

## NWAANYỊ BỤ IFE: ỌRỤ NA ỌNỌDỤ ỤMỤNWAANYỊ N'EMUME ỤFỌDỤ NDI IGBO

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Ahaghị nhatanha jenda na-ebute ọtụtụ ọdachi nyere ọha. Nke a mere na ọ dị oke mkpa na a ga-eso ụzọ ọbula e nwere ike igbaso ihu na e ji otu anya ahụta nwoke na nwaanyị. Ndi Igbo bụ ndi a maara dika ndi na-ebuli nwoke elu kariya nwaanyị. Ọnọdụ a ewetaala ndaghachi azu, mkpagbu na mmegbu nyere ụmụnwaanyị n'ala Igbo. Ndi Igbo bụkwa ndi e ji omenaala chapuru achapu mara. Ha na-esite n'emume di iche iche eziputa nkwenye na nsirihundu ha. E wepu emume ndi gbasara naani ụmụnwaanyị, ụmụ nwoke na-anọ n'isi emume niile a na-emekọta ọnu. Nke a mere na ọrụ ụmụnwaanyị tupu e mewe, mgbe a na-eme na ka e mechara emume ndi a ghara iputa ihe. O dizie ka ọnweghi uru ụmụnwaanyị bara na mmeputa omenaala Igbo. Nchọcha a lebara anya n'ọrụ na ọnọdụ ụmụnwaanyị n'emume Igu Afọ na Iwa Ji n'obodo Ụmueri. Udi nchọcha e mere bụ nke kwolitativ. Usoro nchọcha bụ nke sovee nchoputa n'ihia na e ji naani otu obodo nochite anya ala Igbo. E wetere njiatule site n'ajuju ọnu nakwa isonye n'emume ndi a. A choputara na o nwere ọrụ ndi di oke mkpa ọ bụ naani ụmụnwaanyị na-arụ dika 'ọrụ alusi' nakwa ọnọdụ ụmụnwaanyị na-anọ na ya nke nwere ike imebi ihe maobu butere obodo ọdachi ma ọ buru na a noghi na ya. E kpebiri na emume ndi a agaghị aga nke oma maobu zuo oke ma e wepu ọrụ na ọnọdụ ụmụnwaanyị n'oge emume ndi a. N'ihia ya, nwaanyị di mkpa ma baa uru na mmeputa omenaala Igbo.

**Abstract**

Gender inequality breeds under development and injustice in society. Consequently, it is important that it is tackled from all angles. The Igbo is a patriarchal society. They believe that masculine roles are fundamental and feminine roles are derived. This perception has led to oppression of females in Igbo society. The Igbo are also known for their vibrant culture which are showcased through various festivals. The Igbo celebrate many festivals in commemoration of a god, fore fathers or events. Except in female-centric festivals, men are always at the helm of affairs in other ceremonies. This has made the roles of women before, during and after these ceremonies to be concealed. The paper discussed the roles of women in Igu Afọ and Iwa Ji festivals in Ụmueri town. The type of research done is the qualitative and the research design is the descriptive survey. This is because one town was used to investigate a phenomenon in Igbo society. The tenets of the cultural feminism theory were subscribed to. Data were drawn from interview and participant observation. It was learnt that there are roles only the Igbo females can play in the course of these festivals. These roles are such that if they are not played or observed, the ceremonies will neither hold nor go well. Therefore, women are fundamental in the practice of Igbo culture and should be recognized as such.

**1.1 Ntọala nchọcha**

Nhatanha jenda bụ okwu a kpụ n'ọnu na mba ụwa dum. Nke a bụ maka nsogbu na ọdachi ahaghị nhatanha nwoke na nwaanyị na-ebute n'ọha. Ahaghị nhatanha nwoke na nwaanyị na-ebute mmegbu, mbibi ndu, na ndaghachi azu nyere obodo ọbula. Mmadu ọbula nwere ọrụ ya na uru ọ bara. Ya mere na ihali otu jenda elu kariya ibe ya adighi mma. N'otutu mba tumadi n'ala Igbo, a na-ebuli nwoke elu kariya nwaanyị. E kwenyere na ụmụnwaanyị di mkpa kama ụmụnwoke ka ha baa uru. Nke a mere na a na-eleda ụmụnwaanyị anya n'ọha. (World Economic Forum, 2024). E nweela otutu mgbagha banyere etu ndi Igbo si were ụmụnwaanyị. Ufodu ndi nchọcha kwenyere na ndi Igbo jibu nwaanyị kporo nnukwu ihe tupu obibia ndi ọcha. Ha gbadoro ukwu n'ufodu omenaala Igbo wee kwado echiche ha (Opata, Apeh, Asogwa na Alaku (2021; Emeka-Nwobia, 2021; Egbo, 2021; Nwaoha na Ejiaga, 2022). N'aka nke ozo, ufodu ndi nchọcha kwenyere na site na mmalite, nwoke ka nwaanyị n'echiche na nsirihuwa ndi Igbo (Obi-Nwosu, 2020 ; Ogbodo, Oguejiofor na Aghamelu, 2023). Ka o sila di, omenaala Igbo dika o siri di ugbo a na-akwalị nwoke elu kariya nwaanyị.

Ndi Igbo bụ otu n'ime agburu nari abuo na iri ise mejuputara Naijiria. Ha bụ ndi e ji omenaala chapuru achapu mara. Ndi Igbo bụ ndi nwere otutu emume nke ha na-esite na ha eziputa omenaala na nkwenye

ha. Emume ndi ahụ gunyere; Igu arọ, Iri ji ọhụ, Igba ọfala, Ichi eze, akwamozu na ilu nwaanyi dgz. Etu Igbo si asu n'olu n'olu ka mmemme ha si di iche iche site n'otu obodo ruo obodo ozọ. Obodo ọbụla n'ala Igbo nwere emume ha na-eme nke nwere ike ibu naani ha na-eme ya maobu e nwee obodo ndi ozọ so ha eme ya. Iji maatu, o bu naani obodo ufodu na steeti Anambra na-eme emume igu arọ. Emume bu ihe emereme nke egwu maobu nke nkiri nke a na-eme otu mgbe n'afọ n'otu ebe (Ikokuwu, 2022). A na-eme ya maka iji ziputa odinaala, ikwanyere chi di iche iche na nnanna anyi ugwu na idikonotu mmadu. A na-eweputa otu ubochi ma o bu otu mgbe n'afọ, mgbe ndi mmadu ga-agbakota iji wee nwee onu maka otu omenaala dika iri ji ọhụ, igba ọfala wdg. Ukpokolo, Okoye na Lawuyi (2010), kowara mmemme dika ogbakọ nke ndi mmadu maobu ndi ekpemekpe nke gunyere ihe omume di iche iche dika omenaala ma o bu ogbakọ ndi mmadu dika mmemme ilu nwaanyi. N'ala Igbo, nwaanyi na-abu onye isi emume naani n'emume gbasara naani umu nwaanyi. N'ihe obula jikotara nwoke na nwaanyi n'omenaala Igbo, nwoke na-anọ n'isi. Nke a mere ka oru na onodu umunwaanyi n'emume di iche iche ghara ise elu. Onodu a na-akwado echiche na umunwaanyi abachaghị uru n'oha. Ozokwa, Qhaneze na-eleda oru ndi a umunwaanyi na-arụ anyi nke na-eme ka umunwaanyi na-ahuta mbọ ha na-agba dika ihe adighi mkpa.

Etu o sila di, nwoke na nwaanyi dika aka nri na aka ekpe na-akworita onwe ha. Nwoke choro enyemaaka nwaanyi etu nwaanyi si choo enyemaaka nwoke. N'agbanyeghi na nwoke na-anọ n'isi emume, e nwere oru na onodu o bu naani umunwaanyi ga-arunwu maobu noro tupu emenwue emume. Onodu na oru ndi a bu nke bu na-akwadoghi ya nke oma, ihe emebie. Ya mere na o di mkpa na e lebara anyi n'uru ndi a nwaanyi bara na mmeputa omenaala di iche iche. Ufodu mmadu emelaa nchocha n'oru umunwaanyi na nziputa omenaala Igbo. Jell-Bahlsen (1998) mere nchocha n'oru ndi ezenwaanyi mmiri n'okpukperechi ndi Igbo. Nzegwu (1995) lebara anyi n'oru otu umunwaanyi di iche iche na-arụ n'ala Igbo. Lebeuf (2004) tinyere anyi n'oru umunwaanyi n'ochichi n'ala Igbo. Muonwe (2019), tulere onodu umunwaanyi n'ochichi na ekpemekpe Igbo na etu onodu ndi a nwere ike isi nyere umunwaanyi aka n'isonye n'ochichi Naijiria. Nduka na Ozioma (2019) lebakwara anyi n'oru umu nwaanyi n'okpukperechi dika o si puta ihe n' akwukwo *Things Fall Apart*. Nchocha ndi a tinyere uche ndi mmadu n'etu umunwaanyi na omenaala si emetuta. Ka o sila di, enweghi oru a huru hiwere isi n'oru na onodu umunwaanyi n'emume ndi Igbo. Ndi Igbo na-eme otutu emume mana a ga-eleba anyi naani n'igu afọ na iri ji ọhụ na nchocha a. A ga-eleba anyi na mkpa umu nwaanyi di na nziputa omenaala Igbo ndi a. E nwere otutu obodo mejuputara ala Igbo mana a ga-eji Umuri mee ebe nchocha. Umuri di n'okpuru ochichi Anambra iist n'steeti Anambra.

Nchocha a bara nnukwu uru nye mba uwa dum okachasi umu afọ Igbo, ndi na-amu amumamu jenda nakwa ndi na-asọ mmegbu. O ga-emepe anyi ndi mmadu imata etu ndi Umuri si eme mmemme Igu arọ na Iri ji ọhụ. O ga-emepekwa anyi ndi mmadu n'uru umu nwaanyi bara n'obodo nakwa n'onodu umu nwaanyi n'ikwalite omenaala Igbo. O ga-emepeka ka umu nwaanyi bido hutawa onwe ha ka ndi bara uru na mmeputa na ikwalite omenaala Igbo. O di mkpa ka umu nwaanyi hutawa uru nakwa mputara mbọ niile ha na-agba okachasi mgbe a na-eme emume. Oru a ga-enyere onye obula ga-eme nchocha di etu a aka iji nwee ebe mgbakwasị ukwu mgbe o na-eme nchocha nke ya. O ga-agbakwa umuakwukwo ndi ozọ ume iwere omenaala ndi ozọ e chefuru echefu n'obodo ha wee mee nchocha nke ha.

### 1.3 Mbunuche nchocha

Isi sekpu nti nchocha a bu igosiputa uru umu nwaanyi bara na mmeputa nakwa nkwalite omenaala Igbo. Ebumnuche nchocha a bu;

- i. Ituputa emume ufodu a na-eme n'ala Igbo nakwa mputara ha
- ii. Igosiputa etu ndi Umuri si eme emume ndi a horo
- iii. Iziputa oru na onodu umu nwaanyi mgbe a na-eme emume ndi a n'Umuri
- iv. Ikwu mkpa oru ndi ahụ di na mmeputa emume ndi Igbo.

### 2. Atutu Nchocha

Atutu e hiwere isi na ya na nchocha a bu feminizim nke omenaala. Nke a bu atutu na-eleba anyi na nkwalite na nroghari oru umunwaanyi a na-eleda anyi n'oha okachasi n'obodo ebe nwoke no n'isi. E kwenyere na nwoke na nwaanyi di iche kama e kwesiri ikwanyere nwaanyi ugwu kari. Atutu a na-agba n'anwu oru nlekota, nkwapo na ime udo umunwaanyi na-arụ n'oha nakwa mkpa oru ndi a di na

nkwalite omenaala. Ndị ntuputa echiche a bu Adrienne Rich na Mary Daly. Atutu a putara ihe n'afọ 1970 dika mgbagha radikal feminizim. Ndị radikal feminizim kwuru ka a rogharia oha n'udi nwoke na nwaanyi ga-aha nhatanha mana ndi feminizim omenaala si na nke ahụ gaghi ekwe omume n'ihu na orja maara ahụ anaghi ekwe ngwota. Ha kwuru na ihe ka mma bu ka umunwaanyi buru ugbo aka ha. N'uche ndi ntuputa atutu a, umunwaanyi di ezigbo mkpa n'ikwalite omenaala obodo tumadi na o bu oru umunwoke ka a na-ahukari. Feminizim nke omenaala na-eleba anya etu njirimara umunwaanyi dika nlekota na nkwardo si buru ide ji ulo na mmeputa omenaala. (Hopkins na Serva, 2023; Wolff na Gaytan, 2025). Atutu a ga-enyere aka imezu mbunuche nchocha a.

### 3. Usoro nchocha

Udi nchocha e mere bu nkowa kwolitativ. Nke a bu maka na a horo otu obodo (Umueri) iji nochite anya obodo ndi ozo di n'ala Igbo. Umueri bu nnukwu obodo nke obodo isii mejuputara. Obodo ndi ahụ gunyere; Nneyi, Mgbede, Ogbu, Umuatolu, Ikenga nakwa Umudiana. E ji obodo isii ndi a mee nchocha. E nwetere njiatule site n'igba ndi okenye nakwa ndi maara ihe ekwe na-aku n'omenaala na odinaala ajuju onu. E hiri aka n'anya horo naani ndi ga-enye njiatule ga-adimkpa. A horo Ajie bu onye isi Aro na nwunye ya, Igwe ndi Umueri, Eze Chiben Emeka bu onye isi emume iwa ji na nwunye ya nakwa umunwoke ise na umunwaanyi iri ndi di afọ iri ise wee gbagobe nakwa ndi sonyekwa n'emume ndi a. Ihe kpata e ji horo umunwaanyi kara umunwoke bu maka na nchocha a gbasara umunwaanyi. Odee sonyekwara n'emume ndi a iji hu n'anya oru umunwaanyi ndi a. E ji rekoda, kamera, akwukwo na mkpisi odee kwara ngwa oru. Odee gakwara n'oba akwukwo ma choputa nkowa ndi mmadu maka Igu aro na Iri ji. A gakwara intaneti iji nweta ihe ndi mmadu degoro banyere ha. A na-ajughari ndi a gbara ajuju usa onye ozo nyere iji hu na e nwere nkwekorita n'oru na onodu umunwaanyi n'emume ndi a. E tinyeghi usa ndi nwere mgbagha.

### 4. Oru na onodu umunwaanyi n'emume Igu Afọ

Igu Afọ bu emume a na-eme iji kwu etu ihe ga-esi aga n'obodo n'afọ ohuu. Ndị Igbo kwenyere na afọ obula nwere njirimara, iwu na nso ya. O di mkpa na a maara ihe afọ obula choro ka o wee bute ihe oma. N'ufodu obodo, o bu Igwe obodo na-abu onye isi emume n'obodo ndi ozo, o bu eze mmuo na-anọ n'isi emume (Onuora, 1985). O bu n'emume a ka a na-anọ na ya, kanye ubochi mmemme obula ga-abu n'afọ. Nke a mere e ji akpo ya nguputa kalenda Igbo (Ofomata, 2012). O bu mmemme ichu aja nke a na-eme afọ obula n'obodo di iche iche. Nke a putara na emume igu afọ nwere akuku abuo, nke mmadu na nke mmuo. Iguputa kalenda ya bu etu a ga-esi merube mmemme n'afọ bu nke mmadu. Ijuputa chi na ndi nnanna anyi ha ihe ga-eme n'afọ bu nke mmuo. E meela nchocha banyere igu afọ n'ala Igbo. Imaatu, Nwokoye (2008) mere nchocha banyere igu afọ na Nri. O choputara na o bu emume nwere nnukwu mputara na ndu ndi Igbo. Anazoba (2011) tulere etu e si eme igu afọ n'Oka. O choputara na o bu oru ndi ezinulo Okperi n' obodo Amikwo igu ya bu afọ. Ihe amumamu nka di na ya bu ihe nzuzo nye onye obula, naani ndi a bu ihe maara ihe nzuzo di na ya. O bu nnukwu mmemme nke a na-eme tupu e bido afọ. O bu oge a ka a na-amata oge oru ugbo ji ebido nakwa ihe ndi ozo. Ozioko (2012) mere nchocha n'igu afọ n'ala Igbo. O kowara na ndi Igbo nwere onwa iri na ato na-emejuputa afọ dika o di n' obodo China. Otutu n'ime ha tufukwara onwa ikpeazu - ya bu onwa nke iri na ato. O kowara na afọ Igbo na-ebido n'onwa Februwari. Nchocha ndi a niile tuputara mkpa igu afọ di na ndu ndi Igbo mana o nweghi nke lebere anya n'etu e si eme ya n'Umueri nakwa n'oru na onodu umunwaanyi n'emume a.

#### 4.1 Igu Aro Umueri

Igu aro bu mmemme a na-eme kwa afọ n'Umueri iji hazie etu afọ ahụ ga-esi aga. Onye na-anọ n'isi emume a bu Igwe Aro. Nke a putara na igwe obodo anaghi abu onye isi emume n'igu aro dika o si abu onye isi emume ndi ozo. O bu Maazi Ajieh bu igwe aro Umueri.

Maazi Ajieh (2024), kowara igu aro dika nnukwu mmemme nke mbu a na-eme n'afọ obula tupu e mewe mmemme ozo. O bu mmemme a na-eme iji juo chukwu ka afọ ga-esi di. O bu site na ya ka e si amata ma a ga-enwe ihe niile n'uju, ma a ga-enwe uko nri, uko ego, ma a ga-alu agha, ma a ga-enwe unwu mmadu. O bu mmemme nke ndi Umueri na-eme iji kelee chukwu ma o bu rio ya gbasara ihe ojoo ga-adakwasi obodo. Igu aro dika o di n'obodo Umueri na-ebido n' ubochi Ori kwusi ubochi Nkwọ. O bu ubochi Afọ ka e ji agu aro kpomkwem. Site na mmemme a ka a ga-esi weputa ka afọ ga-esi di, onwa

ole ga-adị n'afọ nakwa izu ole ga-adị n'afọ. Ndị mmadụ na-esi obodo dị iche iche bịa soro mee mmemme a. Mmọnwụ dị che iche si obodo dị iche iche na-abia ụbọchị ahụ a na-eme mmemme igu Aro. (Diboh, 2021; Okadigwe, 2021)

Igu Aro bụ mmemme nke ndị Ụmụeri na-eme. O bụ na mmemme a ka Igwe Aro ji aguputa afọ ọhụrụ nye ndị obodo. O bụkwa n'oge a ka o na aguputa kalenda ọhụrụ. Kalenda ndị Ụmụeri bụ ihe ọnwá iri na abuo (12) mejuputara, nke gunyere;

1. Jenuwari (Onwa iri), o bụ ọnwá e ji agu Aro. O bụ n'ime ọnwá a ka igwe aro ga-ekwu ụbọchị o ga-eme mmemme iguputa afọ ọhụrụ wee nye ọha obodo.
2. Febuwari (Onwa Ntufu), a naghị eji ya eme mmemme ọbụla. O nweghi mmemme omenaala a na-eme n'ọnwá a. Nke a apụtaghị na ndị choro ime mmemme akwamozu agaghị eme ya.
3. Maachi (Onwa Ntufu) a naghị agunye ya n'ọnwá n'ihì na onweghi mmemme omenaala a na-eme n'ime ọnwá a. Ndị Ụmụeri na-ahuta ya dika ọnwá na-abaghị uru.
4. Eprel (Onwa etufusie adoru). O bụ ọnwá e ji eme mmemme idokwe obere chi dị iche iche. Onye ọbụla nwere chi nke ya ga-ebuputa ya ma mere ya mmemme.
5. Mei (Onwa Nge), o bụ oge e ji eri oriri Akwalị. O bụ oge ụmuagboghọ ji eri oriri nke ha.
6. Juun (Onwa Ibo), Onwa mmọnwụ ji agba ebe; ya bụ, ọnwá ndị mmọnwụ ji eri oriri. O bụ n'ime ọnwá a ka ụdị mmọnwụ dị iche iche ji egosiputa onwe ha site n'ime ụdị ihe nkiri nakwa ikpa ndị mmadụ obi uto.
7. Julayi (Onwa Ito), o bụ ọnwá e ji edokwe arusi Ikenga. O bụ oge ezinaulo ọbụla nwere ikenga ga-ebuputa ya ma nye ya nri.
8. Ogosutu (Onwa Ino), o bụ oge e ji eri oriri Opoto. O bụ oge e ji esi nri ako wee na-eri oriri. Mgbe a na-eme mmemme a, onye na-abughị onye Ụmụeri agaghị eso wee mee mmemme a n'ihì na o na-asọ onye ọbịa.
9. Seputemba (Onwa ise), o bụ ọnwá e ji eri oriri Alo Mmuo; ya bụ oge e ji ekele ndị nnanna lara mmuo. Nke a putara na o bụ oge e ji eri oriri iji kelee ndị nnanna maka enyemaka ha n'ebe ndị di ndu no. N'ọnwá a ka e ji eri ji ọhụ.
10. Okutomba (Onwa isii), o bụ oge e ji edokwe Arusi Ali. Arusi a bụ nke di n'Ifite Ụmụeri. O buru na ọnwá isii atuo, ndị Ifite Ụmụeri ga-ebido ime mmemme idokwe arusi Ali.
11. Novemba (Onwa isaa) e ji ya edokwe Arusi Ovia Mmiri. Nke a bụ oge e ji edokwe arusi di n'ohia mmiri n' Ikenga Ụmụeri. A na-eme nke a iji nye ya ekele ruru ya.
12. Disemba (onwa Isato), o bụ ọnwá ndị Ụmụeri ji agba ekeresimesi.

O bụ ụbọchị Orie ka e ji ebido Igu Aro. Ụbọchị Orie, ndị okenye niile nọ n'obodo ga-agbakota ma kwadoo Ajieh (Igwe Aro) ka o wee gaa ogbakọ ya na ndị nnanna na ntakiri chi ndi ozo. Ndị okenye ga-ebute ukpa ma tinye ya ihe akuku ndi a: ji, akpu, ede, oka, okwulu, nduku, unere, ojoko, akidi, agwa, osikapa wdg. Ha ga-etinyere ya ngwa oru dika ogu, mma, wdg. Ha ga-ezipu ya ka o gawa oru mgbe o kuru elekere iri na otu nke abali. O ga-aga koo ugbo ma kunye ihe ndi a niile bn'ala. Mgbe o kusiri ihe akuku ndi a, mmiri ga-ezo n'ebe ahụ ma ihe akuku ndi ahụ ga-etolite ma meputa nri n'abalị ahụ. O ga-ewe ihe akuku niile ahụ ma mara ndi nke mere nri na ndi emeghi nri. O ga-aga ogbakọ ya na ndi mmuo. O bụ n'ogbakọ a ka ndi mmuo ga-agwa ya ihe oma nakwa ihe ojojo ga-adakwasa obodo; ma udo o ga-adị n'obodo ma o bụ na agha ga-ada; ihe kpatara na ihe akuku ahụ metere ma o bụ na ometeghi nri; ma a ga-enwe oke onwu maobu na a gaghi enwe; ma iji o ga-agba na mmiri ma o bụ na o gaghi agba. Ha ga-adu ya odu o ga-adu ndi okenye nakwa umu okorobia. Mgbe ndi mmuo zisiri ya ozi a, ha ga-agwa ya ka o lawa. O ga-alota n'abalị ahụ. Mgbe o latara, o ga-aku ubom iji gosi na o gara na o lotala. O gaghi agwa mmadu obula okwu ruo ubochi Afo.

Ubochi Afo, mmadu niile nakwa ndi niile bjara maka igu aro (ndi si obodo di iche iche wee bja maka igu aro) ga-agbakota n'ama Aro ka ha wee nuru ihe ndi mmuo ziri Igwe Aro ka o zie ha. Mgbe o kuru elekere ato, Igwe Aro ga-aputa ma zie ndi oha obodo ihe ndi mmuo na ndi nnanna ziri ya ka o zie ha. Mgbe o mesiri nke a, oriri na onunu ga-ebido. Igwe Ajieh na nwunye ya tinyekwara ndi nne nwaanyi na ndi nkorobia ga-akuru egwu gaa ama Aro gburugburu. Ndị nwere onyinye ha ga-enye Aro ga-eburu ya buga n'ihu Aro iji kelee ya ma rio ya ihe oma o ga-emere ha. Ubochi Nkwọ, ndi obodo ga-edozi ama Akpalata Nneyi Ụmụeri iji kwadoo maka nnukwu mmemme. O bụ ụbọchị a ka mmọnwụ di iche iche

na-aputa nke gunyere; Izaga, Atụ mmọnwu, Ijele, mmọnwu mbekwu, mmọnwu Ođum, Odogwu mmọnwu, Agbọọ mmọnwu, Awudu, wdg. O bukwa ubochi ndi Arọ meere ihe oma ji abia ma soro wee onu. A ga-esi udi nri di iche iche ma bute mmanya di iche iche. Ajieh ga-ekpekwasala ihe niile ekpere. O kuo elekere anọ nke mgbede, mmemme ga-ebido n'uju. Ubochi Eke bu ubochi na-egosi njedebe igu arọ. O bu ututu ubochi Eke ka nnukwu mmọnwu a na-akpo Ada ga-agba nke na-egosi njedebe mmemme igu arọ. Ada na umu ya ga-agba obodo niile iji gosi na mmemme igu arọ abiala na njedebe. Mgbe e mesiri nke a ka onye obula ga-aga n'ulo ha ma bido letewe ndi obia ha.

#### **4.1.1. Onodu umu nwanyi n'emume igu arọ n'obodo Umueri**

Mgbe a na-eme emume igu arọ n'Umueri, e nwere onodu umu nwaanyi na-anọ nke gunyere ihe ndi ha kwesiri ime na ndi ha ekwesighi ime iji hu na emume gara nke oma. Site n'ajuru onu a gbaara, onodu umunwaanyi n'oge emume igu arọ gunyere:

##### **a. Ino n'ulo**

Oge a na-agu arọ, umu nwaanyi anaghi eje ebe obula iji nwee ohere isi nri nakwa ilekota ezinaulo ha anya. Ha agaghi eje ahia maobu mmemme ozo karia mmemme igu arọ. Ha na-eji oge ahụ enye Chukwu ugwu na nsopuru ru ru ya. Onodu a nwere ike imekpa ha ahụ n'ihu na ufodu n'ime ha nwere ike inwe ebe di mkpa ha choro ije ma ha ga-akagbu maobu kagharia njem ha iji hu na mmemme igu arọ gara nke oma. Nwaanyi nwa ya muru nwa ga-enwe ndidi chere ka e mesie emume tupu o gaa nyere nwa ya.

##### **b. Enweghi mmeko nwoke na nwaanyi**

Oge mmmemme a, onweghi ihe na-ejiko nwaanyi obula na nwoke tumadi di na nwunye. A na-agbara mmeko nwoke na nwaanyi oso dika omenaala igu arọ siri di. A na-edebe ubochi ahụ nsọ. E kwenyere na ezinaulo obula mere ya ga-ebido nwebe nnukwu nsogbu. Nke a na-eme ka nwaanyi nwere aguu ya na di ya idina kpagbue aguu ahụ ma gbaa mbọ wepu obi ya ka o ghara ibutere ezinaulo ya nakwa oha obodo nsogbu.

##### **ch. Nwaanyi nọ na nsọ agaghi aga emume igu afo**

Oge mmemme a, nwaanyi obula nọ na nsọ ya agaghi abia ebe a na-eme mmemme a. onye ahụ ga-anọ n'ulo wee ruo mgbe nsọ ya kwesiri iji gbanahu imeru ala. Ndi Igbo tumadi ndi Umueri kwenyere na mgbe nwaanyi na-ahụ nsọ ya, o na-emefu obara. Ikwafo obara bu nsala n'ihu ya, nwaanyi nọ na nsọ ya anaghi abia mmemme maobu metu ihe a ga-eri maobu nuo aka iji ghara imeru ya. Site n'ajuru onu a gbara, a choputara na umu nwaanyi nọ na nsọ ha na-eli obi hapu ihe nkiri, ihe ikpa obi anuri, atamata, erimeri, anumanu na ihe ndi ozo niile e ji eme mmemme igu arọ maka odimma oha obodo. Cheta na nwaanyi nwere ike izonahu ndi ozo onodu ya ma sonye n'emume ndi a n'agbanyeghi odachi nsonye ya nwere ike ibute. Mana maka o di mma mmadu niile, ndi nọ na nsọ anaghi abia emume igu arọ.

#### **4.1.2 Oru umu nwanyi na-arụ ubochi igu arọ**

E nwere oru umu nwaanyi na-arụ mgbe a na-eme mmemme igu arọ. Oru ndi a bu ndi di nnukwu mkpa n'ihu na o buru na-arughi ya, emume agaghi aga nke oma. O bu naani umu nwaanyi ka oru ndi a diji. Ha gunyere:

##### **a. Ndi nkiri**

E wepu ndi nkiri, emume obula agaghi ekpo oku. O bu ndi nkiri na-eme ka obi di ndi mmeputa mma, site n'ikuru ha aka, nke na-eme ka ha nwee mkpalite mmuo na mmeputa ha. O nweghi onye a gupuru ibia nkiri ma nwoke ma nwaanyi, ndi ntrobia ma umuaka wdg. Umunwaanyi na- eke ekike puru iche ma dozie onwe ha nke oma. Ufodu mmadu na-abia igu arọ Umueri naani ka ha wee kirie umunwaanyi. Ufodu nwoke na-abikwa ichota nwunye maobu enyi nwaanyi. Nke a putara na umunwaanyi bu ndi nkiri na-adota ndi nkiri.

##### **b. Iga Ahia na isi nri**

O bu oru umu nwaanyi iga ahia, izuta ihe niile a ga-eji sie nri. Ihe ndi ahụ gunyere; ji, azu ndu, ewu, okuko, ite, efele, ngazi, akwukwo nri dgz. Mgbe ha zutasiri ihe ndi a, ha ga-eburu ya lawa n'ulo Ajieh, eze arọ, ebe a ga-anọ sie ya. Isi nri oha obodo ga-eri abughi egwu a chi utaba n'aka agba. O na-ewe oge ma buru oru ike ogwugwu. O bughi ihe mmadu niile ga-emenwu. O bu ndi mara esi nri nke oma na-

abịa soro sie nri ahụ. Mgbe ụmụ nwaanyị na-esi nri a, onye ọbụla nwere ọrụ ọ na-arụ, ma ndị na-abacha ji, ndị na-asa ite, ndị na-ebe anụ, ndị na-egbu ọkụkọ dgz. Onye ọbụla ji obi ọcha ya eme nke ya. Ha ga-esi ede ma bupute ya nye ezinaụlọ ha nakwa ndị niile bịara ịgụ aro ka ha rie. Ede a na-egosi ihe akụkụ nke ụmụ nwaanyị nke ha ji obi ọcha ha wee nye aro ka o rie ma nyekwa ha ike ha ga-eji ruo ọrụ nke afo ozo. Ụbọchị mmemme kpọkwem, nwunye Ajieh na ụmụ nwaanyị ga-akurū egwu gaa obodo nile iji gosi obi uto ha nwere. O bu oke na ọrụ dīrī ụmụ nwaanyị ihu na ndi obia na ezinulo nakwazi agbataobi ha rijuru afo ma soro ha nwee ezi onu ubochi ahụ. O nweghi ugwo a na-akwu umunwaanyị ndi a maka ọrụ ha.

#### ch. Nkpocha na nzacha ulo Aro

O bu oke na ọrụ ụmụ nwaanyị ihu na okwu Aro na-adị ọcha. N'ututu ụbọchị a na-agu aro, ha ga-ekuru mmiri sachaa ulo niile ma were aziza zachasia ebe niile ma mee ka ebe niile di ọcha. A na-akpo umunwanyị na-ehicha okwu ro, 'ndi ọrụ arusi'. Ha na-eyi akwa ọcha elu na ala. Ndi a bu ndi weputarala onwe ha n'ijere na igbara arusi odibo site n'ime ka ulo arusi ahụ na-adị ọcha mgbe niile. Onye obula no n'otu a ga-abu onye aka ya di ọcha n'ihe ojoo niile. Arusi putara alu na nsọ nke bu na onye obula adighi nsọ agaghị abia ebe ahụ maobu rie ihe obula si ebe ahụ. Nwaanyị obula no na di nwere ohere ibanye n'otu a. Ma ndi bira di ma ndi nwaada na-abanye n'otu a. O nweghi ndi maobu onye na-abanye na ya iche kama onye obula nwere mmasi na ya ga -abanye. Onye obula choro ibanye na ya ga-ebute ji, okuko na mm anya bunye onye isi ha. Mgbe o mesiri nke a, ha ga-anabata ya n'uju. O bu naani onye rugoro afo iri ise gbagobe na-abanye n'otu a. N'ubochi emume igu aro, ndi ọrụ arusi ga-etinye nnukwu nzu na ego n'okwa bugara Igwe Ajieh ka o were kpeere ha ekpere ma gooro ha ofo ndu.

#### d. Ikwado Igwe Aro

Nwunye Ajieh na-enye ya ezi nkwaado site n'igwa ya gawa na o kwu ya n'azu. O na-enyere ya aka site n'ikpota ndi ga-esiri ha nri ma zuta ihe a ga-eji sie ya bu nri. N'ubochi nke mbu n' emume igu aro, o ga-eyi akwa ọcha iji gosi na o kwado di ya na mmemme ahụ. O ga-akurū egwu gaa obodo niile ma bata n'obu ka di ya gozie ya. Nkwado nwunye Ajieh na-enye ya di mkpa. O buru na nwunye ya enyewe ya nsogbu maobu okwunuka n'oge emume a, uche ya agaghị adi n'ihe o na-eme nke ga-emetuta ihe a na-eme. Nwunye Ajieh na-ejide obi ya aka, nagide ihe niile di ya mere ya n'oge ahụ iji hu na mmuo di ya kpakolatara onu. Ozokwa, oge Ajieh si nzuko ya na ndi mmuo lota, ya na mmadu anaghị ekwuko okwu rue ubochi emume igu aro. O bu nwunye Ajieh ga-agwa ndi chotara di ya onodu ya. O gakwa enyere aka gboo mkpa ndi o ga-egbonwu.

#### 4.2 Ọrụ na onodu umunwaanyị n'emume Iri/iwa ji

Iri maobu iwa ji bu mmemme a na-eme iji gosi obi uto nye ji ohuru e guputara. O bu oge e ji ekele chukwu maka ihe ala meputara. Okafo, Osuji na Uwakwe (2009), kowara na iwa ji bu oke mmemme ndi Igbo na-eme kwa afo. O bu mmemme a na-eme iji kelee Ala maobu Ahiajoku (chi na-ahụ maka ji) rijokwa ya ka o kwe ka e rie ji ohu n'udo. Obodo di iche iche na-akpo ya aha di iche iche n'ihu na mba na-asu n'olu n'olu. N'obodo ufodu, o bu eze mmuo maobu eze na-achi obodo ga-aka ubochi a ga-eri ji ohu mana o ga-adabariri n'ime onwa asato na kalenda ndi Igbo. Ndi Igbo nwere ahia anọ-Eke, Orie, Afo na Nkwọ. Obodo di iche iche na-eri ji ohu ubochi ahia nke ha. N'iji mee emume a, eze obodo maobu eze mmuo ga-ahụ ji. Ogbonna (2019), kowara na e nwere otutu aha di iche iche a na-akpo ya dika, ike ji, iwa ji ma o bu iri ji n'obodo ufodu n'ala Igbo. O bu mmemme a na-eme otu mgbe n'afo. A na-eme ya dika omenala ndi siri di. Ji bu nnukwu nri/ihe akuku kachasi di mkpa kari ndi ozo. Iri ji bu nnukwu mmemme nke na-egosi oke mkpa maobu uru ji bara onye obula. O bu omenaala noterala aka ka mmadu. A na-emekari ya n'agbata onwa Ogosutu ruo Okutoba dika obodo obula siri kwekorita. (Okoro, 2011; Okafor, 2017)

##### 4.2.1 Iri Ji ohu n' Umuri

Nwora (2024), kowara mmemme iri ji ohu dika mmemme a na-eme n'onwa ise (Septemba), o bu ọrụ Onowu Umuri ikwu ubochi oha obodo ga-eri ji ohu. Tupu e bido emume iri ji, Onowu ga-ebu uto kpoo ndi dibia afa ka ha gbaara ya afa maka iri ji ohu, ma ihe o ga-agakwa n'udo ma a ga-enwe nsogbu. Afa gaa nke oma, Onowu ga-etinye ubochi o ga-eri ji nke ya. O bu Onowu richaa nke ya ka oha obodo ga-eri nke ha. Ihe ndi e ji eme emume iri ji ohu n'Umuri gunyere: ji, mm anya, azu ndu, oji dgz. N'isi ututu ubochi emume, a ga-agba mkponaala iji gosi na ubochi a kara aka erula. Ndi mmadu n'obodo

Umueri gbaa gburugburu ga-ebido njikere maka mmemme ahụ. Ndị egwu a choro maka mmemme a ga-ebido kuwa egwu iji mee ka ndi mmadu mara na mmemme ebidola. Mgbe o kuru elekere iri na abuo nke ututu, Onowu, Eze obodo na ndi niile e chiri echichi ga-abanye n'ebe a kwadoro n'obi Onowu maka imezu omenaala iri ji. Mgbe oge ruru, ndi oje ozi ga-ebuputawa ji a huru n'oku na mmanu akwu nke a ga-eji rie ji ahụ. Onowu na ndi otu ya ga-ebili kpee ekpere ma tuo nzu. Mgbe ha mesiri nke a, Onowu ga-ewere mma waa ji ahụ. Onowu ga-ewere ibe ji ahụ sute na mmanu wee rie ya. Ka o risiri ya, a ga-ebu uzọ nye ndi niile chiri echichi tupu enye mmadu ozo. Mgbe e risiri ji, Onowu ga-ebili oto ma kwuo ubochi mmadu niile ga-eme emume nke ha. Ka nke a gasiri, ndi egwu ekpili ga-ebido tiwe egwu nke o bu naani ndi chiri echichi ga-agba. Mgbe ha gbasiri egwu, mmnwu di iche iche dika Ogolo, Awudu, Ijele, Atu d.g.z. ga-aputawa. Ndị egwu di iche iche ga-ebido kuwa egwu. Mgbe chi jiri, ezinaulo obula ga-ala bido kwadobe ihe ha ga-eji mee mmemme nke ha.

Mgbe ubochi nke oha obodo ruru, o naghị ekpo oku ka nke Onowu n'ihia na o bu n'ime obodo nakwa n'ime ezinaulo ka a na-eme ya. Ofe nsala na nri ji bu nri ndi Umueri ji eme mmemme iri ji ohu. O buru na Onowu nakwa obodo niile emesia emume a, onye obula ga-ebido zutawa ji n'ahia ma riwe ji n'ihia na emume a bu imeghetu onu uzọ maka iri ji ohu maka na o nweghi onye ga-azuta maobu rie ji ma e meghi emume iri ji. Ndị Umueri kwenyere na o buru na mmadu erie ji mgbe e meghi emume iri ji ohu, onye ahụ ga-anwu ma o bu bido nwebe nsogbu. Emume a na-enye onye obula owuwe anya na a harala ji ohu nyefee n'aka chukwu.

#### **4.4 Onodu umu nwanyi n'emume iri ji ohu n'obodo Umueri**

O nweghi onodu puru iche umunwaanyi na-anọ n'emume iri ji ohu. Emume a bu nke na-enweghi oke iwu nyere nwaanyi maobu nwoke. O bukwu otu ubochi ka a na-eme ya. Ya mere na a naghị enwe oke mmekpa ahụ nyere onye obula. Onodu erighi iji ohu ganye na a waa ji jibidoro onye obula. Ufodu mmadu na-anọ n'agwu n'agbanyeghi na ha nwere ji ohu maka na e ribeghi ji ohu.

##### **4.4.1 Oru umu nwanyi n'emume iri ji ohu n'obodo Umueri**

Udemgba (2024), kwara na mgbe a na-eme emume iri ji ohu, na o bu umu nwaanyi kacha aru nnukwu oru kacha sie ike na mmemme ahụ. O bu naani umu nwaanyi ka oru ndi ahụ diiri. Oru ndi ahụ gunyere:

##### **a. Nkwado maka emume**

O bu oru umu nwaanyi ihu na ezinaulo ha so ibe ha rie ji ohu. N' ezinaulo na-ebi nke oma, o bu nwoke na-enweta ji a ga-eri. Nwoke ga-enyekwa nwaanyi ego o ga-eji zuta ihe a ga-eji mee mmemme iri ji ohu. Mana n'ezinulo nwoke anaghị aru oru ya maobu anoghi, nwaanyi ga-aruputa maobu zuta ji ya na ezinulo ya ga-eji mee emume iri ji ohu. O ga-azutakwa ihe ndi ozo niile a ga-eji mee mmemme. Isi nri na ileta ndi obia bu oru diiri nwaanyi. O buru na ezinulo emeghi emume iri ji nke oma, uta na-adiri nwaanyi.

N'ogo oha, umunwaanyi na-enye aka na nzacha na mkpocha ebe emume. Ha ga-eji mmiri na ncha wee hichaa ebe niile ma mee ya ka o di ocha. Ha na-akpachapu anya hu na ihe niile di ebe o kwesiri idi. Ha ga-eji ncha na mmiri sachaa oche niile na tebul niile. Ha ga-eji ugu bochaa ahijia ndi di obere ma were mma suchaa ndi nnukwu di na gburugburu ulo Onowu. O bukwu oru umu nwanyi iji akwa nakwa ihe niile e ji achọ mma wee choo ebe a kwadoro ino mee mmemme iri ji mma. Mgbe ha na-eme nke a, ha na-eji udi akwa ucha ya di mma nakwa omu nkwu, okpu ata, akwa isi agu nakwa ihe ndi ozo a na-eji eme omenaala wee choo obi Onowu mma. Umu nwaanyi na-ahazi ebe niile n'ogo n'ogo n'ihia na ndi ji ego nakwa ndi e chiri echichi na-enwecha onodu n'otu, n'otu.

##### **b. Igba egwu**

Umu nwaanyi na-ewere onodu dika ndi na-agba egwu n'ihia na ha ga-agbara mmadu niile egwu iji wee kpalite obi oto nye mmadu niile, ma ndi obia ma ndi obodo. Mgbe ha na-agba egwu, o ga-eme ka ndi mmadu chefue ihe mgbu nakwa ihe nchekasi ha ma nwee obi oto. O bu umu nwaanyi a zuru azu n'igba egwu na-aputa igba egwu ma burukwa ndi mara mma nke ukwu. Otutu umu agboghọ na-esi n'igba egwu nweta di ga-ahu ha bu onye ha na ya ga-ebi ma wube ezinaulo nke ha.

**ch. Ndi nkiri**

Emereme ọbụla enweghị ndị nkiri ezughị oke. Ụmụnwaanyị na-eso na ndị nkiri n'emume iri ji ọhụ. Ha na-akụ aka na-achị ọchị nke na-eme ka mmemme na-ekpo ọkụ.

**5. Nchịkọta**

Ndi Igbo na-ebuli nwoke elu karịa nwaanyị. Ha kwenyere na o nwere ọrụ bu nke nwoke nwekwa nke bu nke nwaanyị. N'uche ha, ọrụ nwoke kacha di mkpa. Ndi Igbo nwere emume di iche iche nke ha si na ha eziputa nkwenye na nsirihundu ha. Igu afo na Iri ji ọhụ so n'emume ndi Igbo. Obodo di iche iche nwere usoro ha na-agbaso eme emume nke ha. E ji Ụmụeri nochite anya obodo mejuputara ala Igbo ma tulee ọrụ na ọndu ụmụnwaanyị n'emume ndi Igbo. E nwetere njiatule site n'ajujọ. Ụmụnwaanyị di nnukwu mkpa na mmeputa omenaala Igbo. N'Igu Afo, ụmụnwaanyị nwere ọndu ha na-anọ na ya. Ọndu ndi a bu nke na-emekpa ha ahụ. O bu iwu na ha ga-anọ n'ọndu ndi a ka emume igu arọ wee gaa nke oma. Ha na-arukwa ọrụ nke o bu naani ha ga-arụ dika ọrụ 'ndi akwa ọcha'. N'Iri ji ọhụ, enweghị ọndu puru iche ụmụnwaanyị na-anọ na ya. Ọndu erighi ji ọhụ ganye na e mee emume iri ji ọhụ bu nke ọha obodo niile na-anọ. Mana e nwere ọrụ puru iche ha na-arụ nke bu ma arughị ya, ihe e mebie dika ikwado emume, isi nri dgz.

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NDỊ A GBARA AJUJU ỌNỤ

| S/N | Aha                              | Afọ ole ọ dị | Akaorụ                    | Ụbọchị a gbara ya ajuju ọnụ |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | H.R.M. Igwe Chiben Emeka         | -            | Igwe Okebo II, Ụmụeri     | 31/1/2024                   |
| 2   | Nnazoba K. Uchenna (Maazi Ajieh) | 38           | Igwe Arọ Ụmụeri           | 31/12/2024                  |
| 5   | Maazi Ateli Paul                 | 75           | Ọru ugbo                  | 1/01/2025                   |
| 6   | Maazi Akwuba U.                  | 68           | Injinia                   | 1/01/2025                   |
| 7   | Maazi Okafor C. G.               | 85           | Ọru ugbo                  | 1/0/2025                    |
| 8   | Ocheze Chinwe Emeka              | -            | Nwunye Igwe               | 08/02/2025                  |
| 9   | Odzk.Ekwutosi Mmaduneme          | 84           | Ọru ugbo                  | 02/01/2025                  |
| 10  | Odzk.Ivenkili Udeanyinya         | 54           | Ọrụ Alusi                 | 9/2/2025                    |
| 11  | Odzk Nwokwute Dibuo              | 67           | Ọru Alusi                 | 08/02/2025                  |
| 12  | Odzk Emengini Udakor             | 70           | Ọrụ Alusi                 | 02/02/2025                  |
| 13  | Odzk.Egonekwu AKwuba             | 59           | Ọru ugbo                  | 10/2/2025                   |
| 14. | Odzk. Ngozi Nnazoba              | 29           | Nwunye Ajieh              | 10/2/2025                   |
| 15  | Odzk. Mbanugo Anijah             | 73           | Onye nkuzi narala ụla nka | 02/02/2025                  |
| 16  | Odzk. Akala Ikeli                | 63           | Mgbere                    | 02/02/2025                  |
| 17  | Odzk.Adaba Ogugua                | 56           | Mgbere                    | 8/02/2025                   |