

Questionnaire on Church life, Sorcery, Bible study and Stewardship | ECS, Diocese of Kajo-Keji
Interviews conducted by students Diploma Theology
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[93 forms were filled and returned]

1. Gender

54% Male
45% Female
1% Not answered

2. What is your age?

Average age is **36** years

3. Do you have a leadership position in church?

71% Yes
29% No

4. What is your highest education level?

16% No formal education
29% Primary level
6% Intermediate level
30% Secondary School level
18% Certificate and higher levels

5. How often do you attend a Sunday service?

87% One time per week
8% Two times per month
4% Less than one time per month
1% Never

6. Do you normally take Holy Communion?

81% Yes
19% No

7. Which of the following issues are relevant for your community? Choose the most important ones.

(More than one answer possible)

18% Poverty
17% Alcohol
13% Ignorance
12% Polygamy
9% Domestic violence
9% Child abuse or child labour
8% HIV & AIDS
4% Bribery & corruption
4% Sorcery or poisoning
3% Position of women
2% Drugs
0% Property grabbing
0% Tribalism

8. Does the church addresses these issues in your community?

28% Yes
65% Yes, but not enough
8% No

Sorcery

9. Does sorcery exist?

- 54% Yes
- 37% No
- 10% I don't know / Only rumours

10. Do you fear sorcery?

- 65% Yes
- 33% No
- 2% Not answered

11. Which of the following are practiced in your community? (More than one answer possible)

- 48% (57) Putting a curse on people
- 36% (43) Seeking healing through sorcery
- 14% (17) Poisoning
- 3% (3) Any other

Answered by 82 people (88%)

12. Where do people in your community & church go for help when they suspect they are targeted by sorcery? (More than one answer possible)

- 54% (59) Do fasting & prayer (ECS)
- 42% (46) Traditional healer
- 4% (4) Traditional sacrifice
- 1% (1) Any other: "seek medical help"

Answered by 81 people (87%)

13. What should the Church do to address rumours of sorcery?

- 69% (76) Prayer & fasting
- 19% (21) Encourage Bible study
- 10% (11) Investigate the rumours
- 2% (2) Any other: "promote education", "announce evil rumours"

Answered by 81 people (87%)

14. What should the church do to prevent members from engaging in sorcery practices?

- 38% (48) Teaching on sorcery & preaching
- 27% (35) Do faith healing and deliverance
- 23% (30) Engage with local leaders to educate them on the evils of sorcery
- 12% (15) Engage with government for a suitable policy on sorcery

Answered by 84 people (90%)

Bible study

15. Can you read?

- 77% Yes
- 11% No
- 12% Not answered

16. Do you have a Bible ?

- 71% Yes
- 17% No
- 12% Not answered

17. If you have a Bible, how often do you read the Bible by yourself?

- 55% one time per day

- 17% one time per week
- 1% one time per month
- 3% Any other: *occasionally*
- 6% I can't read
- 17% Not answered

18. Are there Bible study groups in your parish?

- 52% Yes
- 34% No
- 1% I don't know
- 13% Not answered

Stewardship

19. Do you know how much money is raised in your congregation?

- 43% Yes
- 44% No
- 13% Not answered

20. Do you know how the money is spent in your congregation?

- 49% Yes
- 39% No
- 12% Not answered

21. Do you trust the money you give is spent well?

- 62% Yes
- 25% No
- 13% Not answered

[Summary by Jacob A. Haasnoot]