

## Ekele Dika O Si Metùta Olundì Ndì Eha-Amufu

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### Ùmjedemede:

*Ekele bụ ihe dị oke mkpa na ndụ mmadụ, ma karịsịa na ndụ ndị Igbo. Ndị Igbo adighị eme ihe ọbụla ghara ibu ụzọ kwee ekele. Oge na ihe niile a na-eme eme na ndụ ndị Igbo nwere ụdị ekele ha na ya na-agakọ. Inye ekele kwesiri maka oge na onodu ọbụla na-emegehe ụzọ mmekorita n'etiti onye Igbo na ibe ya. Ekele na ndụ ndị Igbo enweghi onye e meweere ya. Kama ọ bụ ihe a turu anya na nwata ga-ebu ụzọ enye okenye ekele. Etu ọ di, nwata na-ekele okenye, okenye na-ekele kwa nwata. Etu e si ekele ekele na okwu ndi e ji eziputa ekele adighi abucha otu n'olundi niile di n'ala Igbo. Otutu ngwakorita na mmepe di n'obodo e nwekwalanu mmetuta ojojo n'ebe ekele ndi Igbo di. O bu nke a mere ebumnobi nchocha a ji buru ileba anya, ichoputa na idetu ekele di ichiiche e nwere n'Igbo karisia n'olundi Eha-Amufu ka e wee nwe ike ichekwa ha maka oge na agburu no n'ihu. Omenchocha gbadoro ukwu na nghota o nwere n'asusu Igbo ya na olundi Eha-Amufu tinyekwara ihe ndi o nwetara site n'aka ndi o gbara ajujuronu na n'ufodu akwukwo ogugu ndi di mkpa iji nweta ihe o ji mee nchocha a. Ihe a choputa na-egosi na otutu ndi ntorobia amaghi umu ekele okpu ndi e nwere n'Eha-Amufu ebe ufodu ndi makwaranu ha achoghizi idi na-ekele ekele ndi ahụ. Omenchocha na-ekwu na o di mkpa ka edetuo ekele ndi a ka ha ghara ifu efu ka ogbo na-abia n'ihu wee nwe ike imata ha.*

**Okpurukpu okwu:** ekele, ndi Igbo, okenye na olundi.

### Mkpolite

Ekele bụ ihe dị oke mkpa na ndụ mmadụ karịsịa na ndụ ndị Igbo. Dika Nilsson<sup>1</sup> na ibe siri kọwa, “ekele bụ ihe zuru mba niile onu, n'agbanyeghi afo ole mmadu gbara, abumnwoke maobu nwaanyi, mba maobu mpaghara, otutu n'ime anyi na ndi mmadu ozọ na-ekwerite ekele kwa ubochi”. Otutu mgbe, ọ bụ ekele ka a na-eji emeghe ụzọ mmekorita na mkparitauka. N'ihi ya, ndi Igbo adighi eme ihe ọbụla ghara ibu ụzọ kwee ekele. Oge na ihe niile a na-eme eme na ndụ ndi

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Igbo nwere ụdị ekele ha na ya na-agako. Ihe nke a putara bu na ndi Igbo na-ekwe ekele ugboro ugboro n'ubochi. O bu ya mere Ubesie <sup>2</sup> jiri kowa na onye Igbo na-ekwe ekele n'ubochi karia ugboro ole o na-anu mmiri. Inye ekele kwesiri maka oge na onodu obula na-emeghe uzo mmekorita n'etiti onye Igbo na ibe ya. O na-egosikwa ezi nghota nye asusu na ekele ndi Igbo. Ekele na ndu ndi Igbo enweghi onye e mewere ya. Kama o bu ihe a turu anya na nwata ga-ebu uzo enye okenye ekele. Etu o di, nwata na-ekwe okenye, okenye na-ekwekwara nwata. N'ihu n'oge na onodu di ichiiche nwere ekele kwesiri ha, Igbo nweregasiri okwu di ichiiche ndi ha ji eziputa ekele ha mana okwu ndi a adighi abu otu n'olundi niile. Dika o si gbasata ekele oge, Ofomata <sup>3</sup> kowara na "tupu onye Igbo obula alakpuo ura n'abalị, o na-ekwe ndi ha na ya no ekele ma sikwa ha ka chifonu, boonu chi, ka abali chebe anyi, rahunu ura nke oma. Onye Igbo rahuchaa ura teta, o na-ekwe ndi niile no ya nso site n'isi ha, unu aboola chi, unu rahukwara nke oma, unu putakwara ura". N'otu aka ahụ, ndi Igbo nwere ekele nye onye njem, onye ahia, onye oru, onye nririanria na otutu onodu ndi ozo. N'uche Nwoye<sup>4</sup> ekele dika ihe e ji mara ndi n'etiti ndi Igbo nwere ufodu ihe ndi na-emetuta ya. Ihe ndi ahụ bu ihe dika afọ ole mmadu gbara, abum nwoke maobu nwaanyi, ya na onodu maobu udi mmekorita di n'etiti ndi na-akparita uka. N'ihu n'Igbo na-asu n'olu n'ole, etu e si ekele ekele ndi a na okwu ndi e ji eziputa ekele ndi a adighi abucha otu n'olundi niile di n'ala Igbo. Olundi di ichiiche nwere ka ha si eziputa ekele nke ha. Iji kwado nke a, Osuagwu<sup>5</sup> kwuru si na 'ndi Igbo nwere ekele di iche iche ha na-ekwe n'oge dikwa iche iche. N'otu aka ahụ e nwekwara olu ekele di iche iche di ka okwa mba si ebe n'olu n'olu'. A si ka a tulewe etu e si eziputa ekele n'olundi niile di n'ala Igbo na nchocha a, ohere na oge agaghị ezucha. N'ihu ya, nchocha a ga-eleba anya n'ekwe ndi Eha-Amufu nke bu otu n'otutu olundi e nwere n'ala Igbo.

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### Ndị Bụ Ndị Eha-Amufu

Eha-amufu bụ otu n'ime obodo e nwere n'ala Igbo. Ọ dikwa n'okpuru ọchịchị Isi-Uzo. Dika ọtụtụ obodo dị n'ala Igbo, ndị Eha-Amufu na-asụ Igbo izugbe ma nwekwa olundị ha nke a na-akpọ olundị Eha-Amufu. Na nkewa Nwaozuzu<sup>6</sup> mere, olundị Eha-Amufu dabanyere n'olundị ndị e nwere n'akụkụ Mgbagougwu n'ala Igbo nke ọ kpọro n'asụsụ Beeke **Northern Group of Dialects**.

### Ekele n'Eha-Amufu

Dịka o si metụta ekele n'Eha-Amufu, ha nwere okwu dị ichiiche ha ji ezipụta ekele ha na abụchaghị kpomkwem otu e si eziputa ekele ndị ahụ n'Igbo izegbu. Ọzọ dika ibe ya kwesiri ka a rụtụ aka banyere ekele n'olundị Eha-Amufu bụ n'ụfọdụ ekele ndị e nwere n'Eha-Amufu na-egosi oke na nne. Ya bụ na e nwere ụfọdụ ekele ndị bụ naani nwoke ka a na-ekele ha nwere ndị bụ naani nwaanyi ka a na-ekele ha. Mana ihe kacha mkpa bụ n'oge na ọnọdụ dị ichiiche nwere ekele nke ha kpomkwem.

### Ihe E Derela Gbasara Ekele

E nwere ọtụtụ nchọchọ e merela n'ihe gbasara ekele n'asụsụ dị ichiiche nke asụsụ Igbo bụ otu n'ime ha. Nchọcha ndi a tulere ekele site n'akụkụ dị ichiiche. Nwoye (1993) na nchọcha ya tulere ekele ndị Igbo. Ebumnobi nchọcha ya dị abụọ. Ha bụ igosiputa ụdị ekele e nwegasiri n'Igbo ya na igosi ọnọdụ ekele ndị a nọ n'usoro mkpakọrịta n'etiti ndị Igbo. Site na nchọcha ya, o mere ka a mata n'ihe e ji eziputa ekele na ndụ ndị Igbo bụ okwu ọny. Na ekele na-aputa ihe dika usoro mkparịtaụka ma na-egosikwa ogogo nghota onye nwere banyere usoro obibindu obodo nabatara. O kwukwara na ọ na-egosi ụdị mmekọrịta dị n'etiti ndị ahụ na-akparịtaụka. N'ilabaanya n'ihe gbasara ekele, Duranti<sup>7</sup> tulere njirimara ekele ndị bụ ozurumbaonụ na ndị gbasara otu ogbe maobu omenala (Samoan). Site n'ihe ndị e deerela banyere ekele ndị ọ tulere, Duranti weputara ihe isii ọ

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si na e nwere ike iji a mata ihe bu ekele n'asusu obodo niile. Site n'igbado ukwu na ihe ndi ahụ, o weputakwarā udi ekele anọ o chọputara n'asusu Samoan bu asusu o tulere. Chamo<sup>8</sup> n'aka nke ya tulerikotara ekele ndi Awusa na nke ndi Bekee. Ebumnobi nchocha ya bu itule ukpuru maobu usoro ekele n'asusu abuo ndi a n'ihi na o bu aghotaghi usoro na ukpuru ndi a na-eweta nghotahie na enweghi ezi mkpa ita n'etiti ndi na-asu asusu Awusa na asusu Beeke. Nilsson (2020) na ibe n'isiokwu ha kporo "Gini di n'ekele" tulere ihe ekele putara nye ndi Sweden-Swedish na Finland-Swedish. Na nchocha ha, ha lebara anya ma tulerikota etu e si ekele ekele n'etiti ndi oru na ndi ahia na-amatachabeghi onwe ha nke oma dika e si ziputa ya n'oru ndeko odiyo na vidiyo di otu puku na iri iteghete na asaa ha tulere. Ebumnobi nchocha ha bu, itinye nke ha n'ihe ndi achoputarala banyere ndiche ndi a na-enwe n'etu e si eji asusu aru oru na onodu di ichiiche site n'ileba anya n'otu afọ ole a gbara, abumnwoke maobu nwaanyi, oru onye otu (participant role), usoro (medium) na ebe (venue) si emetu ka ndi na-ekwu okwu si ahoro ekele ha. Nchoputa gosiri n'ihe ndi ahụ niile a kporo aha n'elu na-emetuta nhorọ okwu a na-eji ekele ekele. Ihe ozọ putara ihe site na nchocha a na-emetuta nhorọ okwu e ji ekele ekele bu udi mmeko maobu etu ndi na-akparita uka si madobe onwe ha. Udeagha<sup>9</sup> na nchocha nke ya lebara anya n'uru ekele bara n'odinala ndi Igbo. O kowara n'ekele bu ihe di okputorokpu n'odinala ndi Igbo ma burukwa ihe a na-agaghi ewezuganwu n'etiti ndi Igbo. Kama o bu ihe ha na-eme ka o si n'aka otu ogbo ruo ogbo ozọ aka. N'uche ya, ekele bu uzọ nke mbu e si akuzi asusu na omenala Igbo ma burukwa uzọ nke mbu ndi Igbo ji eziputa omenala ha mgbe obula ha huru onwe ha. Iji gosiputa uru ekele bara n'odinala ndi Igbo, Udeagha mere ka a mata na: (i). ekele na-enye aka ime ka o diri umuaka Igbo mfe ighota ihe bu ukpuru a nabatara n'omenala Igbo. (ii). O na-enye aka ikwalite adimnotu na mmuo imeko ihe onu n'etiti ndi Igbo. (iii). O na-enye aka ime ka ndi mmadu mata ihe ndi a nabatara n'obodo ma si etu ahụ webata ihe ndi ga-eme ka obodo na-aga n'ihu. (iv). Na nzuko di

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ichiiche, ekele na-enye aka ime ka e nwe udo na ezi mkparịta ụka n'ihu na mgbe onye choro ikwu okwu kelere oha obodo, ha niile ga-anodu nwayo, ma gee nti ka ha wee mata ihe onye kelere ekele choro ikwu. (v). Ikele ekele na e wetere mmadu ngozi site n'aka Chineke, ndi nnanna anyi ha nakwa ndi okenye. Ihe ndi a n'otutu ndi ozo bu uru ndi Udeagha (2020) choputara ekele bara n'odinala ndi Igbo. O gakwara n'ihu ma deputa ufodu ekele ndi Igbo n'ekele n'onodu di ichiiche. Nchocha niile e meerela n'ekele nke omenchocha nke a huru gbadoro ukwu n'ekele ndi e nwere n'Igbo izugbe maobu n'asusu ndi ozo dika asusu Yoruba, asusu Bekee na asusu ndi ozoga. O nwebeghi nchocha ndi e mere n'olundi ndi e nwegasiri n'asusu Igbo karisia n'olundi Eha-Amufu. Nke a mere omenchocha a jiri horo ilebeanya n'ekele n' di ka o si metuta olundi Eha-Amufu na nchocha nke a.

### **Usoro Orunchocha**

N'oru nchocha a, omenchocha gbadoro ukwu n'omumu na nghota o nwere n'asusu na omenala Igbo ya na olundi Eha-Amufu tinyekwara ihe ndi o nwetara site n'aka ndi o gbara ajujuronu na n'ufodu akwukwo ogugu ndi di mkpa iji nweta ihe o ji mee nchocha a. Ndi a gbara ajujuronu di mmadu iri nke ndi mejuputara ya bu umunwoke ise na umunwaanyi ise. N'ime mmadu iri a, ndi okenye ndi gbara bido n'afu iri ise gbagobe di ise ebe mmadu ise ndi foro gbara bido n'afu iri abuo ruo n'afu iri ise. Ihe kpatara nke a bu n'omeenchocha choro ichoputa ekele okpu ndi e nwere n'Eha-Amufu ya na etu umuaka na ndi ntorobia obodo a si matadobe ekele ndi a. N'ime ihe niile ndia, ekele a choputara di iri ato na abuo (32). A tulere ma kowa ekele ndi achoputara n'okpuru okpurukpu isiokwu abuo bu (i) ekele enwe oge na (ii) ekele nwere oge.

### **Ntosasi**

N'ebe a, a ga-edeputa ma tosa ekele di ichiiche a choputara n'Eha-Amufu. Iji mee nke a, a ga-eleba ekele ndi a anya site n'itule ha n'okpuru okpurukpu isiokwu abuo bu ekele e nwe oge

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(time-free greetings) na ekele nwere oge (time-bound greetings). N'okpuru okpurukpu isiokwu abụọ ndị a, a ga-enwe ụmụ isiokwu ndị ọzọ diga ichiiche na-eziputa oge na ọnọdụ ebe ha na-aputa ihe kpomkwem.

### **Ekele ndị Eha-Amufu**

**(i). Ekele e nwe oge:** Ekele ndị a ga-elebe anya n'ebe a bụ ekele ndi e nwere ike ikele oge niile na n'ubochi niile.

**(a). *Ookę* (greetings (male)):** *Ookę* bụ ekele okpu ndi Eha-Amufu nwere. Ekele a na-aputa dika nkwa. O bu naani nwoke ka a na-enye ekele nke a n'Eha-Amufu. O bukwanu ekele mmadu na-enye nwoke bu ya okenye. Ya bu onye toro ya ato. Ekele a enweghi oge. Mmadu nwere ike ikele ekele a mgbe obula malite n'ututu ruo n'abali. Mgbe obula mmadu zutere okenye nwoke, o bu ya bu ekele o kwesiri inye nwoke ahụ. O bukwa nke a ga-emehe uzọ maka ekele na iju oha(ase) ndi ozọ na-esote mgbe mmadu naabọ zutara onwe ha. Ma n'oge ugbu a, ikele ekele a lala azu n'ihio otutu ndi ntorobia na umuaka Eha-Amufu amaghizi maka ekele a.

**(b). *Nnwee* (greetings (female)):** *Nnwee* bụ ekele okpu ozọ e nwere n'Eha-Amufu. O na-aputakwa dika nkwa. O bu naani ndi nwaanyi ka a na-ekele *nnwee*. E nweghi ike ikele nwoke ekele a. *Nnwee* dika e kwuru n'elu, e nweghi oge ya bu na o bu ekele enwe oge. O bu ya bu ekele a na-ekele nwaanyi n'Eha-Amufu oge niile n'ubochi niile.

**(ch). *I/unu meru ekaa/I mee ekaa/unu e mee ekaa?* (how do you do?):** Nke a bụ ekele enwe oge ozọ e nwere n'Eha-Amufu. Ekele nke a na-aputa dika ajuju. Ihe a na-ejikari ya eme bu iju oha/ase ya na igosi obiuto mmadu nwere n'ihu onye ahụ o na-ekele. Otutu mgbe, o na-abu mgbe e kwechara ekele nke mbu ahụ bu *ookę* maobu *nnwee* ka ekele nke a na-abia n'udi iju ase/oha ji esote. A na-ekele ma nwoke ma nwaanyi ekele a. Nwata nwere ike iju okenye ajuju a iji mata etu

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okenye ahụ di; okenye nwekwara ike iju nwata ya bu ajuju. N'aka nke ozo ya, e nwekwara ike inye otutu maobu ubara mmadu ekele a. Ebe ndi a na-ekele maobu aju oha di abuo maobu kariia, ihe a na-aju ha bu *unu meru ekaa?* Onye na-aju udi ase a na-atu anya nkowa site n'aka onye o juru ase a. N'ihi ya, ihe onye di otu a nwere ike iza di otutu. Ihe ndi ahụ gunyere: *adu m oyi* (I am fine/well) ma o buru n'ahụ di onye ahụ. O nwekwara ike izaghachi ekele a site n'isi: *adugu m oyi* (I am not well) maobu *ezi nke mkpopta ya bu[εʒɪ] adugu m oyi* (I am not filling fine/well). Udi usa onye a juru ajuju zara nwere ike imehe uzọ maka ajuju ndi ozo, nwekwara ike ime ka e mechie ya ebe ahụ kwuwe ihe ozo.

**(d). *Gụ le onodu/uboshi?* (how is the day/how is your day?):** Nke a bu ekele enwe oge ozo na-aputa dika ajuju. Otutu mgbe, o na-aputa n'uzo digasi ichiiche. Na nke mbu ya, o nwere ike iputa dika ajuju nsonazu nye ekele ajuju nke di n'elu. Ya bu mgbe a juchara mmadu *i meru ekaa*, ihe ozo nwere ike iso ya a buru *gụ lee onodu/uboshi?* Mmadu nwekwara ike iju onye nke ya si ebe o bi lata ajuju a. E nwekwara ike iju ajuju a oge obula.

**(ii). Ekele nwere oge:** Ekele ndi a ga-eleba anya na ya n'okpuru ebe a bu ekele ndi nwere oge e ji ekele ha. A ge-eleru ekele ndi a anya site n'isiokwu ndi diga ichiiche na-eziputa oge di ichiiche ha ji aputa ihe.

### **Ekele ututu**

**(e). *Gụ/unu le uuchi?* (how is your night?), na**

**(f). *I kuwoo/unu ekuwoo?* (did you sleep well?):** N'ezie, ndi Igbo enweghi ekele oge dika o di n'asusu Bekee ebe oge obula nwere ekele diwagara iche a na-ekelere ya. Otutu mgbe, iji gbaso ukpuru ekele e nwere n'asusu Bekee, ndi Igbo na-atughari ufodu ekele Bekee wee si otu ahụ nweta

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ekele ndi dika 'ututu oma', 'ehihie oma', na 'mgbede oma'. Mana orunchocha Anedo<sup>10</sup> na Okafor<sup>11</sup> kwara n'ekele ndi ahụ abughị ekele ndi Igbo. Otu o di, ndi Igbo nwere ekele ndi ha na-ekele ma ha rahucha ura teta n'oge ututu. Ekele ndi a na-abia n'udi ajuju ma ebumnobi onye na-aju ajuju a bu iji gosi obiuto o nwere n'ihu onye o na-ekele ekele a. A na-ajukwa ya iji gosi mmasi n'odimma onye a na-aju ajuju ahụ. N'Eha-Amufu, ekele ndi e nwere maka oge ututu bu *Gụ le uuchi* maobu *I kuwoo*? A na-ekele nke a mgbe o bu otu onye ka a na-ekele. Ma ebe o bu mmadu abuo maobu karija ka a na-ekele ekele, ihe a na-ekele bu *unu le uuchi maobu unu ekewoo*? Ihe eji ekele abuo ndi a eme bu ichoputa etu onye a na-aju ajuju a si di. Ya bu ma onye ahụ o rahukwara ura nke oma n'ihia na ndi Igbo kwenyere n'abalị di ogbu ma otutu ihe na-eme n'abalị nke mere na a na-ahuta irahu ura teta dika ihe ukwu nke kwesiri iji enye Chukwu ekele.

### **Ekele Ilakpu Ura:**

**(g). Jaade oyi (do have a good night rest):** *Jaade oyi* bu ekele ndi Eha-Amufu na-enye tupu ha alakpuo ura. Ndi bi n'otu ulo nwere ike ikelerita onwe ha *jaade oyi* tupu ha alakpuo ura abali. N'otu aka ahukwa, mmadu nwere ike ikele onye o zuru n'uzo n'abalị nke o mara na o gaghị ahụ ozo n'abalị ahụ ekele a. Mmadu nkwara ike ikele ya onye biara be ya n'abali ma onye ahụ lawa maobu ndi gakorọ otu ebe n'abalị nwere ike ikelerita onwe ha *jaade oyi* ma ha lagide ruo ebe ha ga-agbake. Mgbe mmadu kelere ibe ya *jaade oyi*, o bukwa otu ihe ahụ bu *jaade oyi* ka onye ahụ ga-azahachi. Ekele nke a na-eziputa mmasi mmadu abuo di otu ahụ nwere nyerita onwe ha na ha ga-arahu ura ofuma.

**(gb). Kuo tete (sleep and wake up):** Nke a bu ekele ozo ndi Eha-Amufu na-ekele n'abalị tupu ha lakpuo ura. Ekele a na nke ozo e kwuru maka ya n'elu na-arụ otu oru. Oru ahụ bu oru iziputa mmasi na a choro ka onye a na-ekele ekele a rahụ ma teta n'udo. Onye e kelere ekele a nwere ike izaghachi oo! maobu o zaghachikwa *Kuo tete*.



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### **Ekele Ọrụ:**

E nwere ekele abụọ e nwere ike ikele onye na-arụ ọrụ n'Eha-Amufu. Ekele abụọ ndị a na-egosi oke na nne. Ekele ndị ahụ bụ: *daaru na deenyo*.

**(gh). Daaru (well done(male)):** *Daaru* bụ ekele ndị Eha-Amufu nwere nye nwoke na-arụ ọrụ. Dịka ndị e ji ọrụ ugbo mara, ha na-ahụta ije ozi niile ụmụ nwoke na-eje dịka iru ọrụ nke olundị ha na-akpọ *ọorụ ọrụ*. Ọtụtụ mgbe *ọorụ ọrụ* a gbasara ibu ọgụ akọ ọrụ ugbo. Nke a dịka anyị maara bụ ọrụ siri ike. Ibu ọgụ akọ ọrụ a bughị ọrụ dijiri nwaanyị n'Eha-Amufu n'ihie etu ala ha dị. Ala Eha-Amufu bụ ala siri ike nke ukwu. Ya bụ n'ikọ ọrụ bụ ihe diwagara ndị nwoke n'obodo ahụ. E wepụ ikọ ọrụ, ha ka na-akọwa ije ozi nwoke niile dịka iru ọrụ. N'ihie ya ekele ọrụ ha nye nwoke na-arụ ọrụ bụ *daaru (ọrụ)*.

**(gw). Deenyo (well done(female)):** *Deenyo* bụ ekele ọrụ ndị Eha-Amufu nye nwaanyị na-arụ ọrụ. Ihe kpatara nke a bụ na ha na-ahụta ọrụ niile nwaanyị na-arụ dịka inyo nshi (ọrụ). Site na ngwaa ahụ bụ *inyo* ka ha si nweta ekele a bụ *deenyo* makanwaanyi. Dika ndị ọrụ ugbo, ihe ha na-ahụtakari dịka ọrụ nwaanyị bụ ihocha ahijia dijiri n'ubi. Ebe ọzọ ije ozi ụmụ nwaanyị na-apụta ihe bụ n'izacha na idozi ihe n'ụlọ. Etu ndị Eha-Amufu si akọwa udị ije ozi ndị a niile bụ “inyo nshi. Ya mere ekele ọrụ ha nye nwaanyị ji buru deenyo

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**(h). Deebu/Deebunu (long may you live):** Onọdụ ọzọ nwere ekele a na-ekelere ya n'Eha-Amufu bụ mgbe mmadu nọọrọ onwe ya onye ọzọ abakwute ya. N'udị onọdụ a, onye batara abata nwere ekele ọ ga-enye onye ọ bakwutere. Onye ọ nọkwanu ọ bakwute ya nwere ihe ọ ga-azaghachi onye ahụ kelere ya. Ihe onye bakwutere onye nọọrọ onwe ya n'ụlọ tupu ọ bata na-ekele onye ọ bakwutere bụ *de ebu* ma ọ buru n'onye ọ bakwutere bụ otu onye. Ọ buru na ndị ọ bakwutere dijiri abụọ ma ọ bụ karia, ihe ọ ga-ekele ha bụ *deebunu*. Mgbe ụfọdụ, onye ahụ nwekwara ike ikele

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*deebunu noonwa* (**long may you live here**). Onye batara abata kwuo nke a, onye no anọ asa ya *tushikwe* (**gentle/gently**) maobu *pietede* (**enter**). Ihe okwu a bu *tushikwe* putara n'Igbo izughe bu (nwaayokwa). O nwekwara ebe ozọ e nwere ike ikele *tushikwe*. Nke a bu mgbe mmadu gaakata ije cho ida ada, maobu mgbe mmadu na-eme ihe nwere ike imeru ya ahụ ma o buru na o kpachaghi anya, n'onodu di otu ahụ, onye no n'akuku ga-asi ya *tushikwe*. N'otu aka ahukwa, o buru n'onye bįara abia si onye nwe ulo *debu* onye nwe ulo nwekwara ike isi ya *pietede* nke putara batawa iji gosi na o nabatara onye ahụ bįaranu.

### **Ekele Onye Gbakere n'Orĩa, Onye Muru Nwa Maobu Onye Chineke Naputara n'Ihe Ntumadi Mere Ya:**

**(i). Daawa (happy survival):** Ufodu ihe na-eme na ndu na-etinye mmadu n'etiti ndu na onwu ya bu n'onodu ize ndu. Ufodu ihe ndi ahụ bu orĩa/nriarıa, afo ime na imu nwa, nakwa ihe mberede na ihe ntumadi digasi ichiiche. Mmadu obula gabigara udi onodu a ma were isi ya puta nwere ekele ndi Eha-Amufu na-ekele onye ahụ. Ekele ha na-enye onye di otu ahụ bu *daawa*. Maka na ha kwenyere n'onye ahụ si n'onwu wee waputa. Onye ahụ si n'onwu waputa n'ihı n'otutu ndi gabigara onodu *nriarıa, afo ime na imu nwa, nakwa ihe mberede* ejighi onu ha koo ka ha n'ıhe siri gaa n'ihı na ha ejighi ndu puta.

### **Ekele Onye Orĩa, Onye Meruru Ahu, Onye Ihe Mere Maobu Onye Na-Eru Uju:**

E nwere udi ekele di ichiiche a na-ekele onye orĩa, onye meruru ahụ, onye ihe mere maobu onye na-eru uju n'Eha-Amufu. Onodu onye di otu a no na ya na etu ihe mere ya siri mee ya bu ihe a na-ele anya wee na-ahoro ekele a na-enye onye di etu ahụ. Ekele ndi ahụ gunyere:

**(i). Ndo (sorry):** *Ndo* bu otu ekele ndi Eha-Amufu na-enye onye orĩa, onye meruru ahụ, onye ihe mere maobu onye na-eru uju. Ha nwere ike ikele ekele a mgbe niile nwekwa ike ikele ma nwoke

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ma nwaanyi, ma nwata ma okenyi ekele a. Otutu mgbe, ndi Eha-Amufu kelecha *ndo* ha adighi akwusi na ya. Ha nwere ike iga n'ihu tinye ekele nke ozọ nke bu *kaa* n'azu ya.

**(j). *Kaa (sorry/be consoled)*:** *Kaa* bu ekele ozọ ndi Eha-Amufu na-ekele onye oria, onye meruru ahụ, onye ihe mere maobu onye na-eru uju. Mana otutu mgbe, ha kelecha *kaa* ha na-asikwa onye ahụ *ndo*. Ya bu na *kaa* na *ndo* na-agako onu otutu mgbe. A na-eji ya eziputa omaiko nye onodu na-adichaghị mma mmadu no na ya.

**(k). *Gbakiahukwe/gbakiahu osiiso (get well soon)*:** Ekele ozọ di ka ibe ya n'Eha-Amufu maka onye no n'oria bu *gbakiahukwe/gbakiahu osiiso*. Ekele nke a na-eziputa nchekwube/ebumnobi onye na-enye ekele a, na onye o na-ekele ga-esi n'onodu nriarria gbakee ngwangwa.

**(kp). *O ka le gu (it is a pity)*:** Ekele nke a bu ekele e nwere ike inye onye ihe mere, onye meruru ahụ maobu onye mmadu nwunahuru n'Eha-Amufu. A na-eji ekele nke a eziputa omiko mmadu nwere nye onye ihe di ana mere.

**(kw). *Jide obu gu eka (be strong in your heart/ do not despair)*:** Nke a bu ekele a na-enye iji kasie onye mmadu nwunahuru maobu onye ihe ike mere obi. A na-enyekwa ekele a iji jalie maobu masie onye di otu ahụ obi ma mee ka muo ya ghara ida mba.

**(m). *Jishie ike (be strengthened)*:** *Jishie ike* bu ekele e ji agba mmadu ume n'Eha-Amufu. E nwere ike inye ekele a n'onodu di ichiche dika: onye na-arụ oru, agu akwukwo, na-aru ulo na ihe ndi ozoga. A na-enyekwa ekele a iji jalie onye ahụ.

**(n). *Gbado enya (beware/take care)*:** Nke a bu ekele a na-enye iji duo onye na-eme ihe odu ka o tinye uche na uchu n'ihe o na-eme. Ekele a na-enyekwa aka imasi onye di otu ahụ obi ike.

Nye ekele ndi a niile anyi tulere na ngalaba nke a, e nwere ike ikelekarị otu ekele n'otu oge. Iji ma atu, o hira ahụ na e kelere mmadu '*ndo*' ghara isi onye ahụ '*kaa*' maobu '*jishie ike*'. Ya bu na ekele ndi a na-agako onu otutu mgbe.

**Ekele Onye Na-Eje Ihe/Ekele Uzọ:**

**(ñ). *Agbashide m (I am leaving/I am ready to leave):*** N'Eha-Amufu, onye na-ejenjem kwadocha ọpụpụ, ọ ga-ekele ndị nọ nso sị ha *agbashide m*. Ihe nke a pụtara bụ na ebiliwela m. Nke a bụ ihe onye na-akwado ije njem ji eziputa njikere ya imalite njem ya.

***Nọọde ọyi/Unu nọọde ọyi:*** Ihe ọzọ o kwesiri ikwu ma ọ gwacha ha *agbashide m* bu *unu nọọde ọyi*(stay or keep on staying well) nke mputara ya bụ *nọdị nụ mma*. Ya bụ na mgbe onye na-achọ ije njem mechara ka a mata na ya adịla njikere igawa njem ya, ọ bụkwa ihe a tụtụ anya na ọ ga-ekele ndị ọ na-ahapụ ekele iji ziputa mmasị ya na ha ga-anọ n'udo.

**(nw). *Giedode (go well/go in safty/journey mercies):*** Mgbe mmadụ gwara ndị ọ na-ahapụ sị *agbashide m, ndi ahụ* ga-azaghachi ya *giedode*. Ọzọ, ndi Eha-Amufu zuukwa onye na-eje njem, ahia, ugbo, akwukwo, ụka maobu ebe obula ọzọ n'uzo, ọ ka bụkwa otu ihe ahụ bụ *giedode* ka ha ga-ekele onye ahụ. Ihe okwu a bụ *giedode* pụtara bụ (*gaa nke oma*). Ihe ọ na-eziputa bụ n'onye sirị mmadụ *giedode* choro ka onye ọ na-agwa jee ebe ọ na-eje nke oma.

**(ny). *Ladode (return well):*** *Ladode* bụ ekele uzọ ọzọ e nwere n'Eha-Amufu. Mgbe a na-ekele ekele a bụ mgbe onye obia biara be mmadụ choro ila. Onye obia ahụ ga-asị onye/ndi ọ biara be ha *aga m ala* nke pụtara (*alawala m*) onye ahụ ga-azaghachi ya *ladode*. Ọzọ, onye gafere mmadụ wee gaa otu ebe maobu ibe ya lawa, ọ ga-ekele onye ahụ ọ gafere wee gwa ya sị *aga m ala* (*alawala m*). Onye ahụ n'aka nke ya ga-asikwa ya *ladode*. Ihe nke a gosiri bụ na *giedode* bụ ekele ndi Eha-Amufu nye onye na eje ihe eje, ebe *ladode* bụ ekele nye onye na-ala ala.

**(o). *Uzo kiede gu (go well):*** Ekele ọzọ a na-ekele onye na-eje ihe n'Eha-Amufu bụ *uzo kiede gu* (uzo chebe gi). Nke a bụ ekele burukwa ekpere mmadụ nye onye na-eje njem

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**(o). Deeje (welcome back):** *Deeje* bu ekele ndi Eha-Amufu nye onye obula si esi bata n'agbanyeghi ebe onye ahụ si wee bata. E nwere ike ikele ekele a mgbe obula malite n'ututu ruo n'abali. Mgbe obula mmadu huru onye si esi abata, onye ahụ gafee ya n'uzo o bu *deeje* ka o ga-ekele onye ahụ. Mmadu gakwanunjem, ugbo, ahia, mmiri ebe obula wee barute n'ulo, ndi no n'ulo ga-asị ya *deeje*. *Deeje* n'olundi Eha-Amufu di iche n'etu esi ekele ya n'akuku Nsukka ebe *deeje* putara daalu olu. E nwere ike iji *deeje* n'olundi Eha-Amufu wee tunyere nnoo n'Igbo Izugbe. Nnoo n'asusu izugbe na n'olundi Eha-Amufu haa nhatanha. Eha-Amufu nwekwara ekwumekwu ha ji eziputa etu *deeje* si di mkpa. Ekwumekwu ahụ bu "*deeje* bu ishi(isi) ije".

**(p). Alo (safe arrival):** Alo bu ekele ozo ndi Eha-Amufu nwere nye onye si esi bata abata. Ya na *deeje* na-agako onu otutu mgbe. Ha na-ekele alo iji ziputa obi utu ha n'onye ha na-ekele gara ebe o gara n'udo ma lotakwa n'udo.

### **Ekele Onye Na-Esi Nri Na Onye Na-Eri Nri**

**(r). Deeshi (go on cooking/thanks for the food you cooked):** *Deeshi* bu ekele ndi Eha-Amufu nwere nye onye na-esi nri. O buru n'onye Eha-Amufu biarute ebe nwaanyi maobu onye obula ozo na-esi nri, o ga-ekele onye ahụ *deeshi*. Mmadu nyekwanu onye ozo nri, onye ahụ ga-ekele onye nyere ya nri *deeshi*. *Deeshi* bu ekele e ji asi onye no oru isi nri maobu onye nyere mmadu nri daalu olu.

**(s). Deeri:** *Deeri* bu ekele a na-ekele onye na-eri nri n'Eha-Amufu. Ebe ozo e nwere ike ikele ekele a bu mgbe mmadu nyere onye ozo nri ka o rie. Onye ahụ e nyere nri richa, o ga-ekele onye nyere ya nri si ya *deeshi* onye nyere ya nri n'aka nke ya ewe zaaghachi ya *deeri*. Nke a bukwa iji gosi obi utu onye ahụ nyere mmadu nri nwere n'onye o nyere nri riri nri o nyere ya. Nke a bu ihe di mkpa n'ihi n aka o si buru ihe na-adighi mfe mmadu inye onye ozo nri bu ka o si buru ihe na-

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adighi mfe mmadu iri nri onye ozo nyere ya. Mmadu iri nri onye ozo gosiri n'onye ahụ nwere ntukwasị obi n'ebe onye ahụ nọ na o gaghị enye ya nsị maobu mejo ya.

### **Ekele Onye Na-Azu Ahia**

**(sh). Daazu (go on trading):** Ekele ozo ndi Eha-Amufu nwere bu ekele onye na-azu ahia. Ihe a na-ekele onye na-azu ahia n'Eha-Amufu bu *daazu*. Daazu bu ekele e ji asi onye nọ n'ahia azu ahia daalu oru n'ihi na ha hutara azumahia dika oru nke onye nọ nay a kwesiri inye ekele.

**(t). Gu le ahia? (how is your market?):** Nke a bu ekele ahia ozo e nwere n'Eha-Amufu. Ekele nke a na-abia n'udi ajuju. N'ihini n'ekele a na-aputa n'udi ajuju, onye juru ajuju a na-atu anya inweta usa n'aka onye o juru ajuju a. Usa e nwere ike inye n'ajuju a di otutu. Usa ndi ahụ gunyere: *o du oyi, anyi la-azu, nsogbu adugu, njo ahia ji anyi eka* dgz nke obula n'ime usa ndi a na-egosi etu ahia diri onye a juru ajuju a.

**(u). Deere (go on selling):** Ihe ozo a na-ekele onye na-ere ahia n'Eha-Amufu bu *deere*. Nke a na-egosi mmasi onye na-ekele onye ahia nwere ka onye ahia ahụ rere ahia ya gaa n'ihu.

### **Ikele Onye Mere Mmadu Ihe Oma**

**(y). I mee (thank you/you have done well), daaru (thank you), ayọ m (I am grateful), ahinya (thanks):** Ihe ndi a niile e depụtara n'elu bu ekele di ichiiche ndi Eha-Amufu ji eziputa afọ ojuju nye onye mere ha ihe oma. Otutu mgbe, mmadu nwere ike ikele otu n'ime ekele ndi a ma e mere ya ihe oma. Onye di otu a nwekwaziri ike ikeleko ekele abuo maobu karia n'ime ekele ndi a n'otu onodu. Omumaatu, mmadu nwere ike isi onye mere ya ihe oma; *daaru, ayọ m, ahinya*. Ha niile bu uzọ nziputa afọ ojuju nye ihe oma e mere ya.

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### Nchikota

Orunchocha a lebara anya n'ekele n'olundi Eha-Amufu. Site na nchocha a, a hutara na nziputa ufodu ekele di n'oludi Eha-Amufu di iche na nziputa ekele ndi ahụ n'Igbo izugbe. Ihe ozo a hutakwara bu na e nwere ekele ndi bu 'oke' nwee ndi bu 'nne'. Ya bu na e nwere ekele ndi bu sosu umunwoke ka a na-ekele ha nwere ndi bu sosu nwaanyi ka a na-ekele ha. Nchoputa gosikwara n'onodu di ichiiche n'Eha-Amufu nwere ekele na nzaghachi nke ha. Nchoputa gosikwara n'otutu ndi ntorobia na umuka obodo a bu Eha-Amufu amaghi maka ufodu ekele ndi a. N'ihu ya, ntuta aro nchocha bu na o ga-adịmma ka e webata ufodu ekele ndi Eha-Amufu ndi nziputa ha puru iche n'ihu e nwere n'Igbo izugbe n'Igbo izugbe. Ime nke a ga-enye aka iji kwalite mmuba na ntolite mkpuruokwu Igbo. Ozo n'ihu n'otutu ndi ntorobia amaghi maka ufodu ekele ndi a, o ga-adịmma ka edeputa ma biputa ekele ndi a niile nke oma ka ha ghara ifunahu oge na ogbo na-abia n'ihu.

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