all the city of Kumasi. And I said, look, if you go to pension, if you are a civil servant, and you go to pension, you will run a store (mho-ho-ho) If you grow cocoa, if you go and stay in the cottage and grow cocoa, and if it bears more fruits and

and stay
 you come home, you would not come and stay
 home doing nothing, you would come and run a
 store, you will sell things little by little, so store
 is something very good. I advised them, that very
 day, they didn't mind me oh, and they called me after
 two weeks, and they said, oh, ~~ok~~ what you said
 was good so we will use stores, we will attach
 kiosk around. And I said, Nana, I don't like kiosk.
 I want permanent building, so they understood me
 and they have done it. But when they were it,
 even, when they were going to cut the sword
 they didn't call me. They have cast me out. (Ad)
 You see? Eh, so this is an example, but if God
 said that, He will give you something, that thing is
 also good, yes, so this is an example. I have done the
 work, but they have cast me out (yes) yes, this is
 my case. I will use mine, as an example (True,
 thank you very much. Ad, sorry, nhe-he. Please, what
 you are saying, it seems to me like, we have
 combined two answers or something like that. What
 do you think are the oppressive structures
 that keep women in positions of powerlessness?
 Examples is what you was saying that you planned
 and did something, but, ^{even} in your position, something
 was suppressing you, it is like you are coming
 down, it is suppressing you, so you cannot use your
 power properly, yes, it makes you powerless) yes
 This also, (Do you understand me? Maybe,
 things that oppress women, because of this, our
 knowledge and wisdom come down. Our spirit
 come down and it cannot do what it wants to do
 anytime you want to do something, then they --)
 they are suppressing you (they are discouraging)

you, it is like you have no power, they have
 oppress it, you are powerless? Yes, (yes) Eeh, (is there
 something like that?) Eeh, there are something like
 that, example is what I have said, that if you
 want to do something, Eeh, because the men are
 the leaders in it, because they are the leaders,
 they suppress you, because the man says, he is
 the "leader" head of the family. If you go into
 our custom, the men are the head of our family
 so in everything, even, if you speak, he suppress
 you and say ~~Keep~~ keep your mouth shut, yes, as a
 woman, you cannot go into men and say some-
 thing, they will not take it, a man, a woman can't
 talk, yes, they would not allow you to express
 yourself as you like it. Anytime, they suppress you,
 it is there like that. (Thank you very much, I
 think we have had a lot of ~~conversation~~
 conversation, but now, maybe there was any
 question I didn't asked or maybe you have
 something to add or some advice or something
 you want to give or any contribution for us,
 to conclude? or any advice?) About the advice,
 I want us to call, we should call seminars and
 invite the men and talk to them and teach them
 about the family planning, it is not the family
 planning alone. It is not only the ~~the~~ women alone
~~that~~ ^{who} will do the family, but the men must also
 do the family planning, Eeh, if we allow ^{only} the
 women to do the family planning, and the man
 dodge the woman and get married and bring
 children, then it is the same thing. For it is
 better, if he had more children with his wife,
 yes. So we must do seminars and invite the men.)

and talk with them and advice them.

(Thank you very much, Please Akua, do you have something to say about it?) (A0, no, thats all.) She-he-he, yes yes (thank you very very much

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