

Selected Individual Responses: Tace GF1

Interview carried out on 25th July, 9:45 am, Tace Village, Manang, Nepal
Audio recording with Marantz PMD660 and Audio-Technica omnidirectional stereo hand-held microphone

General and Personal Information

1. What is your age?
27
2. What is your mother-tongue?
Gurung
3. Where were you born and raised?
Tace village
4. Where were your parents born/raised?
Father born and raised in Tace
Mother born and raised in Lamjung.
5. What language(s) did you use with your parents when you were a child?
Gurung
6. If you had siblings, what language(s) did you use with them when you were growing up?
Gurung
7. What language(s) did you use with friends/peers when you were growing up?
Gurung
8. Did you attend school as a child? If so, in what language(s) did you study?
+2, in Nepali and English
9. If you are married now, and if you have children, in what language(s) do you speak to your family?
Unmarried
10. What language(s) do you now use in your everyday life?
Mostly Gurung and a bit of Nepali
11. Are your parents living now? What are/were their mother tongues? What language(s) did you use with them?
Mother and Father both are alive
Father: Tace Gurung
Mother: Lamjung Gurung

I spoke Gurung

12. Do you have siblings? If so, are you the eldest, the youngest, or in the middle?
I am the one of seven. I am in the middle.

13. As a child, what language(s) did you speak with your siblings?
Gurung

14. As a child, what language(s) did you speak with your friends?
Gurung

15. And now? Are you married and do you have children?
Unmarried

16. What language(s) do you speak with your spouse? With your children?
Unmarried

17. Did you receive formal education as a child? In what language(s)?
I was educated up to +2; I studied in Nepali with some English

18. What is your occupation? What language(s) do you use in your occupation?
I am a Farmer ; I use Gurung for Farming

Subjective Contemporary

19. In which village in Manang is Manange spoken regularly?
Upper Manang

20. In which village in Manang is Nar-Phu spoken regularly?
Koto, Danaque, Ngawal

21. In which village in Manang is Gurung spoken regularly?
Lower Manang

22. In which village in Manang is Gyalsumdo spoken regularly?
Thonce, Bagarchhap, chame, Danaque, Koto

23. In which village in Manang is Tibetan spoken regularly?
Humde

24. In which village in Manang is Nepali spoken regularly?
Chame

25. In which village in Manang do people speak exactly like you?
Doesn't have an idea

26. In your opinion, in which villages is your own mother tongue spoken most purely?
Tace

27. In which villages in Manang do people speak just a little bit differently from you?
Doesn't have an idea

28. If somebody wants to learn your mother tongue, which village would be the best location for them to learn?
Tace

29. If you meet someone from Nar village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands little bit

30. If you meet someone from Phu village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands little bit

31. If you meet someone from Manang village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Doesn't understand

32. If you meet someone from Braga village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands some

33. If you meet someone from Ngawal village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands some

34. If you meet someone from Ghyaru village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands some

35. If you meet someone from Khangsar village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
She understands some because she has friends from this place

36. If you meet someone from Pisang village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
She has never met people from Pisang

37. If you meet someone from Chame village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?
Understands some (less than 50%)

38. If you meet someone from Tal village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?

Understands completely

39. If you meet someone from Nace village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?

Understands completely

40. If you meet someone from Otargaun village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?

Understands completely

41. If you meet someone from Thonce village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?

She understands some

42. If you meet someone from Thace village for the first time and s/he speaks his/her own mother tongue, how well do you understand him/her?

Understands completely

43. In addition to your own mother tongue, which of these local and national/international languages can you speak and how well?

Manange Understands but doesn't speak

Nar-Phu Understands but doesn't speak

Gurung Fluent

Gyalsumdo Somewhat

Tibetan Few words

Nepali Fluent

English Somewhat

Other

44. Currently in almost all Manang schools, the language of instruction is Nepali (with some English). Would the use of your mother tongue in local schools be helpful or hurtful/a hindrance to children?

Yes it will be helpful

45. If you want to get ahead financially, how useful is your mother tongue?

Don't know

46. In your opinion, will your mother tongue still have children learners in future generations (using 30 years from now as a guidepost)?

Gurung will slowly be endangered due to children are learning in boarding schools

47. What can, or should, people do to keep your mother tongue spoken for future generations?

If the qualities in the school are improved the children will remain local and use Nepali and Gurung as well

48. Is your mother tongue important for education?

It is very important

49. Is your mother tongue important for cultural traditions, celebrations, expressions?

It is very important

50. Should Nepal have only one language (Nepali) for official use (in banks, government offices, the media, etc.)?

She agrees because educated people and read and write in Nepali

51. Should children be able to decide for themselves which language they want to learn and use at home?

Yes, learning Gurung should be compulsory

52. How many languages do you think are spoken in Manang District (excluding Nepali)?

There are many different languages.