

# ENGLISH-KAREKARE

## A

a wadì, wadì  
aardvark **kàfi**  
abandoning a child **alàjāfù**  
abandoned place **lāwi**  
abdomen, lower **jāmbe**  
able, be **njāwu**  
abort **tāfu**  
about **kā**  
absence **darò**  
abuse **fùlu**  
accept **bisku, tàfu**  
accompany **kùrbu**  
according to **bēbì**  
ache **fādā**  
Achilles tendon **dirkā**  
acidity **nzhīmò**  
adder, night **ribì-ribì**  
adherents **ndālā kā**  
admonition **kūto**  
adulterer **dāwānā**  
advice **kūto**  
affection **mà'o**  
afterlife **bitā, butā**  
afternoon, late **zambāyi = zambāi**  
afternoon, mid **fāti dàbūkà rīnkātāu**  
again **wam**  
agree **yārdū**  
ahead **dōnu**  
aid **mbìrān**  
air **fifilā = filfilā**  
alcohol **ifī**  
alcoholic drink from potatoes **àmshò**  
algae **kalangu**  
all **dik, durus, gid, kap**  
Allah **Mbūla, ndagāi, Tālā Birbā, burbā**  
allow **dāyu**

alone **mba-** + poss. pron.  
alongside **bàràkū**  
always **fāti wàike, kulum**  
amazement **ajabà = ajàbà**  
and **ai... ai...**  
and (joining nouns) **kā**  
and then **àsē, ikàyè = yikàyè = ikàyà, nakat**  
angel **màlèkà**  
anger **yābè mà zùmbùlùm**  
animal, mythical **fònròm**  
animal, wild **lò mà riyā, shāgga**  
ankle **ida tà sìyo**  
announcement **dāfāfi, shèlā**  
annoy **dāmātu**  
another **wadì**  
answer **tālfu**  
antimony **tōzālì**  
ants **ayīndin** black grain storing, **kùdfò**  
small red, **kurmèsi** biting, **misen**  
stink, **sāminto** sugar, **zārci** small  
type  
anus **macāwi, tònù mà ishè = tòm mà ishè**  
anvil **dāmi**  
any **wàikē**  
anyone **lāuke**  
anything **mīkē**  
anytime **fāti wàike**  
anywhere **yèkē**  
apex **cilwò tà bā**  
appear **bīka**  
appear suddenly **bīlu**  
apron, leather **didārè**  
area **fàltò**  
argument **cānā**  
arise **hīndū = yīndū = shīndū**  
arm **bāka, sārā**  
armpit **far tà bāka**  
arrange **cìrībtu, yāvāntu**  
arrival **nnā, wālè**  
arrive **wùru = ùru, shādā**

arrogance **ìmā**  
 arrow **fāsku**  
 as **gidi**  
 as for **ke, rò, ye, m**  
 ashes **bùto = bìto**  
 ashes of cornstalks **kutò**  
 ashes, hot **nzudàku**  
 ashes, taste of **kutà-kutò**  
 ask **tèḍu**  
 associates of **ànkà**  
 astringent taste **bàrdàzài**  
 aunt **ayà màiwā**  
 avenge **sīmu**  
 axe **dāyākū**  
 axe used in battle **gampāwà**  
 axe, small **gàlàfi, dàlimà**

## B

baboon **bangài, bìdò birum = birum**  
 mà **bìdò**  
 baby **kulàbi, lūdè**  
 baby carrier **ribo**  
 baby, newborn **anjàlmà**  
 bachelor **gandē**  
 back **bai**  
 back, lower **ḍibi**  
 backwards **tàtàràì, tàtàrè kà bai**  
 bad **ḍisà**  
 bag **àcàkū**  
 bald **silèḍi**  
 ball **mbùdu**  
 bandicoot **gwàndìgò**  
 bank of river **bò àuci**  
 bank up **sàudū**  
 baobab cakes **màyàri**  
 baobab flower **bàmbùlè**  
 baobab leaves **màdlārā, tagalàu = tagalò**  
 bar (for drinking) **kwàr tà ifi**  
 barber **bā kùlè**  
 barely **ket, dàkà-daka**  
 bark of tree **bāi, bāi fā**  
 base **far**  
 basis **sirìm**  
 basket **dābir = dàbur** large

bastard **bàbilò, dugzhìr**  
 bat **gōgūrō** fruit bat  
 bat, fruit **gāwā**  
 bathe partially **cāfu**  
 bathing **bìḍà**  
 batter **gwāgwabò, rùḍū**  
 battle **tùwā**  
 beads **kwaikwàdò, sāyà**  
 bean cakes **àrē**  
 beans in pods **njalàu**  
 beans, cooked **jābì**  
 bear (birth) **lāwu**  
 beard **bāgwājò**  
 beat **dādàku, òkūwu, gìḍiru, gùḍḍu**  
 beat drum **biru**  
 beat with a stick **gìgìtu**  
 beating **dādàkà, jìbò**  
 beautiful **bìlàn, càndùwà**  
 because (of) **àkàto, àkàtà**  
 become **dāwu, tìngā, yū = 'yū**  
 bed **indi**  
 bed made of planks **fàdi**  
 bedbugs **lidò = lidàu**  
 bee **ishèni**  
 bee (type) **dāzo, mbizò**  
 bee, stingless **tirnāni**  
 beehive **sàci**  
 beer **ifi**  
 beer, unstrained **dākàbā**  
 beetle, auger **tintir**  
 beetle, type **ḍisà lètinākà à miyà?**  
 before **dàndè = dèdè, kàfin**  
 beg **ḍidū**  
 begging **barà**  
 begin **cā, sòmu**  
 beginning **cinà, cinà**  
 behind **bai**  
 belch **jilā**  
 belch(ing) **jilè**  
 belittle **kùrbu**  
 bellows **kùtau**  
 belly **àko = àkau, bācī**  
 beloved **cāmò**  
 belt for shapening razor **kìnàmi**  
 belt, leather **àlpāwà**  
 bend **ngùnātu**  
 bend down **ngùnā**

bend in curve <b>ngùnàtu</b>	bore hole <b>shìyu</b>
beneficence <b>àlhèrì</b>	both <b>dik</b>
benefit <b>gàđtu</b>	bothered, be <b>dàmu</b>
beseech <b>didū, ròbu</b>	bottom <b>nzìbì</b>
beshit oneself <b>càmtu</b>	boundary <b>bò, 'yarnò, càđàkū</b>
beside <b>bàràkū</b>	bow (for shooting) <b>rìnkā</b>
better that... <b>gāra, ngalkò</b>	bow-legged <b>dāwāno</b>
better, be <b>gārā = gīrā = wārā, ndīra ,</b>	bowl <b>kalāi</b> earthenware, <b>dignā</b> wooden,
<b>ndirāntu</b>	for food
bicycle <b>kèkè, māđàràu</b>	bowstring <b>rakū</b>
big <b>māiwā</b>	boy <b>lèwi</b>
bile <b>đātlàwì</b>	brackish taste <b>gùlam</b>
billy goat <b>būkurè</b>	braid <b>lāmu</b>
billygoat <b>būzuru</b>	brains <b>ndūlaka</b>
bird <b>rāyi</b>	bran <b>đindāmar</b>
bird (type) <b>būdūdù, cèbàdlè, cēwì,</b>	branch from a road <b>shàbu</b>
<b>cin-cin, dīryò, dlètè, fīrī,</b>	breadth <b>jābā</b>
<b>gāgàngūsò, gwàngòlì, jilò,</b>	break forth vocally <b>balā</b>
<b>jūmfirmā, kāsàgarkè, ku'yìr,</b>	break in two <b>dābu</b>
<b>kwāliyā, lèwai, màlāgādù, tīdār</b>	break into pieces <b>tāđu, tàkcānu,</b>
birth <b>lāwā</b>	<b>tīkcācānu, tlāfāđu</b>
birth, give <b>lāwu</b>	break off <b>njìlu</b>
bite <b>yādu = 'yàdu</b>	breaking up a fight <b>mbìràn</b>
bite off <b>kùntu</b>	breast <b>yāđi</b>
bitter <b>tlātlànāi</b>	breathing <b>nāksū</b>
black <b>birim = burum</b>	brethren <b>mānāi</b>
black and white <b>àn'yār = hàn'yār</b>	bride <b>kùyāngā, lèmómò</b>
blacksmith <b>bā dādākā dāmi, bā ngìzò</b>	bride's friend <b>āmā</b>
<b>= bā njìzò</b>	bridge of wood <b>katarkò</b>
blade (of axe) <b>àikū</b>	bridle <b>lījām</b>
blanket <b>gwādò</b>	bring <b>ulā = wulā</b>
blind <b>mbùgùm = mùgùm</b>	brittle <b>bācā</b>
blind, go <b>mbùgùmtu</b>	broken, be <b>yāfu</b>
blindness <b>mbùgùmtānā, mùgùmtānā</b>	broom <b>sābin, gādàgir</b>
blinking <b>gimitl</b>	broth <b>kùrbò</b>
block <b>mùndfu = mindfu</b>	brother <b>kāka</b>
blood <b>dōnù</b>	brother, older <b>yāyā</b>
blood clot <b>zhātik</b>	brother, younger <b>mālu</b>
blow <b>biyu, fintu</b>	bubble <b>gwāgwāfu, rāđu</b>
body <b>zū</b>	bucking <b>wuncirì</b>
boil (abscess) <b>kwazāmbātù</b>	budge <b>nzūku</b>
boil (water, etc.) <b>đīnku, filu,</b>	buffalo <b>kābàn</b>
<b>gwāgwāfu, rāđātu, rāđu</b>	build <b>đaku</b>
boil meat <b>kūfu</b>	bulging eyes <b>mbòcāđài, tàkwàlài</b>
boil without pus <b>dìrù'kùlù</b>	bull <b>gārùwā</b>
bone <b>wasu = osu</b>	bundle of grain heads <b>jāmblām</b>
boomerang <b>gùdi</b>	bundle of grass <b>kwāntal</b>

burbling by billygoat **būfè**  
 burden **wùlā = ùlā**  
 buried granary **dādīfīdā**  
 burn **gāitu, gāyu, kàru**  
 bury **mbīlmu**  
 bush **rīyā**  
 bustard **bādè**  
 but **āmā, bayā**  
 butt with head **dīmpu**  
 butter **fūlā**  
 butterfly **kātāfēfè, tātè-tāfè**  
 buttocks **mbilā**  
 buy **jānā**

## C

cage for fowls **bèn mà kēzinò**  
 cake, bean **ārē**

calabash (see also 'gourd') **dāyi**  
 general term, **bellām** decorated,  
**gādā** large, **gasàwàrò** large, for  
 carrying water, **kùlùmbi**  
 undecorated, **lābi** for serving food,  
**lākkā** large, **ndākwàco** cracked and  
 sewed

calabash fragment **alāmpī**  
 calabash, small **kwādī**  
 calf (of cow) **kinā, lèwì tà kwàm**  
 calf (of leg) **duwàlò, kwàntālā**  
 call **dāgā**  
 call from afar **d'òru**  
 camel **dlikùmò, kikinjir**  
 can **njàwu**  
 candy **ālēwà**  
 cane rat **gwazàbi**  
 cane switch **lakōdì**  
 cap **jākùwà, tāgiyā**  
 carcass **mūshè**  
 care for a child **mālu**  
 careful movement **tātāru**  
 carelessly **wàwài = màwài**  
 caress **shāfānu**  
 carpentry, do **yāmu**  
 carrion **mūshè, ngùzùmùr**  
 carry **sàndu, ilā**  
 carry child on the back **d'ātu**

carve **yāmu**  
 cassava, old **gāntāmo**  
 cast (throw) **ḡālā**  
 castration **dālò**  
 cat **àwài**  
 cat, brindled **cīryò**  
 catarrh in animals **kīlātīrām**  
 catch **cāwā**  
 catch in the air **cāfu**  
 caterpillar **dāmfwèwà**  
 cattle egret **rārīnò**  
 cause **zābu**  
 cave **ngārjì**  
 celebration **dāgar, ngumùri**  
 celebration, traditional **barākàu mà**  
**Dègùbi** annual harvest festival, **bārà**  
**mà Jàlām** annual hunting festival,  
**dāwun bai** circling birth hut, **ḡālā**  
**māri** sacrifices at harvesting of new  
 crops, **zinā būcì** sacrificial, **zinā**  
**ndagāi** sacrificial  
 center **gabāi**  
 centipede **nzùmāyā**  
 centipede, small **cārārā**  
 certain (ones), a certain one **wadì**  
 chaff **ribì**  
 chair **kujèrā**  
 chameleon **arāncini**  
 change residence **ngùzā**  
 chanting for rituals **dīdā bò**  
 charcoal **kùnkùsu**  
 charm for invisibility **bāwùso, bōsāsīm**  
 chase **ràku**  
 chase birds **tàbā**  
 chattering **cakaram**  
 cheap **būtù**  
 cheat **mōru**  
 cheating **rannā, tīmācì, nautā**  
 cheek **jāgàlāi**  
 chest **jābā**  
 chew **hādū, kyàl'dū = kàl'dū = kàl'yu**  
 =  
 chew cud **kyàl'dū = kàl'dū = kàl'yu =**  
 chick **kulāfi**  
 chicken **kēzì**  
 chicken manure **jāngwàlōbi =**  
**jānkwàlōbi**

chicken with ruffled feathers <b>dākùcā</b>	collar bone <b>gwàdlò, njàram</b>
chicks of guinea fowl <b>kulùm</b>	collect <b>cāmu, cāptu</b>
chief <b>āgwām, idīfu</b>	collect (water) <b>gālā</b>
chieftainship <b>kōđā</b>	collect and remove <b>kùmu</b>
child <b>lèwi</b>	colostrum <b>àmàsànji</b>
children <b>dingìnè, dībī, làwà</b>	comb <b>capkarā</b>
chin <b>bāgwājò</b>	comb (of chicken) <b>làntà</b>
chip <b>jilè</b>	comb (of fowl) <b>zankō</b>
chisel <b>kutufi</b>	comb out <b>sipđu</b>
choke <b>sītu</b>	combat <b>yābì</b>
choke someone <b>kìr'yu</b>	come <b>ndu</b>
choose <b>jidā</b>	come across <b>dàgàđu, làmu</b>
chop <b>dāđā, dāđu</b>	come back <b>yātī</b>
chop up <b>dābātlu</b>	come to <b>simbu</b>
churn <b>tùgùlu</b>	coming <b>wàlè</b>
circular <b>kwàra-kwàrò</b>	commiserate <b>zītu</b>
circumcision <b>kìyā = kì'yā</b>	communal labor <b>mbùđā</b>
cistern <b>kēlè</b>	companion <b>yīwo</b>
clan <b>bāgò = bāgàu</b>	compatriot <b>nzāfa</b>
clan feeling <b>mbēno</b>	compatriot(s) <b>cā, mənài</b>
clansman <b>kāka</b>	compensation to sorcerer <b>cīpìrà</b>
clap <b>tāfu</b>	competition <b>màrè-màrè</b>
clavicle <b>gwàdlò, njàram</b>	complaining <b>jājim, jìgna, rāngā</b>
claw <b>kwanca</b>	completely <b>kap</b>
clay for pottery <b>ròbì</b>	compound <b>kwàrò = kwàràu</b>
clean <b>ngōyi</b>	compress <b>njāđu</b>
clear land <b>làwā</b>	conceal oneself <b>bùnkwu = bīnku</b>
clear up <b>kùmu</b>	concerning <b>kā</b>
climb <b>đā</b>	confused, be <b>dlàbàru</b>
clitoris <b>cèkirèk, hàyo, zàntàlài</b>	conjuring <b>dabò</b>
close <b>fā, kwacò</b>	conquer <b>tū</b>
clot (blood) <b>zhàtik</b>	consider <b>tānu</b>
cloth <b>baktà, gàbàga</b>	console <b>càwā sàra</b>
cloth, black and white <b>gambārà</b>	conspire <b>ndìbā càcà</b>
cloud <b>kwabò</b>	contempt <b>kùrbā</b>
coagulate <b>mètu</b>	continue <b>dāfu, ndòkā</b>
coarse in consistency <b>kàncàn</b>	contumacy <b>rannā</b>
coax <b>đāgātu, gwàlàntu</b>	convalescence <b>kwàzò</b>
cobra <b>gàmàshīta, mənàn, sùti</b>	conversation <b>simmàna</b>
cock <b>gājà</b>	cook <b>đīnku, kùfu, wàđu</b>
cockroach <b>kwàtāfar</b>	cooking tripod <b>ràwun</b>
cocoon <b>ladāu</b>	cool <b>lailai</b>
coins <b>àikū</b>	cool off <b>kākātu</b>
cold <b>layi</b>	cooperation <b>mbìdàn, gānyā</b>
cold weather <b>ribì = ribiyi</b>	copulate with <b>đùtu, ùntu</b>
collaboration <b>gàmà tà bō</b>	copulation by animals <b>đū</b>
collapse <b>ndāfu</b>	corn, young <b>kuncò = kuncàu</b>

cornstalk **kārì**  
 corpse **gùbù**  
 correct, be **d'awu**  
 coucal **būđi-būđi, kaskawakài**  
 cough **jàbā**  
 count **mbèsu**  
 country **yali**  
 courtyard **fàltò, fàtlàu**  
 cow **kwàm**  
 cow, yellow **jānà**  
 cowife **mìyau = mi'yau**  
 crack **bàyu**  
 crazy person **bā tlàbè**  
 crazy, become **tlàbu**  
 crazy, drive **tlàbātu**  
 creativeness **dàgòrìmà**  
 crest **zankō**  
 cricket (type) **gwànji-gwanji, ndlārēkatè = ndlārkatè**  
 cricket, Jerusalem **ndērè**  
 cricket, small **cìđi**  
 crocodile **kàrà̀m**  
 crop of bird **tukcàlò**  
 crow, pied **ndlà̀raku = nzà̀raku**  
 crowing **kwàkwàriyàkò**  
 crown of head **firi tà kà**  
 crowned crane **ngùràkà**  
 crust, burned **kùrà**  
 cry **zàwā**  
 cry out **rūru**  
 crying **zàwā**  
 crying easily **wàlikà**  
 crying for help **bòlo**  
 cup **kùđinkiyā**  
 cure **kàkātu**  
 custom **ādà**  
 cut **gā**  
 cut grass with sickle **kùrà**  
 cut off **càpu**  
 cut up **birdu**  
 cuticle **cànkàcì**

## D

dabble in food **njàkwàbu**  
 dampen **màzàgu**

dampness **njìdò**  
 dancing **jalle, ndirè**  
 dancing for wedding **bàgàdè**  
 darkness **bì burum**  
 daughter **bà**  
 dawn **bàđā**  
 dawn, pre- **gìràwà**  
 day **fàti**  
 day (24 hours) **tàđù**  
 day (one day) **dàwadi**  
 day after tomorrow **tūfà**  
 day before yesterday **nzàntà**  
 day, on that **dòbì, dòbám**  
 day, spend the **gàlu**  
 day, that **fàta**  
 daylight **fàti**  
 days **kàbū**  
 deaf **bēbē**  
 deaf mute **kurtà = dugùrum, dugùrum = kurtà**  
 deaf, become **kùrtàtu**  
 deafness **kùrtètànā**  
 death **karmò, mètò**  
 death notification **dùtu**  
 deceive **mòru**  
 deception **bilim**  
 decieve **bàbātu**  
 decorations painted in calabash **dàdir**  
 decrease **tiku**  
 deep **nzai = mánzai**  
 defecate **mbàmu**  
 defy **gàgàru**  
 delay **ngàntu**  
 deliberately **màwài**  
 demon **gwàigwai**  
 departure of angry wife **agwdù**  
 deposit (of money) **zàyù**  
 depression **tònò = tònù**  
 depression in ground **gùrìs**  
 descend **wùru = ùru**  
 design **yà = ìyà**  
 despise **kùrbu**  
 destroy **ndàfu**  
 devil **àljin**  
 dew **sìnsir**  
 diarrhea **ishè-ishè**  
 die **bàwu, mètù**

- difficulty **bōnè, mǎngwai = ngwai**  
 difficulty, with **ket, dākà-daka**  
 dig **àfā, cākā**  
 dig up **cākā, gùrzu**  
 digging stick **ngùrfi**  
 diligence **nginifù**  
 dip out **àru, kùmu, tàku**  
 dip out of a liquid **'yùwā = iwā**  
 direction **girè**  
 dirge **dīdirē**  
 dirt **bàbàdù**  
 dirty **bàbàdù**  
 dirty person **kōri**  
 disappear **bāwu**  
 disaster **àlùbā**  
 discrimination **fàd'adù**  
 discussion **simmàna**  
 disease of skin **kùmbasè**  
 disgust **nyànya**  
 dislike **kùdù**  
 disparagement **kùrbā**  
 disperse **dàbātu, dàbu, tīgàyu = tīgà'yu**  
 displeased **ngirè-ngirè**  
 dispute **cānà**  
 disrespectful person **bā kùrbā**  
 dissension, causing **ndòrō**  
 dissolve **sùwā**  
 distant **kità**  
 distraught, be **bàgàlu**  
 distress **būti**  
 distribute **sipu**  
 dive **dīku, dùmbàyu**  
 divide out **sipu**  
 divorce **hàlu**  
 do **yū = 'yū**  
 do previously **tàku**  
 dodge **fitu, limā = lùmā**  
 doer **bā, nǎntā**  
 dog **àdà**  
 dog, wild hunting **dàmbāzìwùrì**  
 donkey **kōrō, àurā**  
 donkey of the bush? **kōrō mà rìya**  
 door panel **gāsì, gwamper, kàlàngà**  
 doorway **bō bènù**  
 dove **bēlàwi**  
 downward **rawài**  
 dozing **zìnginàni**  
 drag **bāgu**  
 draw out **nzàku**  
 draw water **nzā**  
 drawing water using feet **gàwùr**  
 dream **sùnà**  
 dregs **shishiyà, cākàkù**  
 dregs of beer **càcàkù**  
 drink **sā**  
 drip **nzārā**  
 drive away **ràku**  
 drive over **njàdù**  
 drop **hàlu**  
 drought **dar(à) tà àmù**  
 drum **gunduwa** for wrestlers, **janjankù**  
     played for hunters, **kàlàu** small, hung  
     around neck, **kanjàu** hourglass, held  
     between legs, **kurya** played for  
     barbers, **tambàl** kettle drum, played  
     for Mai  
 drum (type) **jàmi**  
 drumming **birè**  
 drumstick **ngùlà**  
 drunk, be **gìdiru**  
 dry clothes **fàtàru**  
 dry season **bìgilà**  
 dry up **biyu**  
 dry up (well) **dīrā**  
 duck **àgwàgwā, kintifù**  
 duck down **fitu, limā = lùmā**  
 duiker **bàwi**  
 duiker, type **kēmē**  
 dung beetle **bùzùzù**  
 dust **birbìr**  
 dwarf **ūrù**  
 dwelling **tingèno**  
 dying **zàbā à bāba**

## E

- each other **zù**  
 eagle **kwafi**  
 ear **kùmo**  
 early start **tàwàtè**  
 earth **yali, ànkùs**  
 earth, red **kùri**

- earthworm **nzìfir**  
 east **dìbì**  
 easy **bütù**  
 eat **hàdu, tū**  
 eating with four fingers **mbaci**  
 eczema  
 eczema on animals **gùrdis**  
 edge **bòbò**  
 egg **insā**  
 eggs, abandoned **sùbò**  
 egret, cattle **rārìnò**  
 eight **fifèdu**  
 elbow **'yangwalam**  
 elephant **ùwan**  
 eloping **fòlum**  
 emaciated **kanjum**  
 embarrassment **càwà**  
 embers **riyàn**  
 emir **ìdifu**  
 enough, be **tlā, tlādā**  
 entangled, become **bùrdàngàlu**  
 entanglement **ndàli**  
 enter **rā**  
 entraceway **dùwò**  
 environment **jàgo**  
 envy **jimjim**  
 epidemic **àlùbā**  
 epilepsy **mì'yir**  
 erect, to **kā**  
 erection **gangìl**  
 errand **zinā**  
 escape **wālā**  
 establish **kā**  
 established, be **dāwu**  
 estimation **tàman**  
 etch **yātu**  
 etching **yā = iyā**  
 ethnic group **Nāsārā** European, **Filātā**  
     Fulani, **màlmò** Hausa, **zān** Kanuri,  
     **Karaikarai** Karekare (pl),  
     **Bàkarkarài** Karekare (sg)  
 even **ar = har, sùrà**  
 evening **zambàyi = zambài**  
 ever do **tàku**  
 every **wàikē**  
 everyone **làuke**  
 everything **mìkē**
- everywhere **yèkē**  
 evil **disā, kilādò**  
 evil deed **gandara**  
 ewe **tàmci**  
 exceed **gārā = gīrā = wārā, ndira ,**  
     **ndirāntu**  
 excessively, do **gìdìru**  
 exchange **fàltu, sàfāyu, sàfā'yu**  
 excrement **gàdirò = gidirò, ishè**  
 exercise **d'agwàitu**  
 exists **kàkâi, nadì**  
 exit **fâtā**  
 expand **bitlā**  
 expansive **dùrùrù**  
 expensive **sàda**  
 experience **sā**  
 experience (undergo) **tū**  
 explode **bicā**  
 express from **tírdu**  
 expression **Allā-wadare!** To hell with  
 it!, **anyà** OK, that's that, **at oh!** I just  
 realized something!, **atàtái = attatā**  
 = **attārārām** expression of surprise,  
**āya** cry of alarm, **cìcìcì** here's a scary  
 thing!, **dānām** be careful!, **gidibà**  
 how amazing!, **hankāl** be careful!,  
**hēr** expression of concern, **kānè**  
 really? (unexpected event), **kùlū-**  
**kùlū** come and join the group!,  
**lālāla!** count me out!, **mūnēn**  
 anguish, **ngelngel** under no  
 circumstances, **pōpò** Sorry!,  
**sālbarkà** Thank you!, **tinkunkùs =**  
**tàkurùnkus** folktale closing, **uggà**  
 amazement, **usako** hello! greetings  
 to you!, **yāwāi = yāwē** oh no!, woe  
 is me!, alas!  
 extend **dìbu**  
 extent **fütù**  
 extinguish **mbìtu**  
 extract **nàku, nzàku**  
 eye **ido = idau**  
 eye matter **njìli**  
 eye socket **gùrmi**  
 eyes, deep-set **gùrmī mà ido**



## F

- fable **dindèno**  
 face **ìdo = ìdau**  
 faeces **ishè**  
 fail **ḡāru**  
 failure **darò**  
 faint **ḡārmu**  
 faintness from hunger **kùmallo**  
 fall **bìrdu, ngàtā, nzàbu**  
 far **kitā, nzai = mǎnzai**  
 farm **tarā**  
 farm, disused **sābērè**  
 farm, personal **yāmançì**  
 farmer **bā kwàràkū**  
 farming **gàdǎgìzìr, kwàràkū**  
 fart **wàrdó**  
 fast (swiftly) **kađè, kađà-kađè**  
 fat **ilmo**  
 fat stomach **kùdlùbù**  
 fat-headed **girjiwuli, rìgìjìm**  
 father **bāba, bābu, bà, bā', bǎ'**  
 father-in-law **sàkwàr**  
 fatigue **libè**  
 fatness **yari = 'yari**  
 fear **cinā, ishèrtu**  
 fear(ing) **ishèri**  
 feather **sàkù**  
 feces **gàdirò = gìdirò**  
 feed **àbtu**  
 feeding (by animals) **dawài**  
 feel **kālā**  
 fell **rāḡu**  
 fell (tree) **nzàḡtu**  
 fermented, becom **jilā**  
 fence **dangā, shingē**  
 fence post **tākā**  
 fennec **cagadlērì**  
 ferment **nzhìmu**  
 fertilizer **tākì**  
 festival **bārā**  
 fetish **gwàram, rānd'ì, sirkā**  
 fetish stand **sàrdū**  
 fever **gwàdàlā**  
 fiction **gadè**  
 field **mālā**  
 fight(ing) **yāḡi**  
 fighting **ḡlirā**  
 fighting, cause **gāmà tà kà**  
 file **dartò**  
 fill **jāmtu, njāmtu**  
 fill up/out **ḡisu**  
 filthy **bàbàḡù**  
 find **bāku, dàgàḡu, làmu, mǎyu, wā**  
 finding lost person **gwāḡwi**  
 fine consistency **likid'**  
 finely granulated **yid'id'i**  
 finger **kōlā**  
 fingernail **kōcà**  
 finish **gùtu, kùtu, wǎyātu**  
 finished, be **wǎyā**  
 fire **yàsi = 'yàsi**  
 fire, start qq **tangàwì**  
 firefly **tìkùra**  
 fireplace **rāwun**  
 firewood **ajagwǎlyà**  
 firing (pot) **ḡālù**  
 firmament **jābā tà ndagài**  
 first **ḡigo**  
 fish **càràfù, bābùrakkàm** African  
     catfish, **àmbū** *Protopterus annectens*  
     (lungfish, mudfish), **sārō** Nile perch  
 fish, small **yāwā**  
 fit **tāfu**  
 five **bāḡù**  
 fix **kōḡu**  
 flame **fēnò**  
 flashing **wìḡà**  
 flavor, add **ḡùkwa idō tà gùno**  
 flay **wìlu**  
 flea **bāḡit**  
 flesh **lō mà zù**  
 fling against **wùrgu**  
 flock **biri = buri, meccà**  
 flood **ganjàu**  
 flour **àpti, fàcā**  
 flour, cassava **gārī**  
 flour, coarse **cāngwài, ḡangàyā**  
 flowing **fāsò**  
 flustered **bàḡalu**  
 flute (made of horn) **shilā**  
 fly **ḡiyo, ndìru**  
 flying **ndirè**

fodder **càrkū**  
 foetus **kulbè**  
 fog **àzinfir**  
 foliage **dàfò = dàfàu**  
 folktale **dindèno**  
 folktale response **mùrzà**  
 follow **d'āfu**  
 followers **ndàlā kā**  
 food **wàd'ā**  
 food (type) **bàlanno, jànkùlāk** miya  
   made of greens, **lèlākò** tuwo of beans  
   eaten with oil  
 food, steamed **zìwùrì**  
 food, warmed up **kùtā**  
 fool **bàgdājè, mùckù, tlùkùm**  
 foolishness **mùckwètàna**  
 foot **sìyo**  
 forehead **dìmpo**  
 foreigner **njàràfu**  
 foreleg **bàka**  
 forge **njizu = ngizu, kòd'fu**  
 forget **mànu = màntànu**  
 forging **dàdàkà**  
 formerly **dīmìn**  
 fortune teller **ndāgàyā**  
 fortune telling **gwàmpì**  
 fortune-teller **màkwì**  
 four **fèd'fu**  
 fox **jàmbàdlai, cagadlèrì**  
 fracture **dabè**  
 francolin **firfir, tàpkarà**  
 free **fèsid'è**  
 freeze **mètu**  
 Friday **Àljimmà = Àljummà**  
 friend **nzàfa, yìwo**  
 friends **cā**  
 friendship **mbèno, nzàfètàna = nzàfài**  
 from **ka**  
 fronds **àrd'fo = hàrd'au**  
 front **dònu, jàbā**  
 fruit **làwà**  
 fruit bat **gāwā**  
 fry **sùru**  
 fuel fire **yàru**  
 full, be **njàmu**  
 full, be (from eating) **àbu**  
 fungus that attacks grain **gùmpit**

furrow **fàndā**

## G

galloping **gayà**  
 gambling **cāca**  
 game **kāwā, ngatè** girls catch and toss  
 friend  
 game (type) **dirìn** a game like draughts  
 played by women, **bolbòl**  
 competition to get a small gourd or  
 stalk from the water, **mbācā** women  
 bang into each other  
 gap in teeth **cōro**  
 gape **kwàl'yāmu**  
 gapped **cired'**  
 gather **cāmu, càptu**  
 gawk **kwàl'yāmu**  
 gazelle **bārēwā**  
 gecko **nān tà bènù**  
 gecko, poisonous **càlāfàti**  
 gemstone **sāyā**  
 genitals **far**  
 get **wā**  
 get down **wùru = ùru**  
 get up **hìnd'fu = yìnd'fu = shìnd'fu**  
 giant rat **gwàndìgò**  
 gift **bàrànkàu, sàkàna**  
 gift from traveler **mem mà gāmā bò**  
 giraffe **kingìr = kingìr**  
 girl **bā tà mēndò, bādinè [bāhnnè]**  
 give **bàru**  
 give (name) **zā**  
 gizzard **kùpsàrò**  
 glare at **ngulā**  
 glean **bùd'fu**  
 glue for trap **lèbàn**  
 glutton **kināmā, kwàlāmā**  
 gluttony **mbāmbā, nyāmā**  
 gnaw **gìngà'yu**  
 go **ndu, wālu**  
 go around **bìrku**  
 go back **tāwu, yìmu**  
 go in **rā**  
 go out **fātā**  
 go to meet **gāmā bò**

- goat **mùd'ku**, **wàci** = òci  
 goat, castrated **àuyàkū**  
 goat, hairy **bàzā**  
 goat, male **būkurē**  
 goat, mature male **būzūru**  
 God **Mbūla**, **ndagài**, **Tālā** **Birbà**  
 going to and fro **jēle**  
 gold **dīnārī**  
 gone, be all **wàyā**  
 good **bilân**, **yàwo** = 'yàwo  
 good fortune **àlhērī**  
 goods **jangùm**, **karài**  
 gossip **bàzàrtu**, **zàkcar**  
 gourd (see also 'calabash', 'ladle')  
**fàwun** general name for gourd plant  
 (*Lagenaria siceraria*), **jēwi** bottle,  
**jīgum** for storing oil, **gwàbò** large  
 round, **gwàbàla** round with large  
 opening, **kumbù** small, **kürtu** small  
 round  
 gown **gàrī**, **shùkwàbù** = shikà'ù  
 gown, man's **nzanài** = zanài  
 grab **shàru**  
 grain heads, culled **bìd'ī**  
 grain heads, good **gujù**  
 grain heads, threshed **jìmjì**  
 grain residue **dirdir**  
 grain with bran removed **shìmpèdu**  
 grain(s) **àikù**  
 grainhead **mbùlùm**  
 grains, whole **gwàyi**  
 granary **gàdlai**  
 granary top **kà tà gàdlai**  
 grandfather = grandson **dìshi**  
 grandmother = granddaughter **dìkà**  
 grandparent **kàka**  
 grandson = grandfather **dìshi**  
 grasscutter **gwazàbi**  
 grasses (see also 'plants', 'trees') **gizìn**  
 general term for grasses and weeds,  
**màfēfē** cotton grass (spp.?), **kāshin**  
**Yàwo** *Acanthospermum hispidum*  
 (bristly starbur), **abakū** *Andropogon*  
*gayanus* (gamba grass), **tòld'ī**  
*Cenchrus biflorus*, *C. ciliaris* (burr  
 grass), **dā** *Cymbopogon giganteus*,  
**farnà-farnò** *Cynodon dactylon* (dub  
 grass), **jìjì** *Cyperus articulatus*,  
**jànkàbè** *Dactyloctenium aegyptiaca*  
 (comb fringe grass), **zàriyà** *Digitaria*  
*debilis*; *D. velutina*, **dàndakùsùr**  
*Eleusine indica* (fowlfoot grass),  
**sàbun** *Eragrostis tremula*; *E. ciliaris*;  
*E. gangetica*, **yauyàu** *Mitracarpus*  
*hirtus* (button grass), **làmd'ā**  
*Monocymbium* *ceresiiforme*  
 (oatgrass), **gōrà** *Oxytenanthera*  
*abyssinica* (bamboo), **fùrò**  
*Pennisetum polystachyon* and others,  
**lūsìn mà kwàm** *Portulaca oleracea*  
 (purslane), **shàfara** *Saccharum*  
*spontaneum*, **agùram** *Tribulus*  
*terrestris* (caltrop, puncture vine),  
**nzà** thatch grass  
 grasses (unidentified type) **bàmo**,  
**bayàku**, **bìràza mà àd'ā**, **càrnànā**,  
**kājìn dibì**, **lūmā**, **madàbir**, **zirinka**  
**mà dānkarà**  
 grasses (unidentified) **dàrànkwàtlè**  
 grasshopper **kwàncàr**  
 grave **mābì**  
 gravel **kàcàr** = kàcē  
 grazing **dawài**  
 great, become **kìrnu**  
 greed **kàl'bē**, **kātlim**, **mbàmbā**,  
**kwàlāmā**  
 greedy person **bā kàl'bē**, **kìnāmā**  
 green **gāla-gālau**  
 greet **zìtu**  
 grey hair **ànkwar**, **wàncir**  
 griffon **nzimò**  
 grind **bàrzu**, 'yàsu  
 grind coarsly **ngwà'yu**  
 grind wet substance **lāmàd'u** = lāmèd'u  
 grinding stone **bìni**  
 grinding stone (old) **dāgùjā**  
 grinding stone shaper 'yò'yi  
 grinding stone, top **lèwì tà bìni**  
 groaning **jìmtà**, **ùmpo**  
 grope **wùtlkàd'u**  
 ground **yali**  
 grow old **jèru**  
 grow up **yàwā** = 'yàwā  
 growing up **zàngilàn**

growl **wùrwùrtu**  
 grub **tùmà mà ndāgāya**  
 grubworm **dākùdù gāza**  
 gruel (type) **bìlānkar, dabtlāu**  
 gruel without tamarind **gulbo**  
 grumbling **jājim, jāngwāli**  
 guest **njārāfu**  
 guest, be **njārāptāna**  
 guile **kilādō**  
 guinea corn (generic term for millet and sorghum) **sāwā**  
 guinea fowl **dakùmò**  
 guinea worm **nzāna**  
 gum Arabic **mbilèn**  
 gums **dìnkò = dinkàu**  
 guts **azì**  
 gypsum **kwabò**

## H

hail **sirkāci**  
 hair **sàkù**  
 hair, grey **ànkwar, wāncir**  
 hammering **dāmi**  
 hand **sārā**  
 hand over **dību**  
 handbag **lālintār**  
 handle of hoe or axe **gùdi**  
 handsome **bìlān**  
 hangnail **cānkāci**  
 happen **yū = 'yū**  
 happiness **kuno, màfē mà àko**  
 hard **kòkātām**  
 hard ground **kyàlkyàl**  
 hare **simèrì**  
 harsh sound **jāngùrām**  
 hartebeest **lāfò**  
 harvest **zìnkù**  
 harvest season **bīgìlā**  
 hat **jākùwā, tāgiyā**  
 hat, straw **gùrùmpā**  
 hatch **ḡḡḡḡḡḡ**  
 hawk **dankā**  
 haze **bīrā**  
 head **kā**  
 head off **jāgu**

head toward **bāru, lifu**  
 headache **zhìrin**  
 heal **kākātu**  
 heal over **dīsu**  
 healing **kwàzò**  
 health **lāfiyā**  
 healthy **bālāk**  
 hear **kālā**  
 heart **zimbìlim**  
 heartburn **yàrèd**  
 heat **jāgafau**  
 heat up **dìmtu = dìntu, dìnu**  
 heave **ḡālā**  
 heaven **bitā, ndagāi**  
 heavy **ndādò**  
 hedgehog **atanā, kùmbāi**  
 heel **dùtli, dùshi**  
 height **dātù**  
 help **gādu**  
 help(ing) **mbìràn**  
 hemorrhoids **bāsūru**  
 hemorrhoids **biyòk**  
 hen **kēzi**  
 herbalist **Mālùm, ndìrāmā**  
 herd **biri = buri, meccā**  
 here **bīce, ḡicam**  
 here it is **amḡa, aye**  
 here they are **amḡa, aye**  
 hero **gwarzo, kwatakōrì**  
 heron **ngùrdādùko**  
 hiccup, hiccup **tì'ik**  
 hide **bùnkwātu, bùnkwu = bìnku**  
 hide (skin) **fātā**  
 hill **gòyā**  
 hippopotamus **dòku mà àmù**  
 hit **dùkwu**  
 hoe **gājìram, kālā, zìgim**  
 hoe up **gùrzu**  
 hoe, harvesting **ngèjè**  
 hold **cāwā**  
 hole **ḡìrì, tònò = tònù**  
 hole of escape for rodent **bukò**  
 hole, shallow **gùrìs**  
 hole, small **ḡùri**  
 hollow **ngàrjì**  
 home **kwàrò = kwàràu**  
 hometown **jāgo**

honey **ishèni**  
 honey badger **bùyim**  
 hooked stick **zāwùci**  
 hookworms **cūcaka**  
 hoopoe **gàjagàjà mà Ndagai = gàjà mà ndagai**  
 horn **òèlim**  
 horn (musical instrument) **mākum**  
 hornbill, grey **tīlākò**  
 hornbill, ground **zìngìnò**  
 hornbill, red-billed **kòkòji**  
 hornet **zàkwàlambèf**  
 horse **dòku**  
 horse (type) **bìdi, kiyārà** black, **jùrù** brown, **bikilì** two-colored, **kilì** white, **bòlà** white  
 horsefly **barmajè, dìya tà dòku**  
 hot season **bazarā**  
 hot weather **jàgafau**  
 house **kwàrò = kwàrà**  
 householder **bā kwàrò**  
 how **karā, òdā**  
 how about...? **wam**  
 how many/much **manà**  
 huge **dlàbàd'cà**  
 huge and lethargic **zìgìrik**  
 human being **ngā birim**  
 hunger **kuzùm**  
 hunger in morning **filim-filim**  
 hunter **bā bàrà, bà bàsā, mùzam = mbizam**  
 hunting **bārà**  
 hurl **firā, yū**  
 husband **mìzì**  
 hut **bènù**  
 hut for animal **rùtā**  
 hut made of cornstalks **càngāyà**  
 hyena **zànjai**

## I

ice **sirkāci**  
 ideophone **bangazam** falling from a blow, **bàrkàtài** disorganized, **bùdòk** with a pop, **buk-buk-buk** rhythmic slapping, **bulus** easily, cheap, **cak** in

a group, **car** full, fill up with, **cilis** small amount, **cirot** quick exit, **darai** full to the brim, **d'ù** movement of a crowd, **fak = pak** distant, **fakwat** running away, **farat** clearly in view; quickly, **fau** sour, hot, **fir** distant, **gàmàk** striking, **gazal** popping out, **imàk** hiding, **ir** red, **jaḅ** just, merely, only, **jajak = jijik** terrified, startled, **janjaḅ** tightly swollen, **jib-jib** short size, **kacakaca** scattered, shattered, **kàncàlài** running and jumping, **karap** at once, **karmis-karmis** pelvic movements in dancing, **kàrshàḅ-kàrshàḅ** slow movement, **kid'ak-kid'ak** carefully, stealthily, furtively, **kid-kid** laughter, **kirib** large amount or variety, **kucup** falling suddenly, **kulaḅ** snapping loose, **kurus** dead, **kwàkwìyu-kwàkwìyù** raising dust, **kwalak** white, **liban** completely covering, **ngarau** clear sound, **njid'** pouncing, **paca-paca** messy, **patl** striking, **pir** whirl of wings, **rabus** snapping in two, **rad'au** just right, **shid'** stinging pain, **sikit** black, **sit-sit** breathing, **tàkwad-tàkwad** boiling, **talau-talau** tall, **tik-tik** shaking, **tlirit** green, **tukuḅ-tukuḅ** movement of donkey, **waket-waket-waket** crying, **wup** lunging, 'yamak distant

idleness **kāsālā**

idolatry **gwàram**

if **bayà, d'ò, na, yē = yà**

implant **bā**

implements **karài**

important **máiwā**

important, become **kirnu**

impossible, be **gàgàru**

impudence **jirèkìn**

in order that **àkàto, àkàtā**

incense **abìs, bìrāzā**

including **siràm**

increase **gàd'tu, gàttu**

indeed **ke, kùwa, mu, rò, m**

indeed (after imperative) **bà**

indigestion **yàrèd**  
 information **d'âfâfi**  
 inhabited area **lardì**  
 injection **àlifirà**  
 injury **dànkabàyyà**  
 injury (to toe or finger) **dankòtliyà**  
 inquiry **tēdò**  
 insect **kùnkà**  
 insect (type) **bùrdùkū mà ndagài, dlimba-dlimbàu, dùlā, gabākā tà sàwā, jangàwi tà filātìn, kwârkòdì, mand'ò, tūmà-tūmò**  
 insect, biting **ngud'**  
 inside **àko = àkau, tâfan = tâfu**  
 inspect **nā**  
 insult **fùlu**  
 intelligence **ankālì**  
 intentionally **wàwài = màwài**  
 intercept **càpu, gāmā bò, jǎgu**  
 interior **àko = àkau**  
 intestine, large **bùrzungulu**  
 intestines **azi**  
 into **à**  
 iron **wàyum = òyum = 'wàyim**  
 itching **rababa**

## J

jackal **dilā**  
 jaw **bagum, bagwalam, gārāyā**  
 jealousy **mì'yì**  
 jigger **jigā**  
 jinn **àljin**  
 join **gāmātu**  
 join together **mùttu = mbùttu**  
 joining forces **gāmā tà bò**  
 joint of stalk **kwālalai**  
 joking **dlàrbèdā**  
 journey **màrko = màrkau**  
 judge **àlkālì**  
 jump **ndiru**  
 jumping **gēlē, jābirā, ndirè**  
 jute stalk **kànkàl**

## K

kangaroo rat **kwad'ankòli**  
 keep doing **dàfu**  
 kernel(s) **àikù**  
 kick **bādā, tlàbā**  
 kidney **dibàmbàro, idà'idàm**  
 kill **dùkwu**  
 kindling **cākumò = cākumàu, yàgà**  
 king **àgwàm, idifu**  
 kite **àuri**  
 knead **mbùd'u, mùd'àngàlu**  
 knee **bèràsin**  
 kneel **kàsā bèràsin**  
 knife **bàdi**  
 knife, domestic **dàlài**  
 knock down **nzàftu**  
 knock-kneed **bàrmò**  
 knock-kneed person **bā bàrmò**  
 knot, tie **ndīfu**  
 know **mèntu**  
 knowledge **asim = asùm = asin**  
 kola **gōrò**  
 kunu **daftlàu, dàgwàlò**

## L

lack **dàru, darò**  
 ladder, rope **ganjiskà**  
 ladle **ànkàyi, jèni, lugdè**  
 lake **fàli**  
 lame **kùdà**  
 lament **bàrime**  
 land **yali**  
 language **bò**  
 large **māiwà**  
 large penis **màrdàl**  
 late, be **ngèstu**  
 laughter **gèlā, ziro**  
 law **gwàram**  
 lay **tùd'tu**  
 lay eggs **balu**  
 lay out **sìnàtu**  
 lay out to dry **fàtàru**

laziness **tūmò**  
 lazy person **d'āsà, ngudi**  
 leaf **kùma tà ɓa**  
 leak out **nzàrà**  
 learn **cìwàtu**  
 leather **d'ici**  
 leave behind **lùku**  
 leave behind/alone **dàyu**  
 leaves **dàfò = dàfàu**  
 leaves of guinea corn **tlaram**  
 leaves, new **màran**  
 left (side) **àguwà**  
 left over, be **kinā**  
 leg **sìyo**  
 leg of chicken **dingil**  
 leg, lower **sandara**  
 leopard **zìgau**  
 leper **ràgài**  
 let **dàyu**  
 liar **ngadàri**  
 lick **limpàtu**  
 lie (untruth) **rìwò = rèwò**  
 lie down **tìdɔ**  
 lies **gadè**  
 life extent **kābū**  
 lift **sàkàtu, shìndàtu = yìndàtu = hìndàtu**  
 light-colored **màfe**  
 lightning **wìd'ā**  
 like (be fond of) **ndàlo**  
 like (similar to) **gidi, jàutà**  
 likeness **sibà = sùbà**  
 limit **fūtù, tàman, 'yarnò, càd'akū**  
 limp **d'inkàsu**  
 lined up **jàrnàrà**  
 lion **cagàdlau**  
 lip **fātā mà bō**  
 little **bātà wadì, mìcin, tōtai**  
 liver **riḃsà**  
 living **tingèno**  
 lizard **dànkara**  
 lizard (type) **kòlòkò, mbàràrèd', d'anjānjā**  
 lizard-like **kòshàḃir**  
 lizard, male **ngòzò**  
 lizard, old **kwàtankwarè**  
 load **karài, sànd'ũ, wùlā = ùlā**

loan **bàsò**  
 locking legs **kōli**  
 locust **kwāncàr**  
 locust (type) **d'ifi, gwārā, kùfinà**  
 locust bean (flower ball) **dangunò**  
 locust bean flower **lācid'ò**  
 locust bean juice **danò**  
 log **tùgùm**  
 log across well **gwàndil**  
 loincloth **kupirām, sàwài**  
 loincloth for women **d'idām**  
 loincloth, women's **fafa**  
 long **nzai = m'anzai**  
 long ago **d'imìn**  
 long and thin **d'iridiri**  
 look for **māyu**  
 look over **nā**  
 loose **làgò-làgò**  
 lose **gùptu**  
 lost, get **bàwu, gùfu**  
 lots of **gàm**  
 lots, casting **kùlò**  
 louse **jānkwar = jānkar**  
 louse, fowl **kùshkùtùm = kùtkùshùm**  
 love **càmò, ndàlo**  
 luck **wunā**  
 lullulating **'yararai = yararai = iriri**  
 lunatic **bā gwāigwai, bā tlàbè**  
 lute, large **yàkandì**  
 lying crosswise **ngèrèrèmà**  
 lying out flat **bùrdùngùl**

## M

machete **àddā**  
 mad, drive **tlàbàtu**  
 mad, go **tlàbu**  
 madman **bā tlàbè**  
 mai **àgwàm**  
 make **yū = 'yū**  
 male **mìzì**  
 mallet **kùntunkuru**  
 malnutrition **jìgìrnìm**  
 man, young **bàzìn**  
 manner **gidi**  
 manure **tākì**

manure of chickens <b>jàngwàlòfi</b> =	mist <b>àzintìr, bìd'bìndim, bìrà</b>
<b>jànkwàlòfi</b>	mix <b>dàmbu, bùrzàzu</b>
many <b>gàm</b>	mix together <b>mùttu = mbùttu</b>
mare <b>wàzà</b>	miya <b>gũno = gũnau</b>
market <b>àskū</b>	moaning <b>jìmtā, ùmpo</b>
marriage <b>d'àkwàrò</b>	mocking <b>gōrì</b>
marrow <b>shiyā</b>	modesty <b>càwā</b>
marry <b>d'àkwàru</b>	moist, be <b>càfu</b>
massage <b>njàd'u</b>	moisten <b>càbātu, màzàgu</b>
master <b>bā kwàrò, mìgìnim</b>	moisture <b>shimà</b>
mat <b>būci</b> palm leaf, <b>tàbìco</b> zana mat	Mom <b>màma, nàna</b>
matches <b>àshānā</b>	Monday <b>Rìtìrìn</b>
maturity <b>zàngilàn</b>	money <b>wàyum = òyum = 'wàyim</b>
maybe <b>wanangè</b>	mongoose <b>sùwùn</b>
meaning <b>sirìm</b>	monitor, grey <b>kùmbàci</b>
measles <b>kwàpcàrò</b>	monitor, Nile <b>yàngà</b>
measure <b>càru = càryu</b>	monkey <b>bìdò</b>
measuring <b>cariyā = cari'yā</b>	monkey, old <b>gāuzhi mà bìdò</b>
meat <b>lō, shâgga, sirā</b>	month <b>tàrai</b>
meat, roasted <b>kàràu</b>	moon <b>tàrai</b>
medicine <b>sōrùm = sōrìm</b>	moonlight <b>bò tàrai</b>
medicine room <b>cùbè</b>	moreover <b>wam, wandè</b>
meet <b>dàgàdu, gàm, làmu</b>	morning <b>bìrbàd'i, gīràwà</b>
meeting place <b>dandālì</b>	morning star <b>bàd'è mà jàgau</b>
meeting point <b>gigàm</b>	morning, early <b>tàwàtè</b>
melt <b>ridlā, sùwā</b>	morning, late <b>hàn'yāwi = àn'yāwi</b>
metal <b>wàyum = òyum = 'wàyim</b>	mortar <b>tùmā</b>
metamorphose <b>màldu = màl'yu</b>	mosque <b>masallāci</b>
middle <b>gabài</b>	mosquito <b>nyōnyo</b>
midnight <b>dirìtì (tà bèd'i)</b>	mosquito larvae <b>wùd'kù, zìnkirawài</b>
midwife <b>nàn tà tàfā</b>	moss <b>kalangu</b>
migrate <b>ngùzā</b>	mother <b>dādā, nàna, nānū, nān, nā</b>
milk <b>yād'i</b>	mother-in-law <b>sàkwàr</b>
milking (an animal) <b>nzarè</b>	mould pot <b>d'aku</b>
millet <b>màrd'o</b> general term ( <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> , H. <i>gero</i> ), <b>mìd'i'yā</b> general term ( <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> , H. <i>maiwa</i> ), <b>dāmàsù</b> <i>Eleusine coracana</i> (finger millet), <b>màri</b> new millet, <b>gwâgwa</b> short heads	mound <b>ndigìr</b>
millet heads, newly ripe <b>bìryā</b>	mound for planting <b>jìgwài</b>
millipede <b>jangàwi</b>	mount <b>dā</b>
mirror <b>magāni</b>	mount of Venus <b>bumbum</b>
miscarriage <b>tàbè</b>	mountain <b>gòco, gòyā</b>
miscarry <b>tàbu</b>	mourning period <b>gùrbànā</b>
miserliness <b>nzìmā</b>	mouse <b>càsìim</b>
misfortune <b>gandara, kudìrà</b>	mouth <b>bò</b>
	move 'yàwàlu = yàwàlu
	move a little <b>nzùku</b>
	move aside <b>nzùktu</b>
	move residence <b>ngùzā</b>
	move things <b>tàkànu</b>



movement 'yawàli  
 much gàm  
 mucous ishè mà wùnti, wàntin =  
 òntin = wùntin  
 mud ndèbin  
 mud hole cìrbi  
 muddy water ndèbin  
 mule àlfidirà  
 musk shrew gûmzid'  
 muzzle zìmpitìm

## N

Naira Nairà  
 naked bàmí, bumburum  
 name sim  
 names, female Àisâ, Àlàwì, Àshà,  
 Bàtātātā, Bintā, Birbā = Burbā,  
 Bōbō = Gwārbō, Dāmjà, Dāvì,  
 Digirà, Gwāndè, Hasānā, jāgilā,  
 Jāgilā, Jājai, Mājìyā Ndivu,  
 Mālèkà, Màskā, Pùsām, Sāmā,  
 Usainā, Wurwā  
 names, male Aljè, Arì, Bandùmā,  
 Bāzām, Bìlān, Bōri, Dabrā,  
 Dambē, Diyò, Gabàko, Gànjàgi,  
 Gāsikì, Gìrēmā, Gìshùwà, Hasān,  
 Jādò, Jājì, Jāmā, Jàngì, Jìjì, Jingìr,  
 Kànkādì, Kàriyā, Kúkù, Mādi,  
 Mākwai, Mākwì, Mālō, Māmā,  
 Māmān, Mùktài, Sāban, Ùsainì,  
 Ùsàku, Yàugè  
 names, male or female Dìmzà, Gābō,  
 Gājì, Shùwā  
 naming ceremony gùmu, zinà sim  
 nasal passage ngàràngāra  
 nausea filim-filim, kùmallo  
 navel tímbi  
 near kwacò  
 neat ngòyi  
 neat looking wàlwàl  
 neck wùlo = ùlau  
 needle àlfirà  
 negation bai  
 neighbor bā tingèno  
 neighborhood càdì

nest sàkò = sàkwàu  
 net ràgayà  
 net for wrapping a bundle bamma  
 net, clap (fishing) jèrè  
 new cikìn  
 newborn anjàlmà  
 news càcà  
 next world bità  
 next year gādàn  
 nice yàwo = 'yàwo  
 night bèd'ì  
 night, spend the tídu  
 nighttime activity gidir  
 nine bānnù  
 noise àdir, kwàrd'àsàì  
 nonetheless gid' kà kutì  
 north gāzā  
 nose wàntin = òntin = wùntin  
 nosebleed gādā  
 nostril tòn mà wàntin  
 not bai  
 nothing but dò  
 now ànce  
 number of kà  
 numerous gìzhìgìzhì  
 nursing kwàzò

## O

oath, take hnnà dāmi  
 obtain wā  
 occiput njulā  
 ocean àucì  
 odor d'áfo = d'áfān, ngūsò  
 of mà, tà  
 offspring d'ibì  
 oil màrù  
 old àsàu = àsò  
 old (of animals) gìzhàn  
 old age jèrò  
 old person àsàu = àsò  
 old, get àsàwu  
 on kà  
 on purpose wàwài = màwài, màwài  
 one wad'ì  
 one day fàta

only **mba-** + poss. pron., **sai**  
 only child **gōro**  
 open **âfā**, **ḡàkàtu**  
 open out **bitlā**  
 open the mouth **gūmu**  
 opponent **nzāfa**  
 or **kō**  
 organize **cìrìḡtu**  
 orphan **tùrku**  
 oryx **māràyā**  
 ostrich **nzaḡèni**  
 outperform in farming **gandu**  
 outside **mālā**  
 overtake **làmu**  
 overripe, become **kāncu**  
 owl **dūzhi**  
 owner **bā**, **mìgìnim**, **nāntā**

## P

pad for animal's back **lìfèri**  
 pagan **kirdi**  
 pain **fadā**, **màngwai** = **ngwai**  
 palate **ngāràngāra**  
 palm fronds **ārḡo** = **hārḡau**  
 palm shoots **zàkòjì**  
 palpitations of heart **ḡàlli-ḡàlli**  
 pancake of groundnuts **ngèzi**  
 panel of city gate **gàḡgam**  
 pants **yankè**  
 pants, women's **fātāri**  
 pare **ḡàḡàku**, **ràḡàḡu**  
 part of something **gī**  
 pass **kàyā**  
 pass by **gàḡā**  
 pass through **tlàḡu**  
 patch **mùndḡu** = **mindḡu**  
 path **ndàrù**  
 patience **kānādi**  
 patience, seek **bārā bō**  
 patient, be **dāddāru**  
 pauper **bā kùyā**  
 pay back **sīmu**  
 peak **cilwò tà ḡā**, **fīri**  
 peanuts, culled **gùḡlam**  
 peanuts, immature **njalāu**

peck **njìḡu**  
 peek **zìḡku**  
 peek over **ḡìḡā**  
 peel **ḡàḡàku**, **hàn'yu**, **ràḡàḡu**, **ràḡu**  
 peel off **tliḡā**  
 peep **zìḡku**  
 peer **nzāfa**, **zìḡku**  
 peers **cā**  
 pelvic thrusts **njaḡi**  
 pen (writing instrument) **àlkalāmi**  
 penis **ilā**  
 penis, erect **gangìl**  
 people **àlkī**, **min** = **mun**  
 perfume **wārdi**  
 perhaps **wanangè**  
 permit **dāyu**  
 person **ngā**  
 perspiration **bikùrù**  
 persuade **ḡāḡātu**, **ḡwālāntu**  
 pestle **ànāku**  
 phlegm **ishè mà wùnti**  
 pick beans **cāmu**  
 pick fruit **tālu**  
 pick out 'yāku = **yāku**  
 pick up **āsū**  
 pickpocket **aswānèmə**  
 piece broken off **jìlè**  
 pied crow **ndlārāku** = **nzārāku**  
 pierce **bìntu**, **gùyā**, **sāmpu**, **shìyu**  
 pierced, be **bìntu**  
 pigeon, domestic **bāru**  
 pigeon, red-eyed **ndlāḡiri** = **ndāḡiri**  
 pile **ndigìr**  
 pile of branches **gùḡḡum**  
 pile of grass **tārā mà kāri**  
 pile of millet heads **jùḡā**  
 pile up **ḡìḡḡu**  
 piles **biyòk**, **bāsūru**  
 pinch **fī'yu** = **fīyu**  
 pinch off **kùntu**  
 place **bī**, **bīti**, **filā**, **gī**  
 place in question **biyī**  
 place on **cīḡu**  
 placenta **sùkcì**  
 plain **kyàlkyàl**  
 plait **làmu**  
 plaiting hair **làḡō** = **làḡau**

plan **asìm** = **asùm** = **asìn**, **dàbarà**  
 plant (sow) **bìsnu**  
 plant, make holes for seeds **jàbu**  
 planting **bìsìn**  
 planting crosswise **zirè**  
 plants (see also 'trees', 'grasses')  
**madàbur** *Alysicarpus vaginalis*,  
**ruḥṣò** *Annona senegalensis* (custard  
 apple), **gàḍakùnkà** *Aristolochia*  
*albida*; *A. bracteolata*, **fìsò** *Borreria*  
*stachydea*, **cilànḍàḍi** *Calotropis*  
*procera* (Sodom apple), **ùmfò**  
*Caralluma dalzielii* (mosque stalk),  
**mbariyo** *Catunaregam nilotica*, **dàyi**  
*Centaurea perrotteti*; *C. praecox*  
 (thistle), **dìlkù** *Ceratotheca*  
*sesamoides* (false sesame leaves),  
**kùdlurù** *Ceratotheca sesamoides*  
 (false sesame leaves), **gàyāzinginò**  
*Ceratotheca sesamoides* (type of  
 false sesame leaves), **dàmi-dàmi**  
*Chamaecrista mimosoides*,  
**cagadlèrè** *Cissus populnea*, **silò**  
*Citrullus lanatus*, **rìḥso** *Coccinia*  
*grandis* tindora, **gudmāmà**  
*Crotalaria mucronata*, **yàḍi-yàḍi**  
*Cucumis metuliferus* (horned melon),  
**yàḍi-yàḍi tà àdà** *Cucumis*  
*pustulatus*, **mbājìbo** *Datura*  
*stramonium* (Jimson weed), **birènì**  
*Dichrostachys cinerea* or *Acacia*  
*ataxacantha*, **nzùmi** *Dioscorea*  
*bulbifera* (aerial yam), **cìlìlì bàzàn**  
*Euphorbia convolvuloides*, *E. spp.*  
 (dove milk), **ùmpò** *Euphorbia*  
*lateriflora*, **jàgàdlèrì** *Euphorbia*  
*unispina* (cactus), **ngùshā mà zànjai**  
*Gardenia ternifolia*, **masàsèḍ'** *Guiera*  
*senegalensis*, **d'umbò** *Gynandropsis*  
*pentaphylla* (cat's whiskers), **'yàràrà**  
*Hibiscus asper* (frog roselle), **gwàḍi-**  
**gwàḍi** *Hippocratea guineensis*, **sālò**  
*Hymenocardia acida*, **kāfubùr**  
*Indigofera astragalina*, **bābā**  
*Indigofera sp.* (indigo), **kwāri**  
*Lannea spp.*, **lallè** *Lawsonia inermis*  
 (henna), **kà tà cìràù** *Leonotis spp.*

rattlebo **'yàràwì** *Leptadenia hastata*,  
**cìnàm** = **cìnàù** *Loranthaceae spp.*  
 and *Tapinanthaceae spp.* (mistletoe),  
**gàdlìrwai** *Ludwigia octovalvis* or  
*Jussiaea suffruticosa*, **kwātlā** *Luffa*  
*spp.* (loofah gourd), **ilmà tà jadawài**  
*Merremia tridentata*, **kācìgaigai**  
*Mitracarpus hirtus* (button grass),  
**gàzùkà** *Momordica balsamina*  
 (balsam apple), **bàrgi** *Nymphaea*  
*lotus* (lily pad), **gàjirùwai** *Oxystelma*  
*bornouense*, **jànkadè** *Peristrophe*  
*bicalyculata*, **dàmi** *Polygala*  
*arenaria*, **njàrà** *Quassia undulata*  
 (elephant's sugar cane), **indimò**  
*Raphionacme brownii*, **màdlìgò**  
*Ricinus communis* (castor bean),  
**kìlāsìkò** *Senna italica* (Italian senna),  
**tāḥbisa** *Senna obtusifolia* (sicklepod),  
**lìḥḍa tà bàrēwa** *Sesamum alatum*  
 (antelope sesame), **tùci** *Striga*  
*senegalensis* or *S. hermontheca*  
 (witchweed), **kùma tà kōrò**  
*Stylochiton lancifolius*, **àlbasàr mà**  
**zànjai** *Urginea spp.* (wild onion),  
**ìdam mà bàrēwa** *Vigna spp.* (beans,  
 wild), **cākā ùdo** *Waltheria indica*,  
**dàḍìn** *Ximenia americana* (spiny  
 plum), **indimò tà mbàzam**  
*Xysmalobium heudelotianum*, **àuyò**  
**tà zànjai** *Ziziphus mucronata*  
 (buffalo thorn)  
 plants (unidentified type) **àlgàrifù**,  
**birbìr zòngē**, **dādā**, **dàḍìn mà**  
**kùmbàci**, **gūnu**, **gùrdlì tà bàdè**,  
**jìlādā**, **kwàlàku**, **nzèkìḍè**, **rìba-rìba**  
**tà ùwan**, **'yàgā**  
 plants, cultivated (see also 'gourd',  
 'guinea corn', 'maize', 'millet',  
 'rice', 'sorghum') **bàgè** beans (type),  
**gàmbàram** *Abelmoschus esculentus*  
 (okra), **àlbasà** *Allium cepa* (onion),  
**kāgìlmo** *Allium sativum* (garlic),  
**àlayyàho** *Amaranthus hybridus*,  
**kāshù** *Anacardium occidentale*  
 (cashew), **dibèrò** = **dibèr tà Masàr**  
*Arachis hypogaea* (peanuts,

- groundnuts), **shītā** *Capsicum annum*, *C. frutescens* (red pepper), **fāri** *Citrullus lanatus* melon, **gwāzā** *Colocasia esculenta* (cocoyam), **ḡōlò** *Corchorus tridens* (jute), **gùrdli** *Cucumis melo* (cucumber), **sànji** *Cucurbita pepo* (pumpkin), **bàyā** *Cyperus esculentus* (tiger nuts), **àtlai** *Gossypium spp.* (cotton), **jàmḡē** = **jàmḡē** *Hibiscus cannabinus* (hemp plant, kenaf), **àrà** *Hibiscus sabdariffa* (sorrel, roselle), **dànkālì** *Ipomoea batatas* (sweet potato), **atimātìr** *Lycopersicon esculentum* (tomato), **mangwàrò** *Mangifera indica* (mango), **dauyā** *Manihot esculenta* (cassava) or *Dioscorea spp.* (yam), **zōgale** *Moringa oleifera* (horseradish tree), **àyàbā** *Musa sapientum* (banana), **tābā** *Nicotiana rustica*; *N. tabacum* (tobacco), **zàmbātu** *Olea europea* (olive), **shìnkāfā** *Oryza glaberrima* (rice), **gwaibā** *Psidium guajava* (guava), **rāke** *Saccharum officinarum* (sugar cane), **sūsù** *Saccharum officinarum* (sugar cane), **lìndó** = **lìndó** *Sesamum orientale* (sesame), **kwītā** *Solanum incanum* (egg plant, garden egg), **yālo** *Solanum incanum* (small eggplant), **alkamā** *Triticum aestivum* (wheat), **idām** *Vigna sinensis* (cowpeas, beans), **dibèr tà jàgo** *Vigna subterranea* (Bambara groundnuts), **gùrà** *Vigna subterranea* (Bambara groundnuts), **kimbā** *Xylopi aethiopica* (guinea pepper), **dā masār** *Zea mays* (maize, corn), **cittā** *Zingiber officinale* (ginger), **njadā** *Zingiber officinale* (ginger)
- playing **kāwā**  
 plead with **ròḡu**  
 pleasant **tāmu**  
 pliable **lùwèt-lùwèt**  
 plot **ndìfā càcà**  
 plow **sàudū**  
 pluck **nginifù, tàlu, yàdàru**
- pluck out, off **dàlu**  
 plug **mùndū** = **mindū**  
 plug an opening **jìrbàḡu**  
 plug up **ḡimu**  
 pocket **lipu**  
 point **tīmā**  
 poison for arrow **mìndā**  
 poke **bāku**  
 pole **tākā**  
 polecat, striped **kìlā-kìlā**  
 pollen on grain heads **bàḡin**  
 pond **fālì**  
 poor person **bā kùyà**  
 poor, being **kùyà**  
 pop out **fika**  
 populace **àlkī, jāmā, mindì**  
 porcupine **zàzì**  
 post (for fence) **tākā**  
 post, forked **sibìli**  
 pot **gābì** cooking, **gab tà gabài** = **gùḡkām** medium-sized for storage, **gàndàrà** large, **gùḡkām** = **gab tà gabài** medium-sized for storage, **gùrfu** large, used for storage, **jòbè** = **jòbài** small for *miya*, **kwankyàl** for cooking *tuwo*, **sāwā** medium-sized for storage, **tùlì** large, for water
- pot support **colde**  
 pot-bellied **ràkwtàmbài**  
 potash **cāfā**  
 potsherd **jèlè**  
 potsherd, ground **kòcì**  
 pound (wet substance) **tàkà'yu**  
 pound for second time **tàmàsu**  
 pound grain **dìru**  
 pound nail **bā**  
 pound to remove bran **sāfāḡu**  
 pounding tool **mārafè**  
 pour **kàsu**  
 pour in drops **nzàràtu**  
 pour into **màlḡu** = **màl'yu**  
 pour through opening **nzàlu**  
 poverty **kùyà**  
 praise **àsā kà**  
 praise cries **kàrùwà**  
 praise crying by wrestlers **kwàrcì**  
 prayer **dìkirā, gùmà bò**

praying mantis **dòku mà ndagài**  
 precede **kâyā**  
 pregnancy **àko = àkau**  
 pregnancy before weaning **kuninkà**  
 premarriage meeting with husband **azà**  
 prematurely born **kulbè**  
 prepare **yàwàntu**  
 press down on **kàltu**  
 press on **njàđu**  
 press out **tirdu**  
 prevent **gidā**  
 previously **dīmìn**  
 pride **imā**  
 proclamation **shèlā**  
 procreate **lāwu**  
 prod **zùngwàràru**  
 professional ululator **gàyàyimà**  
 profit **tàman**  
 progressive marker **zù**  
 prohibit **gidā**  
 prolapse of the vagina **wìli, zìrzir = wili**  
 promiscuous person **mārō**  
 pronoun, [completive indirect object and intransitive copy]/[completive intransitive copy] **hnnau/hnnakau** 1 m. or f., **timu/tunku** 1 pl., **ci ~ ciki** 2 f., **tikau/tikakau** 2 m., **tiku/tikuku** 2 pl., **tau/takau** 3 f., **hnni/tinki** 3 m., **su/suku** 3 pl.  
 pronoun, direct object (completive/non-completive) **nā/nē** 1 m. or f., **minā/minē** 1 pl., **cā ~ cè** 2 f., **kā/kè** 2 m., **kunā/kunē** 2 pl., **tā/tè** 3 f., **sā/sè** 3 m., **sinā/sinē = sunā/sunē** 3 pl.  
 pronoun, general bound suffix (genitive, direct object with totality extension, non-completive indirect object) **no, nò** 1 m. or f., **mu, mù** 1 pl., **ci, cì** 2 f., **ko, kò** 2 m., **ku, kù** 2 pl., **to, tò** 3 f., **nì** 3 m., **su, sù** 3 pl.  
 pronoun, genitive linked **hño /tino/** 1 m. or f., **timu** 1 pl., **ci** 2 f., **tiko** 2 m., **tiku** 2 pl., **to** 3 f., **hñi /tini/** 3 m.  
 pronoun, independent **hño /dino/** 1 m. or f., **dimu** 1 pl., **dici** 2 f., **diko** 2 m.,

**diku** 2 pl., **dito** 3 f., **hñi /dini/** 3 m., **disu** 3 pl.  
 pronoun, independent genitive **mino** 1 m. or f., **mamu** 1 pl., **mici** 2 f., **miko** 2 m., **muku** 2 pl., **mito** 3 f., **mini** 3 m., **musu** 3 pl.  
 pronoun, subject **nà** 1 m. or f., **mu** 1 pl., **ci** 2 f., **ka** 2 m., **ku** 2 pl.  
 protruding teeth **cankàlài**  
 pudenda **bumbum**  
 puff adder **kankàrcà**  
 pull **dāgu, nzā, bāgu**  
 pull off **naku**  
 pull out **naku, nzaku**  
 pull with rope **nzaru**  
 puppy **tutu**  
 purpose **dāfili**  
 purposefully **wàwài = màwài**  
 purse **cikārā, lālintar**  
 pus **wurkū = ūrku**  
 put away **zā**  
 put back **tautu, yimtu**  
 put down **zā**  
 put on **zabu**  
 put on gown **balā**  
 put out **mbitu**  
 python **mēdāwi**

## Q

quarrel **yāfi**  
 quarter of town **cāfi**  
 quench **mbitu**  
 question (noun) **tēfò**  
 question particle **bi**  
 quickly **kāfè, kāfà-kāfè**  
 quickness **lāulau**  
 quiet, be **kāđu**  
 quilt armor for a horse **libdi**  
 quiver **tlikau**

## R

rabbit **simèrì**

radio <b>rādlàmà</b>	rescue <b>wàltu</b>
rags <b>rākī</b>	resemblance <b>sibā = sùbà</b>
rain <b>àm mà ndagài = àmù ndagài</b>	reservoir <b>kèlè</b>
rainbird <b>sègàwi</b>	residue from dye pits <b>dagwalò</b>
rainbow <b>zàwànu</b>	resist <b>gàgàru</b>
rainy season <b>gàpkò, pìzò</b>	resolve dispute <b>dùkwā càcà</b>
raise <b>sàkàtu, shìndàtu = yìndàtu = hìndàtu</b>	respond <b>tàlfu</b>
ram <b>gam</b>	rest <b>hùtu, kinè</b>
rambunctious and small <b>pincini</b>	restraint on animal or slave <b>gwànkwal</b>
ransom <b>wàngu</b>	retaliation <b>fansā</b>
rascality <b>jirèkin</b>	reticence <b>càwā</b>
rash <b>fàtafàtè</b>	return <b>tàutu, tàwu, yìmtu, yìmu</b>
rat <b>càsì</b>	return hither <b>yàtí</b>
rat (type) <b>bìbì, cācā kumbài, kēràwì</b>	revenge, take <b>sìmu</b>
ratel <b>bùyim</b>	rhinoceros <b>bindirkūkù</b>
rattles worn on legs <b>ajamà</b>	ribs <b>bàràkū</b>
rattles, metal <b>jànjàmi</b>	rich, becom <b>bìrdù</b>
raw <b>gālàu</b>	riches <b>arzuki, bàyà, bìrìd</b>
razor <b>lèli</b>	ridgerow <b>bōro, tōri</b>
reach <b>tlā, tlàdā, shàdā</b>	ridgerow, space between <b>fàndà</b>
reason <b>dàlìlì</b>	right (side) <b>tàti</b>
rebelliousness <b>rannà</b>	ring <b>gàfau</b>
receive <b>bìsku, tàfu, wā</b>	ring worn by royalty <b>gwàrbò</b>
receiver of guests in court <b>cimà</b>	ringworm <b>ngèsin</b>
recently <b>àndò</b>	rinse mouth <b>cìkwànkwàyu</b>
recklessly <b>wàwài = màwài</b>	ripen <b>nū</b>
recover <b>sìmbu</b>	ripening <b>nukò</b>
red <b>màdài</b>	ritual <b>Sàuku</b> end of year blessing
red and white <b>àn'yàr = hàn'yàr</b>	river <b>àuci</b>
redeem <b>wàngu</b>	road <b>ndàrù</b>
reduce <b>tìku</b>	road, paved <b>digà</b>
refugees <b>àkkù</b>	roan antelope <b>gùmàkù</b>
refuse <b>kùdù</b>	roar <b>wùrwùrtu</b>
region <b>lardì</b>	roast <b>kàru</b>
release <b>bàlu</b>	robe <b>shùkwàbù = shìkà'ù</b>
religion <b>dāfà-tà-Ndagè</b>	rock <b>gòco</b>
remain <b>kinā</b>	roll <b>bùdànkàru</b>
remainder <b>kinè</b>	roll a disk <b>bìrànkàdù</b>
remedy <b>sōrùm = sōrìm</b>	roll along <b>bìdànkàru</b>
remember <b>tànu</b>	roll on the ground <b>bìrànkàdù</b>
remove <b>fàdù</b>	roll up <b>fèdù, shàdù</b>
remove from a liquid <b>'yùwā = iwā</b>	rolling eyes back <b>fèlàzùm</b>
remove from group <b>fìru</b>	roof <b>kà tà bènù</b>
remove from liquid <b>iwā</b>	roof, reinforcement in thatched roof <b>dùbùn = dìbìn = dingìnès, dingìnès</b> <b>= dùbùn = dìbìn</b>
rendezvous <b>gìgàm</b>	room <b>bènù</b>
repair <b>yàwàntu, kòdù</b>	

rooster **gàjà**  
 root **àrō**, **sirìm**  
 root clump **càlā**  
 rope **zòri**  
 rope for decorating pots **bìrdādùko**  
 rope, worn out **njàbà**  
 rot **ngùsu**  
 rough surface **kàrcànàì**  
 round **fimbirim**, **kwàra-kwàrò**  
 rub **litànu**  
 rub (wood) **zàgā**  
 rub against **shàfànu**  
 rub on **gāmu**  
 rub to make smooth **gùlìḍtu**  
 rub together **càfu**  
 rub with hand **dirmàsu**  
 rubbish heap **jìjì**  
 rude person **bā kùrbā**  
 rudeness **kùrbā**  
 ruin **yàbātu**  
 rule **jàjìm**  
 rummaging for food **kùrùm-kurum**  
 run **gùyā**  
 running **jōjō**  
 rust **jànjā**  
 rutting **ḍũ**

## S

sacrifice **gàbàtlà**  
 saddle **sirdi**  
 sake of, for the **àkàto**, **àkàtà**  
 saliva **lìm**  
 salt **bēzà**, **takàndā**  
 salvation **mbìràn**  
 sand **àisì**  
 sandal **lāfiyā**  
 sarcasm **màrnìwà**  
 satisfied (from eating), be **àbu**  
 Saturday **Sibdù**  
 sauce **gūno** = **gūnau**  
 sauce flavored with ashes **kùtau**  
 sauce, ingredients **mē mà gūno**  
 save **mbìru**, **wàltu**  
 savings **tìsi**  
 sawdust **dirdìr**

say **tāmu**  
 saying (+ quote) **dā** = **dāyì**  
 scabies **tinyà**  
 scar **bàlèḍ**, **dàfò** = **dàfāu**, **dùgwar**  
 scare **gìrbātu**  
 scarf **kànta**  
 scatter **dàbātu**, **dàbu**, **tìgàyu** = **tìgà'yu**  
 scatter about **tìkà'yu**  
 scepter **kàndirā**  
 scheme **dàbarā**  
 scold **gìdlā**, **gìrnu**  
 scolding **gìrìn**, **gìrigìrìn**  
 scoop (utensil) **tēfilē**  
 scoop out **àru**  
 scoop out dry substance **dilā**  
 score **sàbùwa**  
 score (group of twenty) **àuyà** = **hàuyà**  
 scorn **kùrbā**, **kùrbu**  
 scorpion 'yandàri = **yandàri**  
 scorpion, black **ngàrmài**  
 scrambling **mbilè**, **wàwuri**  
 scrape **ràdu**  
 scrape off millet seeds **bìryu**  
 scrape out **dàwā** = **dàwu**  
 scratch **kùncu**, **ràbàbu**  
 scratching **rababa**  
 scrub **jìrbàḍu**  
 seal **mùnḍu** = **minḍu**  
 search for **wùtlkàḍu**  
 secret **asir**  
 see **māyu**, **nā**  
 seed **cìdām**  
 seedling **cài**, **kinà**  
 seek out **bàku**  
 seize **càwā**  
 self-deprecation **kàsā kà**  
 self-interest **ngūfanai**  
 selfishness **ngūfanai**  
 sell **bàutu**, **ḍìbàtu**  
 seller **bā ḍìbàtà**  
 send (person) **zā**  
 senses **rìni**  
 sent item **zinà**  
 separate **bàḍā**  
 separate out **fìru**  
 serrated **gìrjìgìrjì**  
 servant for bride **gìrzà**

set up <b>kā</b>	singing <b>wàḍò</b>
seven <b>bàcibèlu = bàcibèlu</b>	sip <b>gàbu</b>
sew <b>dàḍu</b>	sister, older <b>yâyā</b>
sexual intercourse, have <b>d'ùtu, ùntu</b>	sister, younger <b>màlu</b>
shade, shadow <b>càlum, rìni</b>	sit <b>tìngā</b>
shady <b>dìrd'is</b>	site <b>làwi</b>
shake <b>fāfāmu, gāgā'yu</b>	six <b>bàcōḍi</b>
shame <b>càwā</b>	skin <b>fātā</b>
sharp pointed <b>bilbil</b>	skin (verb) <b>wìlu</b>
sharpen <b>lifu</b>	skin for water <b>jànjàmiyà</b>
sharpen a blad <b>kùḍu</b>	skink <b>silāliyà</b>
shatter <b>tàḍu, tàkcànu, tìkcàcànu</b>	sky <b>jābā tà ndagài, ndagài</b>
shave <b>kulā</b>	slacker <b>d'āsā</b>
sheep <b>tāmci</b>	slander <b>bàzàrtu</b>
sheep, hairy <b>bàzā</b>	slare <b>kwāl'yàmu</b>
sheep, white <b>aikwilā</b>	slate <b>àllō</b>
shelf for display <b>indārā</b>	slaughter <b>gā</b>
shell of nut <b>kwatlànkànà</b>	slave <b>njārum = njàrām = njàrin</b>
shelter <b>gidibā</b>	sleeping <b>tàḍu</b>
shillings, two <b>fatakā</b>	sliminess <b>gàlàugàlau</b>
shin 'wamparam	slip <b>tìḍu</b>
shining <b>wìḍā</b>	slip down or away <b>silpàḍu</b>
shirt <b>shùkwàbù = shikà'ù</b>	slipper <b>làfiyā</b>
shit <b>ishè</b>	slipperiness <b>gàlàugàlau, tàngàlèḍi</b>
shoe <b>làfiyā, sìpādì</b>	slit <b>d'āyu, jirā</b>
shoot <b>bāsā</b>	slow movement <b>tàtāru</b>
short <b>wàlài = wàlè</b>	slut <b>mārō</b>
short in excess <b>gwàntàbār</b>	small <b>bā, tōtai</b>
short person <b>ūrū</b>	small head <b>tokolok</b>
shortness <b>wàlitànā</b>	small opening <b>bululu</b>
shoulder <b>kā tà bàka</b>	small round head <b>tōbàlài</b>
shout <b>d'ōru, rūru</b>	smear <b>lùḍu</b>
shove <b>zùngwàràru</b>	smell <b>kālā</b>
show <b>tīmā</b>	smell at <b>ìnsànu</b>
shrike (see tchagra) <b>kwàrnànà</b>	smell sour <b>zhìmu</b>
sibling, older <b>yâyā</b>	smith <b>njizu = ngizu</b>
siblings <b>mànài</b>	smithing <b>dāḍàkà</b>
sickle <b>làudi</b>	smoke <b>wùlyo</b>
side <b>bàràkū, fallā, girè, zù</b>	snail shell <b>gàtantanwā</b>
side (body) <b>bilbil</b>	snake <b>àḍimo</b>
side-whisters <b>gègè</b>	snake (type) <b>ngwāmngwab</b>
sieve <b>rāriya</b>	snake, harmless type
sift <b>tītaku</b>	snap shut <b>bicā</b>
silent, be <b>kāḍu</b>	snatch up <b>mbilā</b>
silver <b>azirfa</b>	sneak up on <b>sinu</b>
since <b>tin</b>	sneeze <b>wattishà</b>
singe <b>wàwàsu, bùmbyāyu</b>	sniff <b>ìnsànu</b>



- snoring **ngòrum**  
 So-and-So (feminine) **mìnçe**  
 So-and-So (masculine) **mànò**  
 soak **càbàtu, càbu**  
 soaked, be **càbu**  
 soaring **lēwā**  
 soft and edible **ribis-ribis**  
 soil oneself **càmtu**  
 some **wadì**  
 sometime **dàwadi**  
 son **bè**  
 song **wàḏò**  
 soot **wùnwun = wùrwur**  
 soothsayer **màkwī**  
 sorcerer **àlàu, gwàngùli, mālùm**  
 sorcereress **ndagàya**  
 sorcery **dàgwar, sòkò**  
 sore **dànkabàya, mèràkù**  
 sore in nose **cancòli**  
 sorghum **wàtai** general term (*Sorghum bicolor*), **gàgàràgàdu** bent over heads, **àbàrife** type of white sorghum, **bàje** special for beer, **dàshà** short type, **margadè** *Sorghum mellitum* (type of sorghum with sweet pulp), **wàlawùyo** red  
 sorrel seeds **màḏcà**  
 soul **càlum**  
 soup **kùrbò**  
 sour **fidok**  
 sour odor **zhimò = zhimàu**  
 sour smelling **kangir**  
 sour, become **nzhimu**  
 sourness **nzhimò**  
 south **njàwò**  
 sow **bisnu**  
 sow broadcast **dirè**  
 sowing **bisìn**  
 spacious **dùrùrù**  
 sparks **àdà mà yàsi**  
 speak **ḏàfu, màtu, tàmu**  
 spear **ràndi, yū**  
 speech **càcà**  
 speed **làulau**  
 spend (long) time **ngànu**  
 spend the night **tìḏu**  
 spend time **nàku**
- spices **bàtàrà**  
 spider **gìzo, sàwànà = sàunā**  
 spider (bright red) **kùrikùri (tà Ndagài)**  
 spill **tàbu**  
 spindle **kwarkwaro**  
 spindle weight **gùlùlù**  
 spirit **càlum, gwàigwai, màlèkàwāmà**  
 spirit (type) **alàmbazàm, kuliràam, usàkū**  
 spit **cìḏu, lìm, tìfu**  
 splatter **tàkcànu**  
 split **jìrà**  
 split wood **tlàḏàḏu**  
 spoil **ngùsu, yàbàtu, yàbu**  
 spray **fùru**  
 spread **lùbu**  
 sprinkle with water **yàyàpu**  
 sprinkle on **wùrwàḏu**  
 sprout **màrtu, màru**  
 sprouts **màran**  
 spurs **zìrìnka**  
 square **dandàlì**  
 squat **ngùnā**  
 squatting **jàngùlongùlò**  
 squirrel **àuyàkū**  
 squirrel, flying **cargùm, dàkandòlè = dàkwandèlè**  
 stab **sàmpàpu, sàmpu**  
 stack **ḏigdu**  
 stalk **sìnu**  
 stalk(s) **kàri**  
 stallion, large **ngàrgù**  
 stammering **dadàyi**  
 stand for pot **bìrùnkùḏum = bùḏànkùran = jàrgyàl, bùḏànkùran = bìrùnkùḏum = jàrgyàl, jàrgyàl = bìrùnkùḏum = bùḏànkùran**  
 stand up **hìḏu = yìḏu = shìḏu**  
 standing 'yarnò  
 staple food **fàcā, wàḏā**  
 staple food (type) **dàkùḏā**  
 staple food without miya **ḏam**  
 star **zìnkàcau = zànkàco**  
 starling **wayà-wayà**  
 start **cinà**

- start (begin) **càwā**  
 start fire **fintu**  
 startle **gìrbātu**  
 startled, be **gìrbā = gìrbu**  
 stay **tingā**  
 staying **tingèno**  
 steal **cìru**  
 stealing **cìri**  
 steer **ḍakè**  
 stench **ngūsò, shel**  
 step on **njàḍu**  
 stick **zìlā**  
 stick on **lìbu**  
 sticking out ears **ràgàḍàu**  
 stinginess **nzìmà**  
 stink bug **binji**  
 stir **tùgùlu, 'yàwàlu = yàwàlu, bürzàzu**  
 stirring stick **bìrdàku**  
 stirrup strap **dùwāl**  
 stocks **ḍimbìl**  
 stomach **àko = àkau**  
 stomach, large **bàcì**  
 stone, small **kàcār = kàcē**  
 stool **kujèrā**  
 stoop **ngùnā**  
 stop **'yàru = yàru**  
 stop (bring to a stop) **'yàràtu = yàràtu**  
 stop up **dìmu**  
 storage **gàlakù = gàlàkà**  
 stork, Abdim's **sēgàwi**  
 storm **ḍakàu**  
 straight, go/be **ḍìmu**  
 straighten **ḍìmtu = ḍìntu**  
 straighten something **ḍìbu**  
 strain **'yàbàrtu**  
 strainer **rāriya**  
 stranger **njàràfu**  
 strangle **kir'yu**  
 strap **àlpāwā**  
 strength **'yàkàrà = yàkàrà**  
 stretch **ḍìmtu = ḍìntu**  
 strike hard **màkàtlu**  
 strike with thing thrown **wùrgu**  
 strip off **ḍàyu, tḥḍā**  
 strong and big **gàḍàḍsà**  
 strong man **gwarzo**  
 strutting **bìḍā**  
 stuck, get **ngìḍu**  
 stuff **karài**  
 stump **tùgùm**  
 stuttering **ḍadàyi**  
 sty in the eye **kùḍìncì**  
 submerge **ḍīku, dùmbàyu**  
 suck **ìmpu**  
 suffering **bònè, tàkaci**  
 suffice **tlā, tlàḍā**  
 suit **tāfu**  
 suitcase **àcàkù**  
 sun **fāti**  
 Sunday **Lāḍì**  
 support **ngùmànu, ngumàni**  
 surpass **gàrà = gìrà = wàrà, ndira , ndiràntu**  
 surround **bìrku**  
 swaggering **bìḍā**  
 swallow **ḍālu**  
 swallow, mosque **nzàkwa-nzàkò**  
 swayback **ḍāḍlā**  
 swaying **jalle**  
 swear to **hnnà ḍàmi**  
 sweat **bikùrù, jàgafau**  
 sweep **ḍàrà**  
 sweet **mànèp, tàmu**  
 swell **sàku**  
 swelling from injury **àbàbì**  
 swift **nzàkwa-nzàkò**  
 swinging **rishi**  
 sword **agàji**  
 sympathy, express **càwā sàra**  
 syphillis **cìrà**

## T

- tail **càtir**  
 take **àsu, ilā**  
 take back **yìmtu**  
 take by force **tlàru**  
 take from one place to another **sàḍu**  
 take out **fàḍu**  
 tale **dindèno**  
 tall **nzai = mánzai**  
 tall and skinny **jàngwàzàm, zakēlè**

tall and thin <b>zèrèrè</b>	thigh <b>fùnto = fùntau, gwàmo</b>
tallness <b>dātù</b>	thin, become <b>ricā</b>
tan leather <b>dīnā</b>	thing <b>men, mē</b>
taste <b>kālā, lētu = lītu, lùnkwàdu, tàku</b>	think about <b>tānu</b>
tasty <b>tāmu</b>	thinking clearly <b>rīni</b>
tax <b>arājò</b>	thinning crops <b>cikàrà</b>
taxes <b>jīpcē</b>	thirst <b>kujām</b>
tchagra <b>kwàrnànà</b>	this (one) <b>ayam, 'yam</b>
tea <b>shāyì</b>	this and that <b>mànà-mànà</b>
teach <b>cìwātu</b>	this palce <b>fiìcam</b>
tear <b>tlīrā</b>	thorn <b>'yarà = yarà</b>
tears <b>zàrwànài</b>	those <b>anàbam, anàbì, bāmù, bām =</b>
teen <b>m̀bad kà...</b>	<b>ām</b>
tell <b>d'āfu, tāmù</b>	thrash <b>dādàku, dùkwu, g̀dìru, g̀g̀g̀tù</b>
temper, temperament <b>zimbìlim</b>	thrasing <b>jìbò</b>
ten <b>b̀mbad = m̀bad, d̀ccà</b>	threaten <b>kilkilu</b>
tending animals <b>dawài</b>	three <b>kūnù</b>
termite mound <b>g̀ǹj̀à</b>	thresh <b>cāfu, g̀arū</b>
termite, large <b>ngātlà</b>	throat <b>gurgwadlo</b>
termite, small <b>tàrà</b>	throw <b>bālā, firā</b>
termites, winged <b>firdā</b>	throw away <b>tābu</b>
terrified, be <b>g̀rbā = g̀rbu</b>	throw down <b>nzàbtu</b>
terrify <b>g̀rbātu</b>	throw out <b>tābu</b>
testicles <b>gaiwā = gau'yā</b>	thunder <b>g̀rìn, g̀rig̀rìn</b>
tethering post <b>zinci</b>	Thursday <b>Lām̀s̀wà</b>
thank <b>gōdu</b>	thus <b>bāmi, gidābì, kutì = kicè</b>
that (+ quote) <b>dā = dāyì</b>	tick <b>kuz̀rku</b>
that (one) <b>àm̀bām, am̀bì, àm̀ì, bām̀ù,</b>	tick, cattle <b>g̀rg̀id̀ì</b>
<b>bām = ām</b>	tie <b>yāndu</b>
that (relative conjunction) <b>m̀bandì =</b>	tie knot <b>cìbā</b>
<b>bāndì = māndì</b>	tie tightly <b>d'āgu, d'āmu</b>
that of <b>mā, tà</b>	tie together/a knot <b>nd̀f̀bu</b>
that place <b>fi, fiitā = fiitām</b>	time <b>bò, lōkàcì</b>
thatching needle <b>māni</b>	time (appointed time for) <b>sartù</b>
the <b>fi, fi = 'i, yi = i</b>	time for an event <b>jajim</b>
the (one in question) <b>am̀bì</b>	times (multiplication) <b>kwàrò = kwàràu</b>
theft <b>ciri</b>	tiny <b>d'ildil, linkir, njilkid'i, yid'igai</b>
then <b>aǹì, àsē, jan, sai, watè</b>	tired, be <b>libā</b>
there <b>bìtā, b̀t̀f̀ì, b̀t̀t̀ì, biyì, fi, fiitā =</b>	tiredness <b>libè</b>
<b>fiitām</b>	titles <b>Māl̀um, bilàmà</b> village head
there is (one/some) <b>kākāi, nadì</b>	to <b>à</b>
there is... <b>kā</b>	toad <b>d̀nd̀ì</b>
there it is <b>āmā, am̀ba, am̀bu</b>	tobacco blossom <b>fire</b>
there they are <b>āmā, am̀ba</b>	today <b>ānkuni = ānkun</b>
these <b>anāyām, ayam, 'yam</b>	together <b>filā wad'i</b>
thickness <b>dibìs</b>	tomorrow <b>d'ācì, nyām̀ud</b> three days
thief <b>cìràu = cìrò</b>	after, <b>tēk̀ud</b> two days after

tongs  
 tongue **lūsìn**  
 too **ke, watè**  
 tooth **cìfkindè, ùtù, zhiyom** cuspid,  
 canine  
 top **fīri**  
 tortoise **gwadagōri**  
 tortoise (type) **jànjà bilan**  
 total **dik**  
 touch **lètu = lītu, shàfānu**  
 touch lightly **ràbu**  
 town **jāgo**  
 trace design **yātu**  
 tracing **yā = iyā**  
 trading **jaurā**  
 tradition **ādà**  
 transplant **kā, kinà**  
 transplanting **cài**  
 trap for birds **ndlèbàn**  
 traveling **mārko = mārka, rākin**  
 tray, woven **tābi**  
 tree **bā**  
 tree in town square **gàmàrìm**  
 trees **cāyi**, (see also 'plants', 'grasses')  
**wāwo** *Acacia senegal*, **cāncōli**  
*Acacia sieberiana*, **gùmāwu** *Acacia*  
*sieberiana*, **kūci** *Adansonia digitata*  
 (baobab), **jor** *Afromosia laxiflora*,  
*Dalbergia hostilis*, *Burkea africana*,  
**lon** *Anogneissus leiocarpus*  
 (chewstick tree), **mainà** *Azadirachta*  
*indica* (neem), **àjan** *Balanites*  
*aegyptiaca* (desert date), **ndlārā =**  
**ndārā** *Balsamodendron africanum*;  
*Commiphora africana* (African  
 myrrh), **jìdìbèn mà ndagài** *Bauhinia*  
*rufescens*, **dānā** *Bombax*  
*buonopozense* (kapok), **cirfi**  
*Borassus aethiopum* (deleb palm),  
**bàgai** *Cadaba farinosa*, **maràguwà**  
*Cassia arereh*; *C. sieberana*, **zarì-**  
**zarì** *Cassia arereh*; *C. sieberana*,  
**jinjāli** *Cassia singueana*, **rīmi** *Ceiba*  
*pentandra* (kapok tree, silk cotton  
 tree), **kwākwā** *Cocos nucifera*  
 (coconut), **dàbàyi** *Combretum spp.*,  
**dūjā** *Commiphora kerstingii*;

*Boswellia dalzielii*; *B.odorata*  
 (frankincense tree), **àdlidlibā** *Cordia*  
*africana*, **agayau** *Crateva religiosa*,  
*Clerodendron capitatum*,  
**kāshinmātā** *Crossopteryx febrifuga*  
 (?ordeal tree), **lèfò** *Daniellia oliveric*  
 (opaiba balsam), **tifènò** *Detarium*  
*microcarpum*; *D. senegalense*, **dīli**  
*Diospyros mespiliformis* (ebony),  
**gàyāku** *Faidherbia albida* (winter  
 thorn), **jìdìbi** *Ficus gnaphalocarpa*,  
*F. sycomorus*, **cāyi** *Ficus iteophylla*  
 (fig, parasitic), **ngwàbār** *Ficus*  
*platyphylla* (gutta-percha tree), **dīrmi**  
*Ficus polita*, **cūkūla** *Ficus thonningii*  
 (fig), **gwàgud** *Gardenia erubescens*  
 (quinine tree), **ngùshā** *Gardinia*  
*erubescens* (quinine tree), **dīmdim**  
*Gisekia pharnacioides*, **linkì** *Grewia*  
*mollis*, **gōrifā** *Hyphaene thebaica*  
 (dum palm), **tāni** *Khaya senegalensis*  
 (mahogany), **ngànàn** *Mitragyna*  
*inermis*, **mālūsā** *Nauclea diderrichii*  
 (African peach), **mātāci** *Parkia*  
*biglobosa* (locust bean), **dibinò**  
*Phoenix dactylifera* (date palm),  
**jìdìbèn** *Piliostigma reticulatum* & *P.*  
*thoningii*, **bìjimī** *Prosopis africana*  
 (false locust), **tùnàm** *Pseudocedrela*  
*kotschyii* (dry zone cedar), **jànjà**  
*Pterocarpus erinaceus* (rosewood),  
**gwangwala** *Raphia sudanica* (raffia),  
**ngōniyō** *Sclerocarya birrea*  
 (marula), **sakwābi** *Sterculia setigera*  
 (karaya gum tree), **tālì**  
*Stereospermum kunthianum* (tulip  
 tree), **kwandākù = kwandāk**  
*Strychnos spp.*, **lèlèwà** *Tamarindus*  
*indica* (tamarind with sweet fruits),  
**dāmi** *Tamarindus indica* (tamarind),  
**dàurà** *Terminalia spp.*, **dānci**  
*Vitellaria paradoxa* (shea nut), **dābi**  
*Vitex doniana* (black plum), **āuyō**  
*Ziziphus mauritiana* (jujube), **kurnà**  
*Ziziphus spina-christi* (Christ's thorn)  
 trees (unidentified type) **asuwāni**,  
**bicàu, cillibir, dàbàn'yālì, dàgālā,**

dàrai, dāyi, dīmbirāu, dīrmi tà	uncover àfā
Gwàna, dīwò, gāshākà, gāwùzò,	undependability zugumbāli
gùbi, gùnùm, kun'yūri, kwàkwā,	under far
kwànkwàni, kwàrcò, làli = lōli, lōli	undergo sā
= làli, mbàdlìgò, mbalwàzi,	understand kàlā
mbàryò, tāt tà kwàrò, tirid,	understanding, seek bàrā bò
wùnwun, zìndì	undress fàdu
trembling rinànai	unhaft 'yàltu, 'yàlu
trick dābarā	unhappiness birim mà àko
trick someone bàbātu	unhappy ngirē-ngirè
trickster sāvànà = sāvunā	unmarried person gandē
trip màrko = màrkau	unstable person dàlài mà fàtlàu
trip (stumble) tlābu	untie bàdā
trip up kūrā	until ar = har, sai
troubles būti	up ndagài
troublesomeness kàlè bò	uproot nàku
trough jērē	urine indìn = 'yandìn
trousers yankè	useless būtu
truth jīrè	uvula gùd'uku
tsetse fly kwàtānkwami	
Tuesday Tālātā	
turban fōlo, pōlo	
turkey tàlō-tàlo	
turn around màl'du = màl'yu	
turn by turn bòbō	
turn into màl'du = màl'yu	
turtle (type) jànjà bilan	
tuwo wàdā	
tuwo, plain bam	
tweezers dākem	
twenty àuyā = hàuyā	
twigs cākumò = cākumàu, yàgà	
twin njòni	
twins jangùm	
twist màr'du	
twist rope làmu	
twist two-strand rope làmō = làmau	
two bèlu = fèlu	

## U

ugly disà  
ulcer mērākù  
umbrella làyimà  
unable, be bāru  
uncle càn

## V

vagina fārsi = pārsi  
valley làmpàd'è  
various dāgu-dāgu  
vein dīdā  
vervet monkey bìdò ngirā  
vipér ribi-ribi  
virgin ràbjo = ràbjau  
visitor njārāfu  
voice wùlo = ùlau  
volunteer plant gwazam  
vomit là'yu  
vulture sākìtì  
vulva fārsi = pārsi

## W

waist dībī  
wait dīmu  
wait (for) dīnyu = dīmìtu  
waiting dīmì  
wake up girbā = girbu  
walking ràkin

wall of house <b>bango</b>	wetness <b>shimà, njidò</b>
wall, town <b>bāgò = bāgàu</b>	whack <b>jājāfu</b>
want <b>ndàlo</b>	what <b>miyà, miyāyī</b>
war <b>tùwā</b>	whatever <b>mikē</b>
ward of town <b>càfi</b>	when <b>danāyī, ma = m, na, ye, yē = yà</b>
warm <b>kùdīm</b>	when (question) <b>danà</b>
warm up <b>dīmtu = dīntu, dīnu</b>	whenever <b>fāti wàike</b>
warn <b>kilkilu</b>	where <b>ayè, àyèyī, biyā, ndā</b>
warthog <b>gādu, gùbùsù</b>	wherever <b>yèkē</b>
wash <b>bidu</b>	which (relative) <b>mbandi = bāndi = mādī</b>
wash dishes <b>biràdu</b>	which one <b>wāyām</b>
washing dishes <b>bùràdīm</b>	whichever <b>wàikē</b>
wasp, mud-dauber <b>zinzin</b>	while ago <b>cāwan</b>
watch <b>māyu</b>	whip <b>lakōdi</b>
water <b>àmù</b>	whip (strike w. whip) <b>gùdū</b>
water skin <b>jānjāmiyā</b>	whirlwind <b>māni-māni</b>
water with flour mixed in <b>cālām</b>	whistling <b>fin'yau</b>
water, grain soaked <b>àmù mà cālām = am cālām</b>	white <b>māfe</b>
waterbuck <b>kwāntā</b>	whitish <b>fēdlārè</b>
waterbug <b>lèli-lèli</b>	whitlow <b>fili</b>
watercourse <b>ndār mà àmù</b>	who <b>là, làyī</b>
watering animals <b>jarū</b>	whoever <b>làuke</b>
way <b>gidi</b>	widow <b>jādāwi</b>
weak and loose <b>dlāfdlārò</b>	wife <b>mèndò = mèndāu, mèn</b>
wealth <b>arziiki, bāyā, bìrid</b>	wife who has left her husband <b>agwdù</b>
weapon <b>bārīmè</b>	wife, senior <b>nàntà kwārò</b>
weave <b>cāku, dūkwu, rāyu</b>	wind <b>fifilā = filfilā</b>
weaver bird <b>gùlè</b>	wing <b>bāka</b>
weaver, buffalo <b>dāyā</b>	winnow with a tray <b>bākātu</b>
weaving <b>cākā</b>	winnow with tray <b>tītāku</b>
Wednesday <b>Lārabā</b>	wipe <b>lītānu</b>
weeding <b>rābu</b>	wipe on <b>gāmu</b>
weeding, second <b>rābā</b>	wipe out with finger <b>sādu</b>
week <b>mākù</b>	wit <b>asim = asum = asin</b>
weep <b>zāwā</b>	with <b>kā</b>
weigh <b>cāru = cāryu</b>	wither <b>lānu</b>
weighing <b>cariyā = cari'yā</b>	withhold <b>gicā</b>
well (for water) <b>bāzàn</b>	without <b>mārì</b>
well (good health) <b>bālāk</b>	woman <b>mèndò = mèndāu</b>
well bucket, ring around top <b>damsārè</b>	woman, young <b>rābjo = rābjau</b>
well now <b>watè</b>	wood <b>rèrè</b>
well-bucked <b>kurfi</b>	woodpecker <b>tāgògò</b>
well, abandoned <b>dāndàfò mà bāzàn</b>	word <b>cācā</b>
well, collapsed <b>làu tà bāzàn</b>	work <b>wānò = wānāu</b>
well, temporary <b>mārāmpā</b>	work hard <b>kùrbātu</b>
west <b>gen</b>	work poorly <b>zugùmbāli</b>

work, communal **gànyā**  
 worker **bā wānò**  
 world **bai mālā, dūniyà**  
 worm **nzìfir**  
 worried, be **dāmu**  
 worry **dāmātu**  
 worthlessness **banzā**  
 wrest away **tlàru, shàru**  
 wrestling **wàgā**  
 wring **màrdū**  
 writing board **àllō**

## Y

yard in front of house **cikài**  
 yawning **hākùm**  
 year **àmin = àmun**  
 year, last **fata**  
 year, next **gādàn**  
 year, this **dar'e**  
 yell **dòru**  
 yellow **gìjìr**  
 yes **ò'ò**  
 yesterday **nzàno**  
 youth **bāzin**

## Z

zorilla **kilà-kilà**