

## Selected Individual Responses: Taal GM1

Interview carried out on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 11:00 am, Taal 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?  
42
  
2. What is your mother-tongue?  
Gurung
  
3. Where were you born and raised?  
VDC-3 Nace (moved to Taal 20 years back)
  
4. Where were your parents born/raised?  
Father born and raised in Nace  
Mother born and raised in Gyerang
  
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?  
Up to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  
9. If you are married now, and if you have children, in what language(s) do you speak to your family?  
Gurung to wife, Gurung and Nepali to children
  
10. What language(s) do you now use in your everyday life?  
Gurung and Nepali
  
11. Are your parents living now? What are/were their mother tongues? What language(s) did you use with them?  
Mother and Father are both alive  
Father: Nace Gurung  
Mother: Gyerang 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 four. I am the eldest.

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?  
Married and have 2 children

16. What language(s) do you speak with your spouse? With your children?  
Gurung with wife; Nepali and Gurung with children

17. Did you receive formal education as a child? In what language(s)?  
I was educated up to 10<sup>th</sup> grade; I studied in Nepali

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

### **Subjective Contemporary**

19. In which village in Manang is Manange spoken regularly?  
There is no such language as Manange

20. In which village in Manang is Nar-Phu spoken regularly?  
There is no such language as Nar-Phu

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

22. In which village in Manang is Gyalsumdo spoken regularly?

23. In which village in Manang is Tibetan spoken regularly?  
Don't Know

24. In which village in Manang is Nepali spoken regularly?  
Road side (Route) and Chame

25. In which village in Manang do people speak exactly like you?  
Nache, Odar, Thanchowk

26. In your opinion, in which villages is your own mother tongue spoken most purely?  
Nace (Because a person from Nace has published many papers in Gurung )

27. In which villages in Manang do people speak just a little bit differently from you?  
Nar, Phu, Pisang, Umde, Tilce, Tace

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

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 but they use Gurung

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 75%

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?  
Understands 75%

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 75%

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 75%

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 75%

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?  
Understands 75%

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?  
Understands 75%

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?  
If they speak in Tibetan I understand 25-30% but if they speak in Gurung I understand all

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?

Understands if they speak in Gurung but Understands 25% if they speak in Lama

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 Somewhat

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?

Very useful

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

It will not continue because these days children move to boarding school so they use Nepali and English language

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

Documenting the language and teaching the children in their mother tongue

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.)?

Doesn't have an opinion

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)?