

KIMASHAMI

**KAMUSI YA
KIMASHAMI-KIINGEREZA-KISWAHILI**

[MASHAMI-ENGLISH-SWAHILI DICTIONARY]

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UTANGULIZI

1. Madhumuni

Ingawa kuna maandiko kadhaa katika lugha ya Kimashami, kamusi hii ni ya kwanza kuandaliwa kwa lugha hii. Kamusi yenyewe imekusudiwa kukidhi mahitaji ya wasomaji wa aina mbili. Kwanza, kama ilivyokusudiwa katika mpangilio wa Mradi wa Lugha za Tanzania, itakidhi mahitaji ya watafiti wa isimu wanapofanya uchunguzi kwa kulinganisha data za lugha mbalimbali. Pili, katika jitihada za kukuza na kuhifadhi lugha za Tanzania, kamusi hii itakidhi mahitaji ya msomaji wa kawaida, hasa yule ambaye lugha yake ya kwanza au lugha ya kwanza ya wazazi wake ni Kimashami. Inatazamiwa kwamba kamusi hii itaweka msingi wa kutengeneza kamusi sanifu ya Kimashami, na kuimarisha vigezo vya tahijia na maandishi kwa jumla katika lugha hii.

2. Sauti na Maandishi

Lugha ya Kimashami inazo **irabu** tano /a, e, i, o, u/. Katika baadhi ya maneno urefu wa irabu hutofautisha maana, lakini katika maneno mengine, urefu hauna maana yo yote. Kwa sababu hiyo baadhi ya maneno yenye maana ile ile yameingizwa mara mbili, yakitofautishwa na urefu wa irabu tu.

Mfano:

tesa / teesa kutesa; *soko / sooko* maharage; *shonga / shoonga* chakula

Toni hutofautisha maana za maneno katika Kimashami. Hata hivyo, alama za toni zimeonyeshwa katika mabano mraba kwa ajili ya kidahizo tu. Toni ya juu tu imeonyeshwa na si ya chini.

Mfano:

[usáú] kichuguu; *[unyafí]* chuki, hasira; *[túla]* angusha

Toni inayoshuka hujitokeza hasa mwishoni mwa maneno. Katika irabu ndefu alama ya toni ya juu imewekwa kwenye irabu ya kwanza, halafu irabu ya pili imeachwa bila alama kuashiria kushuka kwa toni.

Mfano:

[nkáa] mkaa; *[ughúu]* uzi; *[masáa]* mali; *[mbée]* kwanza

Katika irabu fupi toni imeonyeshwa kwa alama ya pekee juu ya irabu hiyo.

Mfano:

[yeembâ] mhindi; *[nkonû]* siku; *[iwâ]* anguka

Nazali zenye hadhi ya silabi zinaonyeshwa kama ilivyo katika mifano ifuatayo iwapo zinabeba toni:

[úsángâ] mchanga; *[íní]* kidole (cha mguu); *[índu]* mtu;
[m'fû] binti; *[m'má]* patano la damu; *[m'm'ba]* njegere

Nje ya kiashiria cha matamshi, maandishi ya kawaida hayaonyeshi toni mahali popote katika kamusi hii.

Baadhi ya maneno yameingizwa zaidi ya mara moja kwa kuwa yana matamshi ya irabu au nusu-irabu ndani yake.

Mfano:

suâ / swâ nuna; *sîê / syê / síyê* deni; *nsia / nsiya* matumaini

Ninatumaini kwamba katika hatua ya baadaye hali ya namna hii itadhibitiwa kwa kuwa na tahijia moja tu sanifu.

Taratibu za maandishi ya **konsonanti** zinaonyeshwa katika jedwali lifuatalo.

<i>Alama ya fonetiki</i>	<i>Alama ya otografia</i>	<i>Mfano</i>	<i>Maana</i>	<i>Maelezo ya ziada</i>
β	bh	<i>irubha</i>	mungu	Maandiko ya zamani yalitumia “v”; kuna mwingiliano huru wa [β] na [w]
b	b	<i>iboka</i>	udongo	
p	p	<i>ipaua</i>	kupaua	“p” hutumika katika maneno machache ya kigeni; kwa kawaida “b” hutumika
m	m	<i>maaghe</i>	mate	
f	f	<i>ifu</i>	jivu	
d	d	<i>idubha</i>	katani	
t	t	<i>itínga</i>	jeraha	
n	n	<i>inangwa</i>	kulewa	
s	s	<i>sise</i>	cheche	
l	l	<i>ilema</i>	kukataa	
r	r	<i>ireiya</i>	kuandika	
ɓ	ll	<i>mbilla</i>	uangalifu	
ʃ	sh	<i>isharongo</i>	fuvu	
ɲ	ny	<i>shonyi</i>	ngozi	
k	k	<i>kitara</i>	kitanda	
ŋ	ng	<i>itengo</i>	kibanda	
ŋ	ng'	<i>ng'umbe</i>	ng'ombe	
R	gh	<i>igheiya</i>	kutega	Maandiko ya zamani yalitumia herufi moja “r” kuandika sauti mbili, [R] na [r]
w	w	<i>weesi</i>	mshahara	
j	y	<i>iya</i>	kuiva	

3. Mpangilio

Kamusi hii imepangwa katika utaratibu wa kawaida wenye kuonyesha maana ya kila kidahizo kwa Kiingereza na Kiswahili. Maneno yenye tahijia moja

lakini maana tofauti, yaani homonimu, yameingizwa yakifuatiwa na tarakimu ndogo 1, 2, na kuendelea; mfano: **abha**₁ na **abha**₂. Utaratibu huu umefuatwa hata kama maneno husika yanatofautishwa na toni katika matamshi. **Vitenzi** vimeorodheshwa kwa mzizi; lakini **nomino** zimeorodheshwa kwa kiambishi cha ngeli ya nomino katika umoja. Maneno mengine yenye kuchukua kiambishi cha upatanisho (hususani vivumishi na viwakilishi) yameorodheshwa kwa mzizi na alama ya “-” kabla yake.

Mfano: **-nywa** dogo; **-ingi** ingine; **-gholaa** tamu; **-denge** laanifu

Mara baada ya kidahizo kiashirio cha matamshi kinafuata – hasa kikionyesha toni za neno husika. Iwapo neno hilo ni kitenzi, matamshi yataingiza pia kiambishi *i-* ambacho ni sawa na *ku-* katika Kiswahili. Uainisho wa maneno unaonyeshwa kwa vifupisho kama vile “n”, “v”, n.k. vikiashiria iwapo neno hilo ni nomino, kitenzi, n.k. Maneno mengi ni vitenzi au nomino. Maneno ya aina nyingine ni machache sana, ambayo ni pamoja na vivumishi, vielezi, viwakilishi, vihusishi, viunganishi, na viingizi. Iwapo neno husika ni nomino, umbo la wingi (likibainishwa na kifupisho “*pl*”) huonyeshwa baada ya maana ya neno. Umbo hili linaonyeshwa hata kama linafanana na kidahizo na linaashiria ngeli ya nomino hii.

Fasili za Kiingereza na Kiswahili zinatolewa kwa neno moja au zaidi kadiri inavyowezekana. Mara kwa mara hakuna fasili ya neno moja la Kiswahili au Kiingereza na imebidi yatolewe maelezo marefu. Kwa baadhi ya majina ya miti hata hayo maelezo marefu hayakupatikana, na badala yake tumejiridhisha tu kwa kusema ni “aina ya mti”. Pia tulitamani sana kupata maneno mengi zaidi ya wanyama na ndege, lakini hatukufanikiwa. Tunatumaini hali hii itatoa changamoto kwa watu wengine kutaka kurekebisha mapungufu haya.

Iwapo kuna namna nyingine ya kuliandika neno husika, basi namna hiyo inaonyeshwa baada ya neno “variant”; hiyo namna nyingine nayo imeorodheshwa katika kamusi hii. Baada ya kifupisho *Gram.* (yaani “grammar”) ndani ya mabano mraba zinatolewa taarifa nyingine mbalimbali:

- i) Kama kuna neno lingine katika msamiati huu lenye uhusiano wa karibu linaweza kutajwa hapa baada ya alama “*c'*”; na iwapo neno limekopwa kutoka lugha nyingine taarifa hiyo imetolewa hapa pia.
- ii) Kama neno hilo linatokana na mnyambuliko wa kitenzi, basi uhusiano huo unaonyeshwa kuwa ni *applicative* (tendea), *causative* (tendeshi, sababishi), au *passive* (tendwa) ya kitenzi husika.
- iii) Mipaka ya matumizi inaonyeshwa kwa baadhi ya maneno, k.v. matumizi ya kidini, tusi, matumizi kuhusu wanyama tu au watu tu, matumizi ya kizamani, lahaja, n.k.
- iv) Tafsiri ya neno kwa neno ya kidahizo (hasa ikiwa kidahizo ni fungu la maneno).

Mifano ya matumizi ya maneno ya Kimashami inawekwa mwisho na kutolewa fasili ya Kiingereza na Kiswahili.

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INTRODUCTION

1. Aims

Although there are a few written materials in the Mashami language, this dictionary is the first to be published for this language. It is aimed at two types of users. First, as originally conceived within the framework of the *Languages of Tanzania Project*, it seeks to serve the needs of research linguists as a reservoir of linguistic data for cross-language comparison. Second, as a contribution to the promotion of the languages of Tanzania, it is addressed to the general user, especially one whose mother tongue or whose parents' mother tongue is Mashami. It is hoped that this dictionary will lay the foundation for a standard dictionary of the language and help consolidate orthographic conventions.

2. Sounds and orthography

There are five vowel sounds in Mashami: /a, e, i, o, u/. In some words vowel length is clearly either short or long. But in some other words a vowel may be short or long with no meaning difference involved. For this reason words of this latter type have been entered twice in the lexicon, with the spelling variation indicating the vowel length variation.

Example:

tesa / teesa torture; *soko / sooko* beans; *shonga / shoonga* food.

Tone distinguishes the meanings of words in Mashami. Nevertheless tone has been marked in brackets for the headword only. High tone has been marked with an acute accent; low tone is unmarked.

Example:

usáú anthill; *unyafí* hatred, anger; *túla* fell.

Falling tone usually occurs at the end of a word. On a long vowel (indicated by double vowel) the first vowel is marked high and the second left unmarked.

Example:

nkáa charcoal; *ughúu* thread; *masáa* wealth; *mbée* first

On a short vowel tone is marked with a separate symbol:

Example:

yeembâ maize; *nkonû* day; *iwâ* fall.

Tone on the nasal consonants is marked as shown in the examples below.

Example:

ńsángâ sand; *ńnî* toe/finger; *ńndu* person;
m'fû daughter; *m'má* blood pact; *m'm'ba* pea

Beyond the pronunciation representations there is no tone marking anywhere else in the orthography adopted for this dictionary.

Because of variations in the pronunciation of syllables with glides, some of the words with such syllables have been entered more than once.

Example:

isuâ / iswâ be angry; *sîê / syê / síyê* debt; *nsiá / nsiyá / nsyá* hope

The orthographic conventions adopted for the consonants are shown in the table below.

<i>Phonetic symbol</i>	<i>Orthographic symbol</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
β	bh	<i>irubha</i>	god	Older writings used "v"; there is considerable free variation between [β] and [w].
b	b	<i>iboka</i>	soil	
p	p	<i>ipaua</i>	to roof	"p" is used in a few words of foreign origin; usually "b" is used instead.
m	m	<i>maaghe</i>	saliva	
f	f	<i>ifu</i>	ash	
d	d	<i>idubha</i>	sisal	
t	t	<i>itinga</i>	wound	
n	n	<i>inangwa</i>	to become drunk	
s	s	<i>sise</i>	spark	
l	l	<i>ilema</i>	to refuse	
r	r	<i>ireiya</i>	to write	
ɕ	ll	<i>mbilla</i>	care	
ʃ	sh	<i>isharongo</i>	skull	
ɲ	ny	<i>shonyí</i>	skin	
k	k	<i>kitara</i>	bed	
ŋg	ng	<i>itengo</i>	hut	
ŋ	ng'	<i>ng'umbe</i>	cattle	
R	gh	<i>igheiya</i>	to set a trap	Older writing used one letter "r" to write two sounds, [R] and [r]
w	w	<i>weesi</i>	wages	
j	y	<i>iya</i>	to become cooked	

3. Organization

This dictionary is organized in the normal dictionary format with definitions for head entries given in English and Swahili. Homonyms (homographs) are entered with a Roman numeral subscript, even when items in question can be distinguished by tone in pronunciation; for example: **abha₁** na **abha₂**. Verbs are listed by the root; but the nouns are listed by the class prefix in the singular. Other words that take an agreement prefix (adjectives, pronouns) are listed by the root after the hyphen “-”.

Example: **-nywa** small; **-ingi** other; **-gholaa** sweet; **-denge** cursed.

Immediately after the head word the pronunciation is given in brackets – focusing on the tone pattern. If the relevant word is a verb, the pronunciation is shown in the infinitive with the prefix *i-*. The word class of the headword is given using an abbreviation. The vast majority are either verbs or nouns. There are very few other categories such as adjective, adverb, preposition, pronoun, interjection, and conjunction. If the word is a noun then the plural form (indicated by the “*pl*”) is given after the definition; even if it is the same form as the singular, the full form is given, and it indicates the class of the noun.

Definitions in English and Swahili are given using one-word equivalents as much as possible. Often there is no single word equivalent for the Mashami entry, and so a longer definition is provided. For some plant names there is no satisfactory definition and only “type of tree” is provided. In addition, it was not possible to obtain more words for animals and birds. I hope that these shortcomings will provoke other people do something and improve the dictionary.

Variants in spelling (and pronunciation) are shown after the word “variant”, and each of the variants is itself entered as headword. What is flagged as grammatical material [*Gram.*] subsumes the following:

- i) related words, etymological connections and source languages for loan words;
- ii) verb extension relations, viz. applicative, causative, passive;
- iii) usage domains and restrictions, e.g. religious, taboo, euphemism, archaic, dialectal, animal *vs.* human, etc.
- iv) literal translation, esp. if the head entry is a phrase.

Mashami examples of some headwords are presented last, with translations in English and Swahili.

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VIFUPISHO - ABBREVIATIONS

adj	adjective		<i>n.k.</i>	<i>na kadhalika</i>
adv	adverb		np	noun phrase
advp	adverb phrase		p	preposition
appl	applicative		pl	plural
caus	causative		pos	possessive
con	conjunction		pp	prepositional phrase
dem	demonstrative		pro	pronoun
det	determiner		qua	quantifier
gram	grammar		sg	singular
id	idiophone		v	verb
intj	interjection		var	variant
inter	interrogative		vi	intransitive verb
<i>k.v.</i>	<i>kama vile</i>		vt	transitive verb
n	noun		vp	verb phrase
neg	negative		<i>n.k.</i>	<i>na kadhalika</i>

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A - a

- a dede** [-a dedê] *adj.* actual, pure, real. *halisi.*
- a ghu** [-a ghú] *adj.* empty, for free. *tupu, bure. nungu a ghu chungu kitupu au cha bure*
- a kika** [-a kiká] *adj.* female. *jike. mbughu a kika mbuzi wa kike*
- a kyaanya** [-a kyaanyá] *adj.* unique, sole, lone. *pekee.*
- a mare** [-a mare] *adj.* green. *kijani. mba a mare nyumba ya kijani*
- a mbon** [a mbón] *intj.* hi! hello! *mambo!*
- a mbusha** [-a mbushâ] *adj.* important. *muhimu. ndu a mbusha, kindo kya mbusha* important person, valuable thing *mtu muhimu, mtu anayetengeneza faida / kitu cha maana*
- a mwiina** [-a mwiinâ] *adj.* average. *kiasi.*
- a nkwa** [-a n'kwa] *adj.* worn out. *chakavu. soori ya nkwa nguo nzee*
- a ukashu** [-a ukashú] *adj.* acidic. *kakasi.*
- a uughu** [-a uughú] *adj.* expensive. *ghali. Lit: 'a bei'.*
- aa** [-áa] *adj.* clear. *-eupe.*
- aakuka** [i-aakúka] *v.* be thirsty. *sikia kiu.*
- aakwa** [i-áakwa] *v.* borrow. *azima.*
- aami** [-aamí] *adj.* bold, brave, audacious. *jasiri. ndu mwaami mtu jasiri*
- aan** [-áán] *pos.* your(s). *-enu. [Gram: pl.]*
- aangu** [-aangu] *n.* small amount, small quantity. *kiasi kidogo, chache. bhandu bhaangu* a few people *watu wachache*
- aanta** [i-aanta] *vt.* wake up. *amsha.*
- aanta₂** [i-aanta] *vt.* sack, divorce. *fukuza.*
- aara** [i-aara] *v.* allow to rest. *laza / pumzisha.*
- aara ghema** [i-aara ghémâ] *vp.* allow land to rest. *laza / pumzisha shamba. Variant: ara ghema.*
- ara ghema** [i-ara ghémâ] *vp.* leave land fallow. *likiza shamba.*
- arwa kusha** [i-arwa kusha] *vp.* sleep well. *lala salama. [Gram: passive; lit. lazwa salama]*
- abha₁** [i-ábhâ] *v.* apportion, distribute. *kasimu, gawanya.*
- abha₂** [i-ábhâ] *v.* separate, isolate, ostracize. *tenga.*
- abhanisa** [i-ábhanísâ] *v.* distinguish. *pambanua.*
- afifii** [afífií] *adv.* side by side. *karibukaribu.*
- afo** [-afo] *pos.* your(s). *-ako. urango lwafo* your intelligence *akili yako [Gram: sg]*
- afua** [i-áfua] *v.* crawl. *tambaa. Usage: said of people only. Variant: afwa.*
- afuka** [i-afúka] *v.* want something (esp. food) impatiently. *taka kitu (hasa chakula) bila subira. [Gram: appl.: afukya]*
- afwa** [i-áfwa] *v.* crawl (e.g. child). *tambaa. Usage: said of people only. Variant: afua.*
- afwe** [afwê] *intj.* let him/her/them die! *afe! Pl: bhafwe.*
- agha** [i-aghâ] *v.* be(come) tired. *choka.*
- aghafuma** [i-agháfuma] *v.* commend, praise. *sifu, tukuza. Usage: used of god only.*
- agha** [i-aghágha] *v.* scorn, slight,

aghanya

despise, treat with contempt, insult, slander, scandalize, libel, mock, jeer, tell off. *dharau, tukana, zomea, kashifu.*

aghanya [i-aghánya] v. heed, listen. *sikia jambo au maoni au maelezo, sikiliza, zingatia.*

aghisa [i-aghísa] v. strain, put under stress. *umiza, chosha.*

aghubha [i-aghúbhâ] v. make dirty, soil. *chafua.*

aghwa₁ [i-ághwa] v. scrape off, scale fish. *paa, parua samaki.*

aghwa₂ [i-ághwa] v. go up/north. *nenda/elekea kaskazini au juu.*

aika₁ [aikâ] *intj.* thank you. *asante.* Variant: **eka.**

aika₂ [aikâ] n. gift, reward, present. *zawadi.* Pl: **aika.**

aiya [i-áíya] v. sweep. *fagia.* Variant: **yaiya.**

aka₁ [i-aka] v. thread a needle/bead. *ingiza uzi katika sindano/ushanga.*

aka₂ [i-ákâ] v. burn brightly, become lit. *waka.*

akana [i-akána] v. part with somebody. *agana.*

akuka [i-akúka] v. be thirsty. *kuwa na kiu.*

-akwa [-akwâ] *pro.* mine. *-angu.* **mba yakwa** my house *nyumba yangu*

-akwe [-akwe] *pos.* his or her/hers. *-ake.* **urango lwakwe** his intelligence *akili yake*

ala [i-álâ] v. lay out, spread out. *tandika.*

alagha [alághá] *pro.* negative relative marker. *kirejeshi kanushi.* **kite alagha kikyemaagha** a dog that does not bite *mbwa ambaye haumi*

alala [i-álálâ] v. make even / level, flatten, spread, scatter. *sawazisha, tawanya.*

alasha [i-alásha] vt. alter, change something. *badili.*

ambira

alashika [i-aláshika] vi. alter, change, replace. *badilika.*

alashwa [i-aláshwa] v. be changed. *geuka.* [Gram: passive of **alasha**]

alizeeti [alizééti] n. sunflower. *alizeeti.* Pl: **alizeeti.**

alua [i-álúâ] v. cause to change, alter, turn round, turn over, cause to be like. *geuza, fanya kitu kiwe kama kingine.* Variant: **alwa.**

alua kimamighi [i-alua kimamíghí] make smooth, make soft. *lainisha.*

aluka [i-álúkâ] vi. change, alter. *badilika, geuka.* [Gram: stative]

alua ndu aswe [i-álúá nndú áswê] vp. annoy. *kasirisha.*

alua soori [i-alua sóori] vp. wear clothes inside out. *geuza nguo.*

alwa kyuumba [i-álwâ kyúumbâ] vp. castrate. *hasi.* [Gram: geuza kuwa mgumba]

alya [alyâ] adv. there. *pale.*

amba₁ [i-ambâ] v. smear, annoint, rub over. *paka.*

amba₂ [i-ámbâ] v. say, pronounce. *sema, tamka.*

amba deede [i-amba deedê] vp. speak truthfully. *sema kwa ukweli.*

amba na kwafo [i-amba na kwafo] v. say farewell. *aga.*

amba nisha [i-amba nishá] vp. explain clearly. *fafanua.*

amba urere [i-amba ureré] vp. tell lies. *sema uwongo.*

ambia [i-ámbíâ] v. meet and welcome someone. *laki.*

ambika₁ [i-ambika] v. prepare. *andaa.*

ambikya [i-ambikya] v. prepare for. *andalia.* [Gram: appl. of **ambika**]

ambika₂ [i-ámbíkâ] v. decorate. *pamba.*

ambira [i-ámbira] v.

ambira mugha [i-ámbira múgha]

ambukya

vp. draw water. *teka/kinga maji.*

ambukya [i-ámúkyâ] *v.* spread (as disease or fire). *sambaa k.v. ugonjwa, moto, moshi nk.*

ambutya [i-ambutyâ] *v.* infect. *ambukiza.*

amini [i-amíni] *v.* believe. *amini.*

amira [i-amíra] *v.* put across. *kingamisha.*

amwi [ámwî] *adv.* together. *pamoja.*

amwi na indo [amwi ná indo] *advp.* nevertheless. *hata hivyo.*

ana₁ [i-ánâ] *v.* thank. *shukuru.*

ana₂ [i-ánâ] *v.* fit. *tosha.*

anamira [i-anámira] *v.* make something lean on another. *egemeza.*

ananisa [i-ánánísâ] *v.* compare. *linganisha.*

andi [andî] *adv.* here. *hapa.*

andika [i-andika] *v.* write. *andika.*

See: ireiya.

ando [andô, ándô] *adv n.* there, area, place, location. *hapo, sehemu, mahali.* *Pl: ando.*

ando a [ando a] *advp.* in stead of. *badala. ando akwa* instead of me, in my place *badala yangu*

ando a angya [ando a ángya] *n.* opening, entrance. *kipenyô. [Gram: mahali pa kuingilia]*

ando afika [ando áfikâ] *n.* fracture. *mvunjiko.*

ando ara nrwe [ando ara nrwe] *np.* part of bed for resting the head. *chago.*

ando e kusuruma [ando é kusúruma] *np.* hiding place. *mahali pa kujificha.*

ando elala [ando elalá] *np.* sleeping place, bedstead. *malalo.*

ando kukuiboio [ando kukúibóiyó] *np.* platform; stage, podium. *jukwaa. Lit: 'mahali palipoinuka'.*

ando kurambalalyi [ando

asa

kurambalalyi] *np.* flat land. *nchi tambarare.*

andwa [i-ándwâ] *v.* reconcile. *patanisha.*

anga [i-angâ] *v.* enter. *ingia.*

angata [i-ángátâ] *v.* wipe. *pangusa (maji, vumbi, n.k.). iangata kisa* wipe or wash oneself (after defacating) *chamba (baada ya kunya)*

angatyia [i-ángátyiâ] *v.* wipe for. *futia. [Gram: appl. of angata]*

-angu [-ángu] *adj.* light, few; swift. *epesi, chache. kyoondi kyangu* light pot *mtungi mwepesi*

angusya [i-ángúsyâ] *v.* cause haste, cause to be hasty. *harakisha.*

angwa [i-ángwâ] *v.* become lighter in weight. *wa -epesi, pungua uzito.*

anika [i-aníka] *v.* spread (e.g. to dry, or for all to see). *anika.*

-ankwa [-ánkwâ] *adj.* old. *kuukuu. nndu ankwa* old person *mtu mzee*

anshiifu [anshíifu] *n.* handkerchief. *leso. Variant: kyanshiifu. Pl: anshiifu.*

-antu [-antú] *adj.* swift, cheerful. *-epesi, changamfu.*

anwa [i-ánwa] *v.* take in laundry (from a drying-place). *anua.*

ao₁ [aó] *con.* or. *au.*

-ao₂ [-ao] *pos.* their, theirs. *-ao. (1) mmba ao; (2) mighwao* (1) their house; (2) their heads (1) *nyumba yao; (2) vichwa vyao*

ara [i-ara] *v.* see **aara.**

araiyo [áráiyô] *n.* sandal (traditional). *sapatu. Pl: araiyo.*

arambwa [i-arámbwa] *v.* trim branches of trees. *pogoa.*

arya [i-árya] *v.* lend an animal. *kopesha mnyama.*

asa₁ [i-asâ] *v.* counsel, advise, warn. *nasihi, onya.*

asa₂ [i-asâ] *v.* shoot at. *lenga, piga kwa mshale, piga kwa manati, piga kwa*

-asha*bunduki.***asa na mfe** [i-asá na mfé] *vp.*
shoot by arrow. *piga mshale.***mwiasa mfe** [mwiasá mfê] *np.*
archer. *mlenga mshale.* See: **asa: piga kwa kombora, shoot at.** *Pl: bheasa mfe.***-asha** [-ashá] *adj.* long, tall. *-refu. nri mwasha* tall tree *mti mrefu***ashuka** [i-áshúkâ] *v.* escape narrowly from danger. *nusurika, ponea chupu.***ashwa** [i-áshwâ] *v.* keep away from, cause to avoid e.g. danger, save. *epusha, nusuru.***asikofu** [asikofû] *n.* bishop. *askofu.*
*Pl: masikofu.***ata**₁ [i-atâ] *v.* let in, push in. *ingiza.***ata**₂ [i-átâ] *v.* ignite, kindle, light. *washa.***ata mogho** [i-ata moghô] *vp.***bale**make fire. *koka moto.***ata tanuuru** [i-ata tanúúru] *vp.*
fire a furnace. *koka tanuru.* *Variant: ata itanuuru.***ata indo** [atá indo, aténdô] *con.*
moreover. *aidha.***aukwa** [i-aúkwa] *v.* be startled. *shituka.***auta** [i-aúta] *v.* catch unawares, startle, amaze. *shitusha, shangaza.***auwa** [i-áúwâ] *v.* dislodge (something jammed), help someone out, untie. *kwamua, fungua.***aya**₁ [í-aya] *v.* entice, tempt, exaggerate, incite a fight. *shawishi, tia chumvi, piganisha.***aya**₂ [í-ayâ] *v.* scrape off burnt part. *parua kitu kilichookwa.* *Variant: yaya.***B - b****baaba** [báába] *n.* father. *baba. Pl: bhabaaba.***baba ndoogo** [baba ndóógo] *np.*
younger uncle (father's younger brother). *baba mdogo. Pl: bhababa ndoogo.***baba nkuubwa** [baba nkúúbwa] *np.*
father's elder brother. *ami (amu), baba mkubwa. Pl: bhababa nkuubwa.***baana** [i-báána] *v.* touch. *gusa.***baasha** [baashâ] *n.* envelope. *bahasha. Pl: baasha.***baati** [baatî] *adv.* maybe, perhaps. *labda.***baati** [baatí] *n.***baati shikasha** [baatí shikashá] *np.*
a bad omen, jinx, mishap, bad luck. *mkosi, bahati mbaya. Pl: baati shikasha.***baati shisha** [baatí shishá] *np.*fortune, luck. *bahati nzuri. Pl: baati shisha.***babara**₁ [í-bábárâ] *v.* split into pieces. *chanja. [Gram: reduplication of bara]***babara ngwi** [i-babara ngwí] *vp.*
cut up firewood into small pieces. *chanja kuni.***babara**₂ [í-bábárâ] *v.* mash, smash or crush by pounding. *ponda, pondaponda.***bado** [bádô] *adv.* not yet. *bado. [Gram: from Swahili]***bakuri** [bakurî] *n.* bowl. *bakuli. Pl: bakuri.***bakuri ya yuumba** [bakuri ya yuumbâ] *n.* earthenware dish. *kibia. Lit: 'bakuri ya udongo'.***balasha** [i-báláshâ] *v.* stir or mix by stirring (esp. water). *vuruga (hasa maji).***bale** [i-balê] *v.* come to puberty.

baluka*balehe.***baluka** [i-balúka] v. lose colour or beauty, shrivel, fade. *kwajuka, pauka.*
*Variant: pauka.***bandari** [bandarî] n. harbour. *bandari.*
*Pl: bandari.***bangi** [bángî] n. bhang, Indian hemp.
*bangi. Pl: bangi.***banya** [i-banya] v. treat a sick person.
*agua mtu.***bara**₁ [i-bárâ] v. hatch (eggs). *angua, totoa.***bara**₂ [i-bárâ] v. split into pieces.
*chanja.***bara**₃ [i-bárâ] v. cut open, splinter, slice, split, empty fish's intestines.
*pasua, tumbua.***bara ndu alwe** [i-bára n'ndu alwé] vp. operate on (a sick person).
*pasua ngonjwa.***barangata** [i-barángata] v. grind coarsely. *paaza.***barasa**₁ [bárásâ] n. court, verandah.
*mahakama, baraza. Pl: barasa.***barasa**₂ [i-bárásâ] v. unhusk maize.
*koboa mahindi.***barasen** [barasén] n. in court, on veranda/verandah. *mahakamani, barazani. Pl: mabarasen.***barika** [i-bárikâ] vi. burst open, crack, be torn. *pasuka.***barwa** [barwâ] n. letter, mail. *barua. Pl: barwa.***basha** [i-báshâ] v. cut to shape, sharpen to a point, sculpt, carve, cause to be carved. *chonga, chongesha.***basha mayo** [i-báshâ máyô] vp. sharpen teeth. *chonga meno.***basha na** [i-basha na] v. carve with. *chongea.***basikelyi** [basikélyi] n. bicycle.
*baisikeli. Pl: basikelyi.***batisa** [i-bátísâ] v. baptize. *batiza.***-beere** [-beeré] adj. negligent, lazy, idle. *zembe. ndu mbeere* lazy person**bha***mtu mzembe***bendera** [bendérâ] n. flag. *bendera.***bha**₁ [i-bhâ] v. rise (of sun), bloom (flowers). *chomoza, chanua.***bha**₂ [i-bhá] v. befit, suit. *faa.***bha**₃ [i-bhá] v. be or become. *kuwa.***bha ando** [i-bha ándo] vp. be somewhere. *kuwa mahali fulani.***bha kindo kikasha** [i-bha kíndo kikashá] vp. become a taboo. *kuwa mwiko.***bha kufii** [i-bha kúfii] vp. approach. *karibia.***bha kwaasha** [i-bha kwáashá] vp. be far or aloof. *kuwa mbali.***bha mwaantu** [i-bha mwáantu] vp. become cheerful. *changamka.***bha mwichin** [i-bha mwíghin] vp. be in a menstrual period. *kuwa hedhini.***bha mwiko** [i-bha mwíko] vp. become taboo. *kuwa mwiko.***bha na finya** [i-bha na finyâ] vp. become strong. *kuwa na nguvu.***bha na kidubha** [i-bha ná kidubhá] vp. be envious, be jealous of. *kuwa na wivu/kijicho.***bha na kififi** [i-bha ná kififi] vp. be envious, be jealous of. *kuwa na wivu/kijicho.***bha na wallyo** [i-bha ná wallyo] vp. be careful. *kuwa na uangalifu.***bha nghoko** [i-bhá nghóko] vp. become lazy. *kuwa mvivu.***bha nlemwa** [i-bhá nlemwa] vp. be crippled, be disabled, be pregnant. *lemaa, kuwa mlemavu, kuwa mja mzito.***bha ndu nsima** [i-bhá ndu nsimâ] vp. act in a mature way. *fanya kiutu uzima.***bha nrango** [i-bhá nrangó] vp. become clever. *erevuka.***bha nsaaghi** [i-bhá nsáághi] vp.

bhaabha

be or become trustworthy. *kuwa mwaminifu.*

bha-uu [i-bha -úu] *vp.* become black or dark. *kuwa -eusi. ibha muu* (person) be dark in skin complexion (*mtu*) *kuwa mweusi*

bha-obhi [i-bha-óbhi] *vp.* become sharp (tool). *kuwa kali.*

bhaabha [i-bháábha] *v.* sparkle, glitter, twinkle. *meremeta.*

bhaaka [i-bhaakâ] *v.* resemble. *fanana.*

bhaaki [bhaaki] *pro.* who? *nani? Pl: bhaaki. [Gram: plural]*

bhaanga₁ [i-bháánga] *v.* announce arrival. *bisha hodi.*

bhaanga₂ [i-bháánga] *v.* call, convoke. *ita, itisha. bhaanga bhandu ikwaanun* call people to a meeting *ita watu mkutanoni*

bhaanga mwaandu [i-bháánga mwaandú] *vp.* accuse. *shitaki.*

bhaanga (ndumen) [i-bháánga (ndúmen)] *vp.* invite. *alika. Lit: 'ita kwenye sherehe'.*

bhaangya [i-bháángya] *v.* invite. *karibisha.*

bhaaya [i-bhááya] *v.* plant seed. *atika, panda.*

bhabha₁ [i-bhabhâ] *v.* be bitter. *kuwa chungu.*

-bhabha₂ [-bhabhâ] *adj.* bitter, sour. *chungu. waghi ubhabha* sour beer *pombe chungu*

bhabha shumbi [i-bhabhá shúmbî] *vp.* become salty. *wa na chumvi. Lit: 'kuwa chungu kichumvi'.*

bhabhagha [i-bhábhághâ] *v.* trample severely. *kanyaga kanyanga.*

bhabhara [i-bhabhára] *v.* care for, nurse. *angalia, uguza.*

bhabhasa [i-bhabhása] *v.* order, command, warn, forbid. *amrisha, amuru, asa.*

bhabhasya [i-bhabhásyâ] *v.* order,

bhambuka

direct. *agiza.*

bhabhisa [i-bhabhísa] *v.* wound, injure, hurt, pain. *jeruhi, kata maini.*

bhabhiywa [i-bhábhíywa] *v.* feel pain, smart. *chonyota, umia, umwa.*

bhagha [i-bhaghâ] *v.* stroke, pat. *papasa.*

bhagha mwai [i-bhaghá mwáí] *vp.* yawn. *enda mwayo.*

bhagha m'mbwa [i-bhaghá m'mbwâ] *vp.* sneeze. *piga chafya.*

bhaghama [i-bhagháma] *v.* shine, glitter. *ng'aa.*

bhaghia₁ [i-bhaghía] *v.* take, receive. *chukua, pokea.*

bhaghia kisha [i-bhághía kishá] *vp.* entertain, treat with hospitality. *kirimu. Lit: 'kupokea vizuri'.*

bhaghia mun [i-bhaghia mun] *v.* invite. *karibisha. [Gram: pokea mgeni]*

bhaghia₂ [i-bhághíâ] *v.* trample, step on. *kanyaga.*

bhaghiia [i-bhághííâ] *v.* trample for/with. *kanyagia. bhaghiia maghende* trample under foot *kanyaga kwa miguu [Gram: appl. of ibhaghia]*

bhaghinya [bhághínyâ] *adv.* slowly. *taratibu.*

bhaka₁ [i-bhakâ] *v.* look like, become like, resemble. *fanana, landa.*

bhaka₂ [i-bhakâ] *v.* seem. *onekana.*

bhakia [i-bhákia] *v.* sow seed, transplant. *panda mbegu, pandikiza.*

-bhakye [-bhákýe] *adj.* similar. *ifananayo.*

bhallya [i-bhállýâ] *v.* tiptoe, stand on one's toes. *tembea kwa ncha za vidole, chuchumia.*

bhamba [i-bhámbâ] *v.* peg out, spread out. *wamba.*

bhambuka [i-bhámbúkâ] *v.* become broken off. *konyoka.*

bhambwa

bhambwa [i-bhámbwâ] v. break off a banana. *konyoa*.

bhanda [i-bhándâ] v. fatten up, become fat. *nenepa, nona*.

bhandu [bhándû] n. community, people. *jami, watu*.

-bhandye [-bhándyé] adj. fat, thick. *-nene*. Usage: said of people.

bhanika [i-bhánikâ] v. suspend, swing, hang. *ning'iniza, tundika, nyonga*.

bhanwa [i-bhanwa] v. bring down. *shusha*. [Gram: reversive of **bhanika**]

bhanwa mooghu [i-bhanwa mooghú] vp. bring down hive to take honey. *shusha mzinga*. [Gram: reversive of **bhanika**]

bharika [i-bharíka] v. dry by fire. *kausha kwa moto*.

bhau [i-bhaú] v. be present, attend. *hudhuria*. Lit: 'kuwapo'.

bhegha [i-bheghâ] v. wait. *ngoja*.

bhegheya [i-bheghéya] v. waylay. *vizia (mtu) njiani*.

bheiya₁ [i-bhéiya] v. rebuild, reconstruct, rehabilitate. *jenga upya, karabati*.

bheiya₂ [i-bhéiya] v. protect by charm. *kaga*.

bhenya [i-bhenyâ] v. thrash grain, unhusk grain, peel. *kafua, kopoa, menya*.

bhesa [i-bhesá] v. question, interview, ask. *hoji, saili, uliza*.

bhesya [i-bhésya] v. inquire. *ulizia*.

-bhi [-bhî] pro. who? *nani*. Variant: **bhaaki**. [Gram: **woobhi** (sg), **bhaabhi** (pl)]

bhibhika [i-bhibhíka] v. be blown away. *peperuka*.

bhibhita [i-bhibhíta] v. waft or sway something in the air. *peperusha*.

-bhighi [-bhíghi] adj. ripe. *bivu*. Lit: 'iliyoiva'.

-bhiighi [-bhiighi] adj. ripe, soft.

bhika

-iloiva, laini. (i) **uteeghi ubhiighi**; (ii) **malla mabhiighi**, (iii) **matunda mabhiighi** (i) soft earth; (ii) yoghurt; (iii) ripe fruits (i) *ardhi laini*; (ii) *maziwa ya mgando*; (iii) *matunda yaliyoiva* Variant: **-bhighi**.

bhiirya-mu [i-bhíirya-mû] vp. entertain, refresh. *burudisha*. Lit: 'rudisha uhai'.

bhika₁ [i-bhikâ] v. clothe. *vika*.

bhika₂ [i-bhikâ] v. lay eggs, produce (said especially of plants). *taga, zaa (hutumika hasa kwa mimea)*.

bhika₃ [i-bhika] v. carry (child) on the back. *eleka*. **bhika mwana mungo** put child on back *weka mtoto mgongoni*

bhika ghembo [i-bhika ghembó] vp. cause to sit. *ketisha, kalisha*.

bhika kufii [i-bhiká kufíi] vp. put near or in the neighbourhood. *weka karibu*.

bhika kyaasa [i-bhíka kyaasa] vp. promise. *ahidi*.

bhika mbusha [i-bhiká mbúshâ] vp. put in store. *weka akiba*.

bhika ndumwa [i-bhiká ndúm-wâ] vp. make a feast. *fanya karamu*.

bhika ngataren [i-bhikâ ngataren] vp. endanger, jeopardize. *hatarisha*.

bhika ngoghu [i-bhika ngóghû] vp. scar. *tia kovu*.

bhika ng'unden [i-bhika ng'unden] vp. carry on one's lap. *pakata*. [Gram: *weka pajani*]

bhika nrima [i-bhikâ nrimâ] vp. motivate, induce, mobilize, give incentive. *hamasisha*. Lit: 'pa moyo'.

bhika nsya [i-bhiká nsya] vp. expect. *tegemea*.

bhika shongo [i-bhiká shongo] vp. stir up trouble, incite. *chochea ugomvi*. Lit: 'weka chongo'.

bhika shumbi [i-bhiká shúmbi]

bhikya

- vp.* exaggerate. *tia chumvi.*
bhika simbai [i-bhiká símbái] *vp.* put down. *tia chini.*
bhika uramba [i-bhiká urambá] *vp.* plan. *panga.*
bhika utore [i-bhiká utórê] *vp.* carve. *kata nakshi.*
bhika yeebheny [i-bhiká yeebheny] *vp.* carry on the shoulder. *beba begani.*
bhikya [i-bhíkya] *v.* tame, keep animals. *fuga.*
bhikya nsya [i-bhíkya nsyá] *v.* depend on. *tegemea.*
bhinda [i-bhíndâ] *v.* hunt. *winda.*
bhinga [i-bhíngâ] *v.* overcome, win, defeat, pass. *shinda.*
bhingwa [i-bhíngwâ] *v.* surrender, fail, give up. *salimu amri, shindwa.*
bhingya [i-bhíngyâ] *v.* confront, respond an alarm call. *kabili, amua ugomvi.*
bhinya₁ [i-bhínyâ] *v.* give hint/lead. *pa mtu taarifa nyeti kwa kifupi, dokeza, bonyeza.*
bhinya₂ [i-bhínyâ] *v.* tell off, scold. *suta, kemea.*
bhira₁ [i-bhíra] *v.* put back, take back. *rudisha.*
bhira₂ [i-bhirâ] *v.* ferment, become sour, coagulate. *chacha, ganda.*
bhira₃ [i-bhirâ] *v.* be cooked and ready to eat, ripen, mature. *iva, pevuka.*
bhira₄ [i-bhirâ] *v.* get wet. *lowa.*
bhira toro [i-bhirá toro] *vp.* get totally wet or soaked in water. *lowana.*
bhirisa [i-bhirísa] *v.* douse, steep something in water. *lowesha.*
bhirisa [i-bhirísa] *v.* ripen fruit artificially. *pepea.*
bhirya [i-bhírya] *v.* poke, stir (fire). *chochea (moto).*
-bhishwa [-bhíshwâ] *adj.* unlawful,

bolosha

- prohibited, sinful, wicked. *haramu, ovu, ya dhambi.*
-bhisi [-bhisi] *adj.* uncooked, raw, unripe, wet. *bichi. kindo kibhisi* unripe thing *kitu kibichi*
bhiya [i-bhiyâ] *v.* inform, tell. *pasha.*
Variant: ibhya.
bhya₁ [i-bhyâ] *v.* inform, tell. *pasha.*
Variant: ibhiya.
bhya ubhya [i-bhyá úbhyâ] *vp.* tell story. *hadithia.*
bhya₂ [i-bhyâ] *v.* chop. *kata (nyama, kitunguu, nyanya).* *Variant: bhyabhya.*
bhya umbi [i-bhyá umbi] *vp.* harvest sorghum/cotton. *kata ulezi.*
bhyaabhya [bhyaabhya] *n.* rumor mongering. *umbeya. Pl: bhyaabhya.*
bhyabhya [i-bhyábhyâ] *v.* cut up into small slices. *chanyata.*
bila [i-bílâ] *v.* blink. *pepesa macho.*
bilibilyi [bilibílyi] *n.* pepper. *pilipili. Pl: bilibilyi.*
billya [i-bílyyâ] *v.* wink, give secret sign. *konyeza. [Gram: caus./appl. of bila]*
biri [bírí] *n.* nape of the neck. *kisogo. Pl: biri.*
birika [biríka] *n.* kettle. *birika. Pl: birika.*
biringika [i-biríngika] *vi.* roll. *bingirika, gaagaa.*
biringita [i-biríngita] *vt.* roll something. *bingirisha, firigisa, vingirisha.*
-birye [-birye] *adj.* soaked. *iliyolowa.*
-birye poto [-birye póto] *adj.* very soaked. *iliyolowa kabisa. [Gram: poto is ideophone]*
-boghu [-boghú] *adj.* defective, delapidated, rotten. *bovu.*
boloka [i-bólókâ] *v.* become soft. *lainika, bopa.*
bolosha [i-bólóshâ] *v.* spoil, jeopardize. *vuruga.*

bolota

- bolota** [i-bólótâ] v. make smooth/soft. *lainisha.*
- bolotu** [-bolotú] *adj.* soft, smooth. *laini.*
- bomeny** [bomény] *n.* headquarters of e.g. district. *bomani.*
- bomua** [i-bómua] v. demolish. *bomoa.*
- bonye** [-bónyé] *adj.* wide. *-pana.*
Usage: said of roads.
- boo** [boo] outside, at home. *nje, nyumbani, kwetu.*
- booka** [i-bóóka] v. commence, begin, establish, initiate. *anza.*
- booka myaandu** [i-bóóka myaandú] v. create chaos. *fanya rabsha. [Gram: anza matata]*
- bookya** [i-bóókya] v. start, begin at or with. *anzia. [Gram: appl. of booka]*
- boriti** [borítí] *n.* beam. *boriti. Pl: boriti.*
- boromua** [i-borómua] v. undo (something knitted or sewn), unbind, unpack, unchain, unfold. *fumua, fungua, kunjua.*
- boromua uteeghi** [i-borómua utééghí] v. erode. *momonyoa*

-dookaa

- (*udongo*).
- boromuka₁** [i-borómuka] v. become undone, unsewn or open, e.g. at the seams. *fumuka.*
- boromuka₂** [i-borómuka] v. be eroded. *momonyoka.*
- bubu** [búbu] *n.* mute. *bubu. Pl: bubu.*
- buluu** [bulúu] *n.* the colour blue. *buluu. Pl: buluu.*
- bunduuki** [búndúúkî] *n.* gun. *bunduki. Pl: bunduuki.*
- busa** [búsa] *n.* maize beer. *pombe-machicha. Variant: buusa. Pl: busa.*
- bushuka** [i-búshúkâ] v. be hurt or injured. *umia, chubuka.*
- bushwa** [i-búshwa] v. bruise. *chubua.*
- buswa** [i-búswa] v. pour away, scatter, spill. *mwaga.*
- buusa** [búúsa] *n.* maize beer. *pombe-machicha. Variant: busa. Pl: buusa.*
- bwa** [i-bwâ] v. go bad, rot, decay. *doda, oza.*
- bwaashe** [bwaashé] *n.* brother/sister-in-law. *shemeji. Pl: bhabwaashe.*

D - d

- dede₁** [dédê] *adv.* indeed. *kweli.*
- dede₂** [dédê] *n.* truth, real/genuine thing. *ukweli, dhati. kindo kya dede true/real thing kitu cha kweli*
- deesya** [i-déésya] v. prepare (e.g. materials for a job). *andaa.*
- den** [den] *adv.* very. *sana.*
- dena** [i-déngâ] v. condemn, damn, curse, send a spell. *laani, apiza.*
- denge** [-dengé] *adj.* cursed. *laanifu.*
- dina** [i-dínâ] v. rumble. *rindima.*
- diwani** [diwanî] *n.* councilor. *diwani.*
- do** [dó] *adv.* calm. *shwari. imallya do keep quiet nyamaza kimya*
- dobha** [i-dóbhâ] *n.* gather flowers, fruit

- or leaves, harvest. *chuma, angua, pura.*
- dodora** [i-dodóra] v. become red, turn red. *wa -ekundu.*
- dodori** [-dodori] *adj.* red. *-ekundu.*
- dola** [i-dolâ] v. break off or take in small bits, especially secretly. *dokoa, donoa.*
- dongoshwa** [i-dongóshwa] v. break off or take in small bits, especially secretly. *dokoa.*
- dooka** [i-dóóka] v. ferment, become sour. *chacha, china.*
- dookaa** [-dóókaa] *adj.* acidic. *kakasi. malela adookaa fermented milk*

dosha*maziwa yaliyochacha***dosha** [i-doshâ] v. pierce with a tool (e.g. spear). *choma, dunga, fuma.***doshya** [i-dóshya] v. erect, set up. *simika.***doto** [doto] n. second born of twins. *Doto. Pl: wadoto.***-du** [-du] *adj.* young. *dogo. mwana ndu* small child *mtoto mdogo***duduya** [i-dúúyâ] v. pour a lot of liquid down the throat, gulp. *kukumia, gugumia.***enda****dung'a** [i-dúng'â] v. have an erection (of the penis). *dinda.***dunisa** [i-dúnísâ] v. make erect (of penis). *disa.***duhya** [i-dúsyâ] v. gate crash at a meal. *vizia ili kupata chakula.***duukya** [i-dúúkyâ] v. emerge, spring up, appear. *ibuka, jitokeza.***dya** [i-dyâ] v. grunt. *toa sauti ya kuugulia.***E - e****ebeshye** [i-ebéshye] v. ruminant. *cheua.***eekera** [i-éékérâ] v. arrange on top of something, stack. *panga au weka kitu juu ya kingine.***eekya** [i-éékya] v. help. *saidia.***eengye** [i-ééngye] v. result in. *pelekea.***eera** [i-éérâ] v. plant seed. *sia (k.v. mtama).***eerea** [i-eeréa] v. fear, be afraid. *hofu.***eesa** [i-éésâ] v. measure. *pima.***efo** [efô] *adv.* that way, therein. *humo, huko. Variant: ifo.***-eghu** [-eghú] *pos.* our(s). *-etu.***ehce** [ehée] *intj.* expression of agreement. *ehce!***eka₁** [i-eka] v. float. *elea. eka uwe mugha* float on water *elea juu ya maji***eka₂** [i-ékâ] v. flow, trickle, melt, perish in a torrent. *tiririka.***ekena** [i-ekéna] v. count. *hesabu.***ekeera** [i-ékérâ] v. stack. *weka kitu juu ya kingine. ando ekeera findo yoo ukuten* peg, bracket on wall for hanging things *kiango***ekya** [i-ékyâ] v. assist, help. *saidia.***ekya makusaro** [i-ékyâ makusaro] *vp.* give advice. *shauri.***ela** [i-élâ] v. winnow. *pepeta.***elela** [i-élélâ] v. become loose. *legea, pwaya.***elelisa** [i-élélísâ] v. loosen. *legeza.***-ellele** [-élélélé] *adj.* slack. *-liolegea.***-elwa** [-élwâ] *adj.* clear, white, clean. *-eupe, safi. mba shelwa* clean house *nyumba safi/nyeupe Usage: Masama, Siha.***enda** [i-éndâ] v. depart, leave, go. *ondoka, enda.***enda kimwi** [i-enda kimwí] *vp.* go straight on. *kwenda moja kwa moja.***enda kyaaro** [i-éndâ kyáárô] *vp.* travel. *safiri.***enda misa** [i-enda misâ] *vp.* attack, invade, assail. *vamia. Lit: 'enda vitani'.***enda mwiighin** [i-enda mwiighín] *vp.* menstruate. *ingia mwezini.***enda na maghende** [i-enda na maghendê] *vp.* hike. *enda kwa miguu.***enda teete** [i-enda teeté] v. walk like a child learning to walk. *tembea kama mtoto anayejifunza kutembea. See: simama dede.***enda uwe** [i-enda uwe] *vp.* go up.

ende

- enda juu.*
ende [i-endê] v. bring, deliver. *leta.*
ende m'bwā [i-endé m'bwā] vp. make rain. *leta mvua.*
ende sheremu [i-endé shérému] vp. fabricate, invent. *zua. Lit: 'leta maneno mengi'.*
endesha [i-éndeshâ] v. have diarrhoea. *hara, harisha.*
endya [i-éndyâ] v. honour, respect, treat with dignity, revere. *heshimu. Variant: iindya.*
endya miiko [i-endya míiko] vp. observe taboo. *heshimu mwiko.*
eng'a [i-éng'â] v. breathe, gasp, pant. *hema, pumua.*
engera [i-éngérâ] v. add to, increase. *ongeza, jumlisha.*
engereka [i-éngérékâ] vi. increase (e.g. in size). *ongezeka.*
-eni₁ [-eni] *qua.* only. *tu. kitabu kyeni, nri muni, miri mini kitabu tu, mti tu, miti tu*
-eni₂ [-éni] *pro.* -self. *-enyewe.*
era₁ [i-érâ] v. throw (e.g. spear),

fighaanu

- scatter (e.g. seed to grow). *tupa, rusha.*
era ifo [i-era ifô] v. throw away. *tupa.*
era₂ [i-érâ] v. bewitch. *roga.*
erea [i-eréa] v. be intimidated or scared, fear. *ogopa, tishika. ereiye irubha* a believer in God *anayemwogopa mungu, mcha mungu*
erebhe [i-erébhe] v. be confused/troubled. *babaika, hangaika. mwana akyerebhe mtoto anahangaika kwa hofu, ugonjwa, n.k.*
-erei [-eréi] *adj.* cowardly. *-oga. ndu mwerei mtu mwoga*
eresā [i-erésā] v. intimidate, scare, frighten, threaten, startle, terrify. *ogofya/ogopesha, tisha, shitusha. [Gram: caus.]*
esa [i-ésâ] v. attempt, try, test, measure. *jaribu, pima.*
ese [esê] *pro.* we. *sisi. Variant: ise.*
ewe [ewê] *pro.* you sg. *wewe. Variant: iwe.*

F - f

- faama** [i-fáama] v. sweet smell. *nukia.*
faana [i-fáaná] vi. become dirty. *chafuka.*
fafala [i-fáfálâ] v. scatter as chicken in search of food, search. *tapanya kama vile kuku, chakura.*
faghika [i-faghíka] v. reproduce, multiply. *ongezeka kwa kuzaa.*
faghisa [i-faghísa] v. deliver animal babies. *zalisha.*
faka [i-fákâ] v. defecate. *nya.*
fala [i-fálâ] v. scatter. *tawanya (maji, mtama n.k.).*
fallya [i-fállýâ] v. sprinkle, scatter for/at. *nyunyizia, tawanyia. [Gram: appl. of ifala]*
famia [i-fámia] v. smell something. *nusa.*
fana [fánâ] *n.* colour. *rangi. Pl: fana.*
fibhi [fíbhí] *n.* two. *mbili.*
fidooro [fidooro] *n.* range of mountains. *safu ya milima.*
fidya [i-fídyā] v. pay ransom payment. *fidia.*
fidya [fídyâ] *n.* ransom payment. *fidia. Pl: fidya.*
fifina [i-fífínâ] v. strain, filter (e.g. a liquid, distill liquor). *chuja, pika pombe kali.*
figha [fighâ] *n.* war. *vita.*
fighaaghu [figháághû] *n.* three. *tatu.*
fighaanu [figháánû] *n.* five. *tano. (1)*

fighika

- mighi ighaanu (2) shuba isaanu (1)** *miti mitano (2) chupa tano*
- fighika** [fighika] v. be disfigured by disease. *duduka.*
- fighindaghu** [fighíndághû] n. six. *sita.*
- fii**₁ [fíi] n. hair. *nywele. Pl: fii.*
- fii ta si** [fíi tá sí] n. pubic hair. *mavuzi. Lit: 'nywele za chini'.*
- fii shaangu** [fii shaangu] n. a tuft of hair. *bwenzi.*
- fii**₂ [-fíi] adj. brief; short. *fupi. ndu mfi mtu mfupi*
- fiikya** [i-fíikya] v. put upside down. *fudikiza.*
- fiikya ndudu** [i-fíikya ndúdû] vp. face downwards. *lala fudifudi.*
- fiina** [fíinâ] n. four. *nne.*
- fiisa** [i-fíisa] v. cause to be brief or short. *fupisha.*
- fiisa na** [i-fíisa na] v. shorten with. *fupishia.*
- fiisya** [i-fíisya] v. shorten for. *fupishia.*
- fiiya** [i-fíiya] v. die for. *fa.*
- fiiya** [i-fíiya] v. become short. *wa fupi.*
- fika**₁ [i-fíkâ] v. break, cease. *katika, vunjika.*
- fikafika** [ifikáfikâ] v. break into pieces. *vunjikavunjika. [Gram: reduplication of fika]*
- fika**₂ [i-fíkâ] v. arrive. *fika.*
- fika ughoghon** [i-fika ughóghón] vp. reach the apex. *fikia kilele. [Gram: lit. fika utosini]*
- fiko** [fíkô] n. mole. *fuko. Pl: fiko.*
- fiku** [fikú] n. thousand. *elfu.*
- fikya** [i-fíkyâ] v. reach something or somewhere. *fikia.*
- fikywa** [i-fíkywa] v. run short of, fall short. *tindikiwa, pungukiwa.*
- fimu** [fímû] n. harvest (farm) offerings in church. *sadaka ya mavuno na mifugo ipelekwayo kanisani. Pl: fimu.*

fisha

- fina** [i-finâ] v. dance, play music. *cheza ngoma, piga muziki.*
- fina mbasa** [i-finâ mbasâ] vp. play traditional ngoma. *piga ngoma.*
- finisa** [i-finísa] v. cause to play. *chezsha. [Gram: caus. of fina]*
- finya** [i-fínya] v. play for. *chezea. [Gram: applic. of fina]*
- findika** [i-fíndikâ] v. cause to coagulate or be curdled; set up to ripen. *gandisha (maziwa), vundika ndizi.*
- finga**₁ [i-fínga] v. mystify, conceal meaning. *fumba.*
- finga**₂ [i-fíngâ] v. shut, close, enclose, imprison, wrap up, tie, fasten, bind, engage in courtship. *funga, chumbia.*
- finga**₃ [i-fíngâ] v. bind up, fasten together, splice, mend what is injured or broken. *ganga.*
- finika** [i-finíka] v. cover completely. *gubika.*
- finya** [fínyâ] n. health, wellbeing, energy, vigour. *uzima, afya, nguvu.*
- finya ta kyuumi** [finya ta kyuumi] np. strong desire for especially sex. *ashiki. Lit: 'nguvu ya kiume'.*
- finya shaangu** [fínyâ shaangu] np. weakness. *nguvu kidogo, udhaifu.*
- finya tereema** [finya tereema] np. superstition. *imani ya uchawi. Lit: 'nguvu ya giza'. [Phon: finya ta ireema > finya tereema]*
- finyantaakwe** [fínyántáákwe] n. the power is his (God). *nguvu ni zake (Mola). [Gram: proper name]*
- fira** [i-firâ] v. seize by the throat to suffocate, choke, strangle. *kwama kooni, kaba koo.*
- firwa** [i-firwâ] v. become caught in the throat. *kwamwa kooni. [Gram: passive]*
- fisha** [i-fishâ] v. cut by hand, snap (stick). *vunja, goba.*

fisya

- fisha duka** [i-fishá duka] *vp.* break into shop. *vunja duka.*
- fishafisha** [i-fisháfisha] *v.* shatter. *vunjavunja.* [Gram: reduplication of fisha]
- fisha ibhabhaso** [i-fishá ibhabháso] *vp.* break the law/commandments. *vunja sheria/amri.*
- fisha mba** [i-fishá mbá] *vp.* break into a house (to steal). *vunja nyumba.*
- fisha nghima** [i-fishá nghimá] *vp.* disappoint, discourage. *vunja moyo, katisha tamaa.*
- fisha nghiya** [i-fishá nghiya] *vp.* twist the neck (of bird). *nyonga shingo.*
- fisha ukoo** [i-fishá ukoo] *vp.* deflower. *bikiri.* Lit: 'vunja ujana'.
- fisha umba** [i-fishá umbá] *vp.* destroy a marriage. *vunja ndoa.* Lit: 'vunja unyumba'.
- fisya** [i-físyá] *v.* lie in wait, ambush. *vizia.* [Gram: from Swahili: *vizia*]
- fita** [i-fítá] *v.* cause to arrive. *fikisha.*
- fita kyaasa** [i-fita kyaasá] *vp.* keep one's promise. *timiza ahadi.*
- foo₁** [-fóo] *adj.* blunt. *butu.* **ubanga ufoo** blunt knife *upanga butu*
- foo₂** [-fóo] *adj.* polite, gentle. *-pole.*
- nndu mfoo mtu mpole**
- foosa** [i-fóósa] *v.* lessen effect. *kata makali.* [Gram: caus. of **foo**]
- forisa** [i-fórisa] *v.* pacify, cool. *tuliza, poza.*
- foronya** [foronyá] *n.* pillow-case. *foronya.* Pl: **foronya.**
- fota** [i-fótá] *v.* press; squeeze out, pinch, oppress. *minya, bana, kandamiza, onea.*
- fua** [i-fúa] *v.* cry out. *piga kelele.* Variant: **fwa.**
- fubha** [i-fubhá] *v.* fail to get properly cooked or tended (animal). *dorora.*
- fugha** [i-fúghâ] *v.* feel pleased. *furahi.*

fumbya

- fughisa** [i-fúghísâ] *v.* cause to be happy or pleased, cause to rejoice, satisfy. *furahisha, pendezesha.*
- fughiswa** [i-fúghíswâ] *v.* be pleased. *pendezwa.*
- fughiya** [i-fúghíyâ] *v.* enjoy something, find something pleasurable. *furahia.* [Gram: appl. of **ifugha**]
- fughiye** [-fúghíyé] *adj.* merry, joyful. *-enye furaha.*
- fughumya** [i-fúghúmyâ] *v.* be last. *kuwa wa mwisho.*
- fughwa** [i-fúghwâ] *v.* drag, pull along. *buruta, kokota.*
- fulufulu** [fulufúlu] *adv.* things in a shambles. *ovyo ovyo.*
- fuluka** [i-fulúka] *vi.* turn over. *pinduka.*
- fulukywa** [i-fulúkywa] *v.* be stunted. *kumbaa, dumaa.*
- fuluta₁** [i-fulúta] *v.* puzzle, confuse. *kanganya.*
- fuluta₂** [i-fulúta] *vt.* turn over. *pindua.*
- fuma₁** [i-fumâ] *v.* dig, interrogate someone to obtain details. *chimba k.v. viazi, chokonoa mtu kupata habari za kina, dadisi.* Usage: Machame dialect. Variant: **suma.**
- fuma na kighi** [i-fumá na kighí] *v.* dig with a stick. *chimba kwa kijiti.*
- fuma₂** [i-fumâ] *v.* knit, weave, crochet, sew. *fuma, shona.*
- fumba** [i-fumbâ] *v.* rise up, expand or swell, become angry. *fura, vimba, nuna.*
- fumbira** [i-fúmbírâ] *v.* cause to smoke, burn incense. *fukiza.*
- fumbirya** [i-fúmbíryâ] *v.* burn incense, cause to give out smoke or steam. *fukiza.*
- fumbya₁** [i-fumbyâ] *v.* be overfull with food, get angry at. *vimbia (k.v.*

fumbya

chakula), nunia.

fumbya₂ [i-fúmbyâ] v. give out smoke. *fuka.*

fumbywa [i-fúmbywa] v. have indigestion. *vimbiwa.* [Gram: passive of **fumbya**]

fumira [i-fúmíra] v. bring out bride or mother of infant. *toa mwali/mzazi.*

fumya₁ [i-fúmya] v. dig for. *chimbua.* [Gram: appl. of **fuma**]

fumya₂ [i-fúmya] v. (bride or new mother) come out of seclusion, come out of initiation. (*mwali*) *toka, toka jandoni.*

funda [i-fundâ] v. teach. *fundisha.*

funfun [fúnfún] *adj.* ash colour, grey. *rangi ya kijivu. kitabu kifane funfun / kitabu kya funfun* grey book *kitabu cha rangi ya kijivu*

funga [fungá] *n.* dust. *vumbi.* Pl: **funga.**

fungua [i-fúngua] v. unlock, unchain. *fungua.*

furya [i-fúryâ] v. sniffle. *vuta kamasi.*

fusa₁ [i-fúsa] v. bewitch. *loga, chawia.*

fusa₂ [fúsâ] *n.* jigger. *funza.*

fushu [fushu] *adv.* categorically, completely, never. *asilani, katu, katakata. ilema fushu* refuse completely *kukataa kabisa/katakata*

futa [i-futa] v. smoke. *vuta.*

futa mbatu [i-futa mbatu] *vp.* smoke. *vuta sigara.*

fwa₁ [i-fwâ] v. shout, scream, cry. *piga kelele/yowe, lalama.*

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fwa₂ [i-fwá] v. pass away, die. *kata roho, fa.*

fwa kansi [i-fwa kánsi] v. become numb, become paralysed. *kufa ganzi.*

fwa nghima [i-fwa nghimâ] *vp.* despair. *kata tamaa, kufa moyo.*

fwa uroo [i-fwa úroo] *vp.* lose one's voice, be hoarse. *pwelea (sauti).* [Gram: lit. kufa koo]

fwaa₁ [i-fwáa] v. be or become blunt. *kuwa butu.*

fwaa₂ [fwáa] *n.* will, testament, curse. *usia, laana.* Pl: **fwa.**

fwaa₃ [i-fwáa] v. cool down, calm down. *poa, tuliza hasira.*

-fwafwa [-fwafwá] *adj.* weak, feeble, oppressed, of inferior quality. *nyonge, duni. (1) mbughu shifwafwa; (2) ndu mfwafwa* (1) weak goat; (2) weak person (1) *mbuzi mnyonge; (2) mtu duni*

fwana [fwana] *n.* picture. *picha.* Pl: **fwana.**

fwanu [i-fwanû] *n.* idol, statue. *sanamu.* Pl: **mafwanu.**

fwaya [i-fwáya] v. sympathize with, have pity on, forgive sins. *hurumia, samehe dhambi.*

fyaa [i-fyáa] v. multiply, breed, reproduce. *zaa.* [Gram: used of animals]

G - g

gha₁ [i-ghâ] v. take a handful of something. *chopa. ighaa mugha* scoop water *chota maji*

gha₂ [i-ghá] v. leave off, stop. *acha. ghafo mashora* cease work *acha kazi*

ghaa₁ [i-ghaa] v. bad smell, stink. *nuka.*

ghaa₂ [ghaa] *n.* quarrelsomeness, disturbance. *ugomvi, vurugu.*

ghaaghaa [ghaagháa] *n.* character of a quarrelsome person. *upuuzi, mambo ya ovyo, hali ya kuwa mgomvi. nndu a ghaaghaa* foolish person *mtu mpuuzi, mwenye mambo ya ovyo*

ghaaka

[Gram: reduplication of **ghaa**]

ghaaka₁ [i-ghááka] v. retch, vomit. *goka, tapika.*

ghaaka₂ [i-ghááka] v. (of plants, e.g. maize, banana) produce young shoot for cob/bunch of bananas. (*mimea k.v. mahindi, mgomba*) *toa mhindi/mkungu mchanga.* Variant: **ghaata.**

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-ghabhi [-ghabhí] *adj.* untidy, dirty. *chafu.* **nndu nhabhi** *mtu mchafu*

ghabhika [i-ghabhíka] v. dry something over fire/smoke. *kausha kwa moto/moshi.*

ghafuna [i-ghafúna] v. chew, gnaw, nibble, crunch. *tafuna, guguna.*

ghaiya [i-ghaíya] v. scoop up with hand/spoon, scoop up for. *chota kwa mikono, pakua kwa kijiko, chotea.* [Gram: appl. of **igha**]

ghaiya mugh [i-ghaíya mughâ] v. draw water. *chota maji.*

ghandua [i-ghándua] v. undo (something knitted or sewn), tear. *fumua, chana.* Variant: **ghandwa.**

ghandua soori [i-ghandua sóori] *vp.* tear clothes. *chana nguo.*

ghanduka [i-ghándúkâ] v. be split/torn, become unsewn. *chanika, fumuka.*

ghandwa [i-ghándwâ] v. tear. *chana.* Variant: **ghandua.**

ghasa₁ [ghásâ] *n.* sterile animal. *mnyama tasa.* Pl: **ghasa.**

ghasa₂ [i-ghásâ] v. make offerings to the dead/gods. *tambika, adua.* Variant: **ghasya.**

ghasha₁ [i-ghashâ] v. incise, tattoo, operate on a sick person. *chanja,*

gheiya

pasua mgonjwa.

ghasha₂ [i-ghashâ] leak. *kuvuja k.v. nyumba.*

ghasya [i-ghásyâ] v. make offerings to the dead/gods. *tambika.* Variant: **ghasa.**

ghau [i-ghaû] v. boycott, abandon. *susa.*

ghau mmi/nka [i-gháú mmi/nka] v. divorce. *acha mume/mke.*

ghaya₁ [i-gháyâ] v. close door. *funga mlango.*

ghaya₂ [i-gháyâ] v. wean. *achisha ziwa.*

ghebheka [i-ghébhékâ] v. soak in water. *loweka.*

gheeya [i-ghééya] v. hand over or entrust to. *kabidhi, achia.* Variant: **igheya.**

ghegha₁ [i-gheghâ] v. talk, say, speak, converse, chat. *zungumza, sema, ongea.*

ghegha kibhiribhiri [i-gheghá kibhiribhiri] v. whisper. *nong'ona.*

ghegha kumuni [i-ghegha kumuní] *vp.* speak to oneself. *sema mwenyewe.*

ghegha nndu [i-gheghá nndu] *vp.* speak ill of someone. *sema mtu, sengenya.*

ghegha₂ [i-ghéghâ] v. itch, irritate. *washa.*

gheghewa [i-ghéghéfwâ] v. stammer, stutter. *kuwa na kigugumizi.*

gheghema [i-ghéghémâ] v. quiver, tremble, shiver. *gwaya, tetemeka.*

gheghiya [i-gheghíya] v. discuss, consult. *shauriana.*

gheghiyana [i-gheghíyana] v. discuss, argue. *jadili.*

gheiya [i-gheiya] v. set. *tega.*

gheiya nteko [i-gheiya ntekô] v. set a trap. *tega mtego.*

gheiya ugha [i-gheiya ughâ] *vp.* mount the bow string. *wamba upinde,*

gheka

tegesha upinde.

gheka₁ [i-ghékâ] v. be rarely obtainable, disappear, get lost, go astray. *adimika, potea. gheka shia* lose one's way *potea njia*

gheka₂ [í-ghékâ] v. put up as guarantee/surety. *weka rehani.*

ghekyā [i-ghékya] v. sink one's leg(s) in the mud, drown, sink, emerge, capsize. *chopea, zama (chombo).*

-ghekye [-ghekye] *adj.* rare. *adimu. aghekye* he has become unavailable *ameadimika*

ghekywa [i-ghékya] v. forget, overlook. *pitiwa, sahou.*

ghela [i-ghelâ] v. boycott, abandon. *susa.*

ghellya [i-ghéllya] v. boycott against. *susia. ighellya shonga* refuse someone's offer of food *zilia mtu chakula [Gram: appl. of ighela]*

ghema₁ [ghemâ] n. farm, cultivated field/ground/land. *shamba, konde, mgunda. Pl: ghema.*

ghema₂ [i-ghemâ] v. cultivate. *lima.*

ghemya [i-ghémya] v. weed, cultivate for. *palilia, limia. [Gram: appl. of ighema]*

ghendea [i-ghéndéâ] v. slip, become slippery. *teleza.*

ghenga [ghengá] n. accident, misfortune, calamity. *ajali, bahati mbaya, balaa. Pl: ghenga.*

ghengeya [í-ghéngéyâ] v. doze. *sinzia.*

ghenguka [i-ghéngúkâ] v. dislocate (a joint). *teguka.*

ghesya [i-ghésya] v. make fun. *fanya mzaha, tania.*

gheta [i-ghetâ] v. lose, cause to go astray. *poteza, ponza.*

gheta mwanya [i-ghetá mwanyá] *vp.* pass/waste time. *pitisha/poteza wakati.*

ghewau [i-ghewaú] v. be divorced

ghiya

(usually for women). *achwa. ghewau nyi mmi achwa na mme*

gheya [i-gheya] v. leave with, leave something in the hands of, stop, desist. *achia, achana na jambo. gheya fo/u mshora acha kazi Variant: gheeya.*

ghi [ghî] n. fly. *nzi. Pl: ghi.*

ghia₁ [i-ghia] *vp.* cook ugali. *songa (ugali). ighia ukari songa ugali Variant: ghiya.*

ghia₂ [í-ghíâ] v. sip, take a sip of. *nywa kidogo. ghia mbe kunywa bwana*

ghiba [í-ghíbâ] v. break the wind, fart. *shuta.*

ghiika₁ [i-ghíika] v. be stubborn. *kaidi.*

ghiika₂ [i-ghíika] v. explode, burst. *lipuka.*

-ghiiti [-ghíítí] *adj.* stubborn, rude, insolent, naughty, mischievous. *jeuri, kaidi, tukutu. ndu ngiiti* stubborn person *mtu jeuri*

ghika [i-ghikâ] v. take up a heavy load. *twika.*

ghina [i-ghinâ] v. circumcise. *tahiri, keketa.*

ghinga [í-ghíngâ] v. take care of animals, guard, watch over, protect, preserve, defend. *chungu, angalia, amia, hifadhi, kinga, linda, winga.*

ghinika [í-ghíníkâ] v. be shaky, be unsteady. *tikisika.*

ghinisa [í-ghínísâ] v. shake. *tikisa.*

ghisasi [ghisási] n. bullet. *risasi.*

ghisha [i-ghishâ] v. run, run away, hurry, escape. *kimbia, toroka, hala.*

ghisha na nka a ndu elope with a person's wife *kimbia na mke wa mtu*

ghiso [i-ghisô] n. eye. *jicho. Pl: maghiso/miso.*

ghita [í-ghítâ] v. cause to sip. *nyweshu kidogo.*

ghita nghima [i-ghita nghimâ] v. be nauseated. *chefua.*

ghiya₁ [i-ghíya] v. pass at, by or

ghiya

through. *pitia*. Variant: **ghia**.

ghiya₂ [i-ghiyâ] v. make ugali. *songa* (*ugali*). Variant: **ghia**.

ghiya₃ [i-ghiyâ] v. sip. *nywa kidogo*. Variant: **ghia**.

ghiyana [i-ghiyána] v. accompany (someone). *andamana na*.

ghobhya [i-ghóbhyâ] v. be a burden to. *elemea*.

ghogha [i-ghóghâ] v. throb, simmer. *fukuta, tokota* (k.v. *chakula kichemkacho ndani ya chungu*).

ghoghwa [i-ghóghwa] v. pick up. *okota*.

-ghoko [i-ghókô] *adj.* lazy. -*vivu*. **ndu nghoko** lazy person *mtu mvivu*

ghokwa [i-ghókwâ] v. become lazy. *wa mvivu*.

ghola [i-gholâ] v. be sweet. *wa tamu*. Variant: **gholaa**.

-gholaa [i-ghólâ] *adj.* delicious, sweet. *tamu*. **shonga igholaa chakula kitamu** Variant: **ghola**.

gholisa [i-ghólisa] v. make food tasty. *koleza*.

gholya [i-ghólya] v. be or become properly flavoured. *kolea*.

gholyo [ghólyo] *n.* urinary bladder. *kibofu cha mkojo*. Pl: **gholyo**.

ghondokwa [i-ghondókwa] v. hurt or reopen a sore. *tonesha*.

-ghoo [i-ghóo] *adj.* heavy. *zito*. **iwe lyighoo jiwe zito**

ghosya [i-ghósya] v. boil over. *fufurika*.

ghua [i-ghuâ] v. put down (a load) from someone. *tua mtu mzingo*.

ghubha [ghúbhâ] *n.* deep water. *maji marefu*.

ghubya [ghubyâ] *n.* finance, money. *fedha*. [Gram: from rupia]

ghukana [i-ghukána] v. rave. *gomba, foka*.

ghukon [ghukon] *n.* (in) hearth, cooking house, kitchen. *jikoni, mekoni*.

ghuuna

ghuma₁ [i-ghumâ] v. abuse, insult. *tukana*.

ghuma₂ [i-ghumâ] v. send. *tuma*.

ghumbua [i-ghumbua] v. cut and separate, sever. *kata* (*na achanisha*).

Variant: **ghumbwa, ighumbuaghumbua**.

ghumbuka₁ [i-ghumbúka] v. break, cease. *katika*.

ghumbuka₂ [i-ghúmbúkâ] v. be blown away, fly. *peperuka, ruka*.

ghumbuta [i-ghúmbútâ] v. blow away. *peperusha*.

ghumbwa₁ [i-ghúmbwa] v. come to an agreement, resolve, decide, judge. *afikiana, amua, kubaliana*. **ghumbwa mwaandu kata shauri**

ghumbwa₂ [i-ghúmbwa] v. cut, gnaw, bite. *kata, keketa*. **ghumbwa singo** cut the neck *kata shingo* Variant: **ghumbua**.

ghumbwa-ghumbwa [i-ghúmbwa-ghumbwa] v. chop up. *katakata*.

ghumi [ghúmí] *n.* message. *ujumbe*. **ghumi ya nsia habari njema Pl: ghumi**.

ghumika [i-ghumíka] v. be destroyed, perish, be extinguished. *angamia, zimika*.

ghumuka [i-ghúmúkâ] v. be scalded and the skin removed e.g. by fire. *babuka*.

ghumwa [i-ghúmwâ] v. scald, remove the skin e.g. by fire. *babua*.

-ghung'ani [-ghung'aní] *adj.* stupid, ignorant. -*pumbavu, jinga*. **ndu nghung'ani mtu mpumbavu**

ghung'una [i-ghúng'unâ] v. growl, roar, snore. *gumia, koroma, nguruma*.

ghutwa [i-ghútwâ] v. tear off. *chana*.

ghuu [ghúu] *adv.* for free/nothing, for no reason. *bure, bila sababu*.

ghuuna [i-ghúúna] v. slash, cut down grass, bush or trees to clear an area. *fyeka*. **ghuuna mbata fyeka konde**

ghuunya

ghuunya [i-ghúunya] v. slash for. *fyekaa*. [Gram: appl. of **ghuuna**]

ghwaa [i-ghwáa] v. take something somewhere, send, drive. *peleka, endesha*.

ghwaa barasen [i-ghwáá barasén] vp. sue. *shitaki mahakamani*. [Gram: peleka barazani]

ghwaa ghumi [i-ghwáá ghúmí] vp. report, broadcast. *peleka habari*. Lit: 'to send information'.

ghwaa kyeeson [i-ghwáá

ibhabhasyo

kyeesón] v. attempt, try, test. *jaribu*.

ghwaa uwe [i-ghwáá uwe] vp. send up (e.g. to higher authority). *peleka juu*.

ghwaaaya [i-ghwááaya] v. hand over. *pelekea*. [Gram: appl. of **ghwaa**]

ghwe [ghwé] n. mumps. *mafindofindo*. Pl: **ghwe**.

ghwee [ghwéé] n. sleep. *usingizi*.

guundi [gúundi] n. glue. *gundi*. Pl: **guundi**.

H - h

homa [homá] n. fever. *homa*.

I - i

ibabai [ibabái] n. papaw. *papai*. Pl: **mababai**.

ibala [i-ibála] v. ignore, disparage. *acha kujali, shushia hadhi*.

ibangarwe [ibangarwe] n. type of grass. *aina ya majani*. Pl: **mabangarwe**.

ibaranga [ibarânga] n. mark on skin. *baka*. Pl: **mabaranga**.

ibarasa [ibárásâ] n. council. *baraza*. Pl: **mabarasa**.

ibarwe₁ [ibarwé] n. fox, jackal. *mbweha*. Pl: **mabarwe**.

ibarwe lya mishigha [ibarwé lya míshíghâ] n. striped jackal. *bweha-miraba*. Pl: **mabarwe a mishigha**.

ibarwe₂ [ibarwê] n. type of grass. *aina ya majani*. Pl: **ibarwe**.

ibata [ibátâ] n. duck. *bata*. Pl: **mabata**.

ibata nsinga [ibátá nsíngâ] n. turkey. *batamzinga*.

ibati [ibátî] n. tin. *bati*. Pl: **mabati**.

ibato [ibátô] n. flea. *kiroboto*. Pl:

mabato.

ibau₁ [ibáû] n. goal. *bao*. Pl: **mabau**.

ibau₂ [ibáû] n. long poles for roofing, rafter. *pau*. Pl: **mabau**.

ibengele [ibengélé] hoe/panga without handle. *jembe au panga bila mpini*. Pl: **mabengele**.

iberengeti [ibéréngétî] n. blanket. *blanketi*. Pl: **maberengeti**.

iberwa [ibérwa] n. guava. *pera*. Pl: **maberwa**.

ibha₁ [ibhâ] n. camp for the initiates. *dimba*. Pl: **mabha**.

ibha₂ [i-ibhâ] v. steal. *iba*.

ibhaaghi [ibháághí] n. blister. *lengelenge*. Pl: **mabhaaghi**.

ibhabhaso [ibhabháso] n. rule, principle, commandment, law. *sheria, kanuni*. **mabhabhaso ikumi** ten commandments *amri kumi* Variant: **ibhabhasyo**. Pl: **mabhabhaso**.

ibhabhasyo [ibhabhásyo] n. commandment, order, directive. *amri*,

ibhabhe

agizo. Variant: mabhabhaso. Pl: mabhabhasyo.

ibhabhe [ibhabhe] *n.* leprosy. *ukoma.*

ibhandasubha [ibhándásúbhâ] *n.* type shrub with broad leaves used in massaging painful body parts. *aina ya kichaka chenye majani mapana ambayo hutumika kukanda sehemu yenye maumivu. Pl: ibhandasubha.*

ibhanu₁ [ibhanû] *n.* wall of a traditional house. *ukuta wa nyumba za kienyeji. Pl: mabhanu.*

ibhanu₂ [ibhánû] *n.* whetstone. *kinoo. Pl: mabhanu.*

ibhara [ibharâ] *n.* mark, indicator, sign. *alama. Pl: mabhara.*

ibhasha [ibhashâ] *n.* spleen, pancreas. *bandama, kongosho. Pl: mabhasha.*

ibhee [ibhéé] *n.* udder, breast. *kiwele, ziwa (la mama), titi. Pl: mabhee.*

ibhee lyimwi [ibhéé lyímwî] *np.* blood brother, blood relative. *ndugu wa damu. Lit: 'ziwa moja'.*

ibhiighi₁ [ibhiighí] *n.* prosperity. *fanaka. Pl: mabhiighi.*

ibhiighi₂ [ibhiighî] *n.* fold, wrinkle. *kunyanzi. Pl: mabhiighi.*

ibhika [i-ibhikâ] *v.* attach, stick on. *bandika.*

ibhika nkukufa [i-ibhiká nkukúfa] *v.* emphasize, insist, encourage. *sisitiza, pa moyo. Lit: 'weka unene'.*

ibhina₁ [ibhiná] *n.* wound, injury. *jeraha. Pl: mabhina.*

ibhina₂ [ibhiná] *n.* fatigue. *mavune. Pl: mabhina.*

ibhwa [i-ibhwâ] *v.* be stolen. *ibwa. [Gram: passive of ibha]*

ibhya₁ [i-íbhya] *v.* fan, blow. *pepea, puliza.*

ibhya₂ [íbhya] *n.* foam, bubbles. *povu. Pl: mabhya.*

ibiba [ibíba] *n.* barrel. *pipa. Pl: mabiba.*

iboiyo [i-ibóiyó] *v.* be in heat. *kuwa*

idikira

katika joto la kupandwa. ng'umbe yammiboiyo, nka ammiboiyo the cow is in heat, the woman is in heat *ng'ombe amepata joto, mwanamke amepata joto Usage: used of animals, derogatory for women.*

ibolu [ibólu] *n.* ball. *mpira. Pl: mabolu. [Gram: cf. English ball]*

ibonsa [ibónsa] *n.* husk, chaff. *kapi (maharage, mahindi, kahawa - mabovu yanayoelea katika maji). Pl: mabonsa.*

iboo₁ [i-ibóo] *v.* carry. *chukua, peleka.*

iboo na boriti [i-ibóo na borítí] *vp.* carry on pole. *beba kwa boriti.*

iboo wokony [i-ibóo wokóny] *vp.* carry in arms. *beba mkononi. Pl: iboo maakony.*

iboo na uwe [i-ibóo na uwe] *v.* lift up, raise. *inua, chukua juu.*

ibowo ni ughaato [i-ibówo ni ughááto] *v.* be blown away. *peperuka. [Gram: passive of iboo]*

iboo₂ [ibóó] *n.* door bar. *kizuo cha mlango, kia. Pl: maboo.*

ibooka [ibóóka] *n.* lump. *bonge. Pl: mabooka.*

ibunda [íbúndâ] *n.* bundle, parcel. *bunda. ibunda lya mife* bunch of arrows *bunda la mishale Pl: mabunda.*

ibunge [ibungê] *n.* parliament. *bunge. Pl: mabunge.*

ibuu [ibuú] *n.* coward. *mwoga. Pl: mabuu.*

ibwa [ibwâ] *n.* stem of maize, millet, etc. *bua (la mahindi, mtama, n.k.). Pl: mabwa.*

ibwashi [íbwáshî] *n.* mud plaster. *kandiko, tope. Pl: mabwashi.*

idebhe [ídebhê] *n.* tin (big). *debe. Pl: madebhe.*

idikira [i-idíkíra] *v.* greet. *salimu, amkia.*

idima

- idima** [i-idíma] v. be able to. *weza*.
- idirisha** [ídíríshâ] n. window. *dirisha*.
Pl: **madirisha**.
- idobha** [idobhâ] n. spot, mark. *doa*.
- idodoki** [idodokî] n. loofah fruit frequently used as sponge. *dodoki*. Pl: **madodoki**.
- idubha** [idubha] n. sisal. *katani*. Pl: **madubha**.
- ifanaiya** [ifanaiyâ] n. short and hard type of bananas (**irú**). *ndizi (iru) fupi na ngumu*. Variant: **ifunaiya**. Pl: **mafunaiya**.
- ifanu** [ifanû] n. a doll, carving, mask. *mwanasesere, kinyago*. Pl: **mafanu**.
- ifarafara** [ifarafara] n. type of edible and medicinal herb that produces some noise when disturbed. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa na mboga pia na ambayo hutoa sauti yanaposhikwa*. [Gram: onomatopoeic]
- ifeneesi** [ifenéési] n. jack-fruit. *fenesi*. Pl: **mafeneesi**.
- ififina** [ififína] n. type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Pl: **mafifina**.
- ifisi** [ifisí] n. hyena. *fisi*. Pl: **mafisi**.
- ifo** [ifô] adv. that way, therein. *huko, humo*. Variant: **efo**.
- ifoorá** [ifóórâ] n. shade. *kivuli*. Pl: **mafoora**.
- iforokobe** [iforokóbe] n. tortoise. *kobe*. Pl: **maforokobe**.
- iforokobe lya mughen** [iforokóbe lya múghen] n. sea-turtle. *kasa*. Pl: **kobe wa bahari**.
- ifu**₁ [ifû] n. ashes. *jivu*. Pl: **mafu**.
- ifu**₂ [ifû] n. tripe. *utumbo, taulo*.
- ifubhe** [ifubhê] n. baboon. *nyani*. Pl: **mafubhe**.
- ifufu** [ifúfú] n. buoy esp. of dead wood, light item. *boya hasa la mti uliooza, kitu chepesi*. Variant: **ifuufu**. Pl: **mafufu**.
- ifugha** [ifúghâ] n. happiness, success,

ighanda

- blessedness, enjoyment, pleasure. *heri, furaha, faraja, chereko*.
- ifughumyon** [ifughumyón] n. the end, limit, terminus, conclusion. *kikomo, mwishoni, hatima*. Pl: **mafughumyon**.
- ifumbu** [ifumbú] n. mountain. *mlima*. Pl: **mafumbu**.
- ifumu** [ifumû] n. harpoon, spear. *chusa, mkuki*. Pl: **mafumu**.
- ifunaiya** [ifunaiyâ] n. short and hard type of bananas (**irú**). *ndizi (iru) fupi na ngumu*. Variant: **ifanaiya**. Pl: **mafunaiya**.
- ifundofundo** [ifundófúndô] n. type of grass. *aina ya majani*. Pl: **mafundofundo**.
- ifururu** [ifurúru] n. owl. *bundi*. Pl: **mafururu**.
- ifuufu** [ifúúfú] n. soft material like a sponge/rotten tree trunk. *kitu chororo kibonyeacho kama sifongo/mti uliooza n.k*. Variant: **ifufu**. Pl: **mafuufu**.
- ifwa**₁ [ifwâ] n. death. *kifo*.
- ifwa**₂ [ifwâ] n. bone. *mfupa*. Pl: **mafwa**.
- ifwaa** [ifwaaá] n. feather. *unyoya*. Variant: **ufwaa**. Pl: **mafwaa**.
- ifwafwa** [ifwafwâ] n. numbness. *kibibi*. Pl: **ifwafwa**.
- ifweera** [ifwéera] n. shade. *kivuli*.
- igha**₁ [i-ighâ] v. bear child, give birth. *zaa*. Usage: not polite.
- igha**₂ [i-ighâ] v. come to the boil. *chemka*.
- igha**₃ [i-ighâ] v. pass, surpass, succeed. *pita, faulu*. **igha ntiani** pass examination *pita mtihani*
- igha kufii** [i-ighá kufíi] v. pass near something. *ambaa*. Lit: 'kupita karibu'.
- ighabha** [ighabhâ] n. dried banana bark. *ganda kavu la mgomba*. Pl: **maghabha**.
- ighanda** [ighandâ] n. horn used as musical instrument or blown as a

ighegho

signal, bugle. *baragumu, panda. Pl: maghanda.*

ighegho [igheghô] *n.* word, speech. *nenô, hotuba. Pl: maghegho.*

ighiba [í-íghíbâ] *v.* break the wind. *jamba.*

ighika₁ [í-ghíkâ] *v.* answer a call. *itika.*

ighika₂ [íghíkâ] *n.* age-grade. *ngazi ya rika. Pl: maghika.*

ighika₃ [í-íghíkâ] *v.* bubble out, spill. *bubujika, mwagika.*

ighiko [íghíkô] *n.* hearth, fireplace, kitchen, oven. kiln (for baking pottery), stove. *meko, jiko, joko.*
ighikon in the fireplace *jikoni, motoni Pl: maghiko.*

ighikya₁ [í-íghíkya] *v.* agree, respond, answer a call, admit, concede, believe. *afiki, itikia, kiri, sadiki.*

ighikya₂ [í-íghíkyâ] *v.* swell up, overflow, inundate. *furika.*

ighikya₃ [í-íghíkyâ] *v.* be god parent. *dhamini katika ubatizo. Lit: 'itika kwa niaba ya'.*

ighikyo [íghíkyo] *n.* faith, ideology. *imani, itikadi. Pl: meghikyo (from ma-ighikyo).*

ighile [íghilê] *n.* sweet stem of maize, millet, etc. (i.e. not yet dry). *bua (la mahindi, mtama, n.k.). Pl: maghile.*

ighima [íghimâ] *n.* liver. *ini. Pl: maghima.*

ighina₁ [íghinâ] *n.* name. *jina. ighina lya ughesi* nickname *jina la utani Pl: maghina.*

ighina₂ [íghiná] *n.* channel, trench, ditch, pit, hole. *handaki, shimo. ighina lya ushafu* dump pit *shimo la uchafu Pl: maghina.*

ighindi [íghindí] *n.* lung. *pafu. Pl: maghindi.*

ighing'unu [íghing'unú] *n.* type of tree with a fine scent. *aina ya mti*

ighwasi

wenye harufu nzuri. Variant: ighung'unu. Pl: mighing'unu.

ighiso [íghisô] *n.* eye. *jicho. ighiso ikasha jicho baya, kijicho Pl: maghiso / miso.*

ighombosho [íghombosho] *n.* timber boring insect, moth. *kipukusa, duduvele, nondo. Pl: maghombosho.*

ighon [íghón] *n.* drop. *tone. Pl: maghon.*

ighona [íghonâ] *n.* young banana bunch. *mkungu wa ndizi mchanga mara utokapo kabla haujachanua. Pl: maghona.*

ighonda [íghondá] *n.* group/multitude of people, crowd. *kundi la watu, umati. Pl: maghonda.*

ighosi [íghosí] *n.* type of plant eaten by pigs. *aina ya mmea uliwao na nguruwe. Variant: ighasi. Pl: maghosi.*

ighubha [íghúbhâ] *n.* dam, pool, pond, lake. *lambo, bwawa, ziwa, dimbwi. Pl: maghubha.*

ighufi [íghufí] *n.* faeces, excrement, dung. *mavi, choo, kinyesi. Usage: derogatory. Pl: maghufi.*

ighuma [íghumâ] *n.* white yam. *danga, gimbi. Pl: maghuma.*

ighuma lya mfongon [maghuma a mfongon] *n.* type of medicinal herb that grows along streams. *aina ya majani ambayo huota kwenye vijito na hutumika kama dawa. Lit: 'gimbi la mferejini'.*

ighung'unu [íghung'unú] *n.* type of tree with a fine scent. *aina ya mti wenye harufu nzuri. Variant: ighing'unu. Pl: mighung'unu.*

ighuu [íghuu] *n.* leaf, wing. *jani, bawa. Pl: maghuu.*

ighwasi [íghwasí] *n.* type of plant: African Violet. *aina ya mmea wenye maua ya rangi ya zambarau, na ambao hutoa matunda madogo*

ijeeshi

ambayo watu huweza kuyaweka masikioni kama heleni. Pl: maghwasi.
ijeeshi [ijééshi] *n.* army. *jeshi. Pl: majeeshi.*
ijengo [ijéngô] *n.* building. *jengo. Pl: majengo.*
ijiini [ijííni] *n.* spirit. *pepo. Pl: majiini.*
ijimbo [ijimbô] *n.* district, province, country. *jimbo. Pl: majimbo.*
ijokoo [ijokóo] *n.* cock/rooster. *jogoo. Pl: majokoo.*
ikaa [ikáa] *n.* ember. *kaa. Pl: makaa.*
ikakama [ikakáma] *n.* sap. *utomvu. Pl: makakama.*
ikakashi [ikakáshî] *n.* sugar-cane husks. *makapi muwa. Pl: makakashi.*
ikalafati [ikaláfati] *n.* material used for caulking. *kalafati. Pl: makalafati.*
ikamba [ikambá] *n.* shift, turn, round, standard, class, grade. *zamu, darasa. Pl: makamba.*
ikanda [ikandá] *n.* bark, skin, peeling. *gamba, ganda. ikanda lya nri* tree bark *gamba la mti Pl: makanda.*
ikanga [i-ikángá] *v.* roast (by frying). *kaanga.*
ikansu [ikansú] *n.* cassock, long sleeved robe. *kanzu. Pl: makansu.*
ikari [ikárî] *n.* vehicle, motor car. *gari. ikari lya uwe* aeroplane *ndege, lit. gari ya juu Pl: makari.*
ikaseti [ikasetî] *n.* newspaper, journal. *gazeti. Pl: makaseti.*
ikekele [ikekéle] *n.* armpit. *kwapa. Pl: makekele.*
ikele [ikelé] *n.* extra skin as sign of fatness. *ngozi iliyoongezeka kama ishara ya unene. Pl: makele.*
ikengele [ikengélé] *n.* crack (especially in foot). *mitembo. Pl: makengele.*
ikengere [ikengéré] *n.* type of plant. *aina ya mmea. Pl: makengere.*
ikenya [ikénya] *n.* crack (especially in

ikundu

foot). *mitembo. Pl: makenya.*
iketi [ikétî] *n.* bachelor, unmarried man. *kapera, mseja (mwanamume). Pl: maketi.*
iki [ikî] *dem.* this. *hiki. Pl: ifi.*
ikimba₁ [ikímba] *n.* caution, prudence, vigilance. *hadhari.*
ikimba₂ [i-ikímba] *v.* forbid, rebuke. *kanya.*
ikingilyi [ikingílyí] *n.* type of medicinal herb. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa. Pl: makingilyi.*
ikinyan [ikinyán] *n.* type of medicinal herb. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa ya tumbo. Pl: makinyan.*
ikokoi [ikokói] *n.* rat, mouse. *panya. Pl: makokoi.*
ikongo [ikóngô] *n.* log, trunk of a tree, heavy stick. *gogo, gongo. Pl: makongo.*
ikonoosi [ikonóosi] *n.* type of short and fat bananas for cooking or roasting. *aina ya ndizi fupi na nene kwa ajili ya kuchoma au kupika. Pl: makonoosi.*
ikooghu [ikóoghú] *n.* snail. *konokono. Pl: makooghu.*
ikoro [ikóro] *n.* adam's apple, throat, gullet. *kongomeo, koo, koromeo, dudumio, umio. Pl: makoro.*
ikororo [ikoróró] *n.* banana leaf that is bent together with bunch of bananas. *jani la mgomba ambalo limeinama pamoja na mkungu wa ndizi. Pl: makororo.*
ikukughu [ikukúghû] *n.* crow. *kunguru. Pl: makukughu.*
ikumbi [ikumbí] *n.* hoe. *jembe. ikumbi lya kasha* old hoe *jembe la zamani Pl: makumbi.*
ikumi [ikumî] *n.* ten. *kumi.*
ikunda₁ [ikundâ] *n.* love. *pendo.*
ikunda₂ [i-ikundâ] *v.* love. *penda.*
ikundu [ikundú] *n.* ripe banana. *ndizi*

ikunga

mbivu. Pl: makundu.

ikunga [ikungá] *n.* fish. *samaki. Pl: makunga.*

ikunya [ikunyâ] *n.* sack, a coarse bag. *gunia. Pl: makunya.*

ikurang'a [íkúráng'á] *n.* horn bill. *hondohondo. Pl: makurang'a.*

ikure [ikure] *n.* food crust. *matandu, ukoko. Pl: makure.*

ikuru [ikurú] *n.* insect. *mdudu. Pl: makuru.*

ikusaro [ikusáro] *n.* thoughts, reflections. *fikira, wazo, lengo.*

ikusaro lya nghemin heart's resolution *azimio la moyoni Pl: makusaro.*

ikwaa [ikwáa] *n.* cough, nasal mucus, spittle, phlegm. *kikohozí, kamasi. Pl: makwaa.*

ikwa lya mbwa [ikwa lyá m'bwá] *n.* cold, influenza. *mafua. Lit: 'kamasi la pua'.*

ikwaanu [ikwáánu] *n.* session, meeting, assembly, venue. *kikao, mkutano, baraza, mahali pa kukutania. ikwaanu lya wamini* secret meeting of enemies *kigwena, mkutano wa siri wa maadui Pl: makwaanu.*

ikwanyun [ikwányún] *n.* fork in the road, crossroads. *njia-panda. Pl: makwanyun.*

ila₁ [i-ilâ] *v.* become or get dark. *kuwa giza.*

ila₂ [i-ilâ] *v.* become clean. *kuwa safi.*

ila₃ [i-ilâ] *v.* become well in body. *nawiri.*

ila₄ [i-ilâ] *v.* disregard, ignore, snub. *puuza.*

ilakuuku [ilakúúku] *n.* pumpkin. *boga. Pl: malakuuku.*

ilakyi [ilakyí] *n.* bark. *gome. Pl: malakyi.*

ilale [ilalê] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani. Pl: malale.*

imbwa

ilalu [ilalu] *n.* fresh banana bark. *gamba bichi la mgomba. Pl: malalu.*

ilalu lya nghi [ilalu lyá n'ghi] *np.* tree bark. *gamba la mti. Pl: malalu a mighi.*

ilalyi [ilályí] *n.* type of bananas (**iru**) for brewing or drying or eating ripe. *aina ya ndizi (iru) za pombe au kukausha au kula mbivu. Pl: malalyi.*

ilapa [ilapâ] *n.* sandal. *ndala. Pl: malapa.*

ilashi [ilashí] *n.* big pot. *jungu, rumbi. Pl: malashi.*

ilaya [iláyâ] *n.* prostitute. *kahaba. Pl: malaya.*

ileghi [iléghi] *n.* finance, money. *fedha. Pl: maleghi.*

-ilung'anyi [-ilung'ányí] *adj.* unending, everlasting. *ya milele. fyeeghi filung'anyi nyakati za milele*

ilungo [ílúngô] *n.* ring joint of plant. *pingili, kiungo. Pl: malungo.*

iluulu [iluulû] *n.* body hair. *malaika za mwili. Pl: maluulu.*

iluya [i-ilúya] *v.* hurry up. *fanya haraka.*

ima [i-imâ] *v.* deny, withhold from, refuse to give. *nyima, kataza. ima ibhe achisha ziwa*

imaamu [imáamu] *n.* urine. *mkojo. Pl: mamaamu.*

imaiya [i-imáiya] *v.* peep, peek. *chungulia.*

imasha [imashâ] *n.* type of medicinal herb. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa. Pl: mamasha.*

imba [i-imbá] *v.* sing. *imba.*

imbarambara [imbarámbarâ] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani. Pl: mambarambara.*

imbughu [imbúghû] *n.* leaf, blade of grass. *jani. Pl: mambughu.*

imbumba [imbúmba] *n.* small rounded lump. *donge. Pl: mambumba.*

imbwa [imbwâ] *n.* type of big snake,

imungo

- black mamba. *aina ya nyoka mkubwa.*
- imbwa lya** [imbwa lyâ] *n.* type of big snake, black mamba. *aina ya nyoka mkubwa.*
- imungo** [imungó] *n.* valley. *bonde, mteremko. Pl: mamungo.*
- imuya** [i-imúya] *v.* rest. *pumzika.*
- imya** [i-ímya] *v.* see off, accompany. *sindikiza.*
- inamira** [i-inámira] *v.* make something lean on another. *egemeza.*
- inana** [i-inánâ] *v.* benefit, suit. *faa.*
- inanambo** [inanámbo] *n.* long and soft type of bananas (**iru**). *ndizi (iru) ndefu na laini. Pl: mananambo.*
- inanasî** [inanasî] *n.* pineapple. *nanasi. Pl: mananasî.*
- inanga** [inángâ] *n.* kick. *teke. Pl: mananga.*
- inani** [inánî] *n.* evenness, equality. *hali ya kuwa sawasawa. bhandu bha inani watu walio sawa*
- indi** [indî] *adv.* when. *lini.*
- induka** [i-indúka] *v.* turn one's back to, look behind. *pa kisogo, geuka, tazama nyuma.*
- indukya** [i-indúkyâ] *v.* turn to. *geukia.*
- indya** [i-índya] *v.* worship, revere, respect. *abudu, heshimu.*
- ingalasho** [ingalásho] *n.* crab. *kaa. Variant: ingalato. Pl: mangalasho.*
- ingalasho inywa** [ingalásho inywa] *n.* a kind of small crab. *chwago. Pl: mangalasho manywa.*
- ing'ara** [i-ing'ara] *v.* cheat, overcharge. *punja.*
- ingi**₁ [-ingí] *pro.* another, other. *-ingine. bhandu bhengi watu wengine*
- ingi**₂ [-ingí] *adj.* many, much, plenty. *-ingi. bhandu bhengi watu wengi*
- ingolo** [ingólo] *n.* banana dried by smoke or sun. *ndizi iliyokaushwa kwa moshi au jua. Pl: mangolo.*
- ingoro** [ingorô] *n.* old cow. *ng'ombe*

irawata

- mzee. Pl: mangoro.*
- ing'ughu** [ing'ughu] *n.* dangerous wild animal. *mnyama pori ambaye anaweza kudhuru mtu. Pl: mang'ughu.*
- inguuma** [ingúúma] *n.* owl. *bundi. Pl: manguuma.*
- ini** [inî] *pro.* you (pl.). *nyinyi. Variant: eni.*
- inini** [inínî] *n.* thief, armed robber. *mwizi, jambazi. Pl: manini.*
- inu** [inû] *n.* today. *leo.*
- inyamusi** [inyamusî] *n.* servant, slave, serf. *mtumishi, mtumwa. Pl: manyamusi. [Gram: from Mnyamwezi]*
- inyiiri** [inyíírî] *n.* type of edible creeping grass that is slightly slimy. *aina ya majani yatambaayo na ambayo huliwa kama mboga na huteleza kidogo. Variant: inyinyiri. Pl: inyiiri.*
- inyinyi** [inyínyî] *n.* thief. *mwizi. Pl: manyinyi.*
- inyinyiri** [inyinyírî] *n.* type of edible creeping plant that is slightly slimy. *aina ya mmea utambaao na ambao huliwa kama mboga na huteleza kidogo. Variant: inyiiri. Pl: inyinyiri.*
- iolokyo** [iolokyó] *n.* slope. *mteremko. Pl: maolokyo.*
- ipindu** [ipindû] *n.* hem. *pindo. Pl: mapindu.*
- ira** [i-írâ] *v.* ooze, leak, seep. *churuzika, vuja.*
- ira mmbwa** [i-íra m'm'bwâ] *vp.* bleed from the nose. *toka damu puani. Lit: 'vuja pua'.*
- irana** [iranâ] *n.* bee larvae in nest. *kamba, watoto wa nyuki na nyumba yao. Pl: marana.*
- irawata** [irawatâ] *n.* mat. *mkeka, kitu cho chote cha kutandika chini na kukalia (hasa cha kimaskini). Pl: marawata. [Gram: pejorative]*

ire

- ire** [ire] *n.* leaf, blade of grass. *jani, nyasi. Pl: mare.*
- irema** [irémâ] *n.* darkness. *giza. Pl: marema.*
- irenya** [irényâ] *n.* mouse. *panya mdogo. Pl: marenya.*
- irere** [irérê] *n.* bamboo. *mwanzi. Pl: marere.*
- irimu** [irimû] *n.* giant, monster, ogre, goblin. *dubwana, zimwi. Pl: marimu.*
- iringi** [iríngi] *n.* bad person. *mfitini. Variant: nringi. Pl: maringi.*
- irisha** [i-irísha] *v.* pull up, come to a halt, wait. *simama, ngoja.*
- irisi** [irisî] *n.* charm, amulet, talisman. *hirizi. Pl: marisi.*
- iriyo** [iríyô] *n.* burden. *mzigo hasa wa dhambi. Usage: religious usage. Pl: mariyo.*
- iru** [irú] *n.* banana fruit, esp. for liquid foods and brew. *ndizi hasa za chakula laini na pombe. Usage: neno la jumla kwa ndizi lakini kwa kawaida halihusishi nshare. Pl: maru.*
- irubha** [irubhâ] *n.* sky, god. *mbingu, anga, mungu. Pl: marubha.*
- irubheu** [irubheú] *n.* heaven. *mbinguni. [Gram: -u locative for some locations above]*
- iruku** [i-irúku] *v.* be nauseated. *chefuka.*
- irumaawe** [irumááwe] *n.* lemon. *limau. Pl: marumaawe.*
- irundu** [irúndú] *n.* tapeworm. *tegu. Pl: marundu.*
- iruruma** [irurumâ] *n.* thunder. *ngurumo. Pl: maruruma.*
- isa** [i-isâ] *v.* take to pasture, watch closely (esp. a person) to detect mischief. *chunga, chunguza.*
- isaa₁** [ísáa] *n.* dry banana leaf. *jani la mgomba lililokauka. Pl: masaa.*
- isaa₂** [ísáa] *n.* wealth. *mali. Pl: masaa.*
- isaaghe** [isáághé] *n.* arena, open space. *dimba, uga, uwanja. Variant: isaaghi.*

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- Pl: masaaghe.*
- isaaghi** [isáághí] *n.* arena, open space. *dimba, uga, uwanja. Variant: isaaghe. Pl: masaaghi.*
- isafyo** [isáfyo] *n.* ox foot or knuckle. *kongoro. Pl: masafyo.*
- isale** [isálé] *n.* type of shrub planted between plots as a boundary marker. *aina ya majani ambayo huoteshwa mipakani mwa mashamba. Pl: masale.*
- isale lya shofu** [isálé lyá shófu] *np.* type of medicinal herb used in treating wounds or stomach ailments, aloe vera. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa ya tumbo au vidonda, shubiri mwitu. Pl: masale ta shofu. [Gram: lit. isale la tembo]*
- isama** [í-isamâ] *v.* move one's dwelling to another place, migrate, vacate a place, shift. *gura, hama.*
- isambu** [isambú] *n.* dregs, residue, lees. *machicha, machujo. Pl: masambu.*
- isambwe** [isambwe] *n.* castor-oil plant. *mbono. Pl: masambwe.*
- isanduku** [isándúkú] *n.* box, bier, coffin. *sanduku, jenzea. Pl: masanduku.*
- isanga₁** [isangá] *n.* lust, passionate desire. *hawaa, ngoa.*
- isanga₂** [isangá] *n.* neck. *shingo. Pl: masanga.*
- isanga₃** [ísángâ] *n.* nation. *taifa. bhandu bha masanga* people of other nations, foreigners *watu wa mataifa mengine Pl: masanga.*
- isara** [isará] *n.* animal skin, hide, garment. *ngozi ya mnyama, vazi. Usage: archaic usage for bag. Pl: masara.*
- isarya** [isáryâ] *n.* forgiveness of debt or obligation. *buraa.*
- ise₁** [ísê] *n.* a kind of small wild cat, coward. *kala, aina ya mnyama mwoga, mtu mwoga. Pl: masee.*

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- ise**₂ [ísê] *n.* stomach ache accompanied by a type of diarrhoea. *maumivu ya tumbo linalokata chini ya kitovu na kuhara malendalenda. Pl: masee.*
- ise**₃ [ísê] *pro.* we, us. *sisi. Variant: ese.*
- iseka** [isekâ] *n.* uncircumcised man. *mwanamume asiyetahiriwa. Pl: maseka.*
- isembe** [isembé] *n.* loincloth, style of tying cloth around waist. *nguo ya kiumoni, winda. Variant: kisembe. Pl: masembe.*
- isembo** [isémbo] *n.* simpleton, buffoon, a foolish person. *bozi, juha, zumbukuku. Pl: masembo.*
- isendeu** [isendeú] *n.* sandal (traditional). *sapatu. Pl: masendeu.*
- isewe** [isewé] *n.* grinding stone. *komango, sago, kiwe. Pl: masewe.*
- ishami** [ishamí] *n.* scythe, sickle. *mundu, panga lililopinda. Pl: mashami.*
- isharongo** [isharongó] *n.* skull. *fuvu. Pl: masharongo.*
- ishesa** [ishesâ] *n.* a large mandarin orange, tangerine. *chenza. Pl: mashesa.*
- ishinga** [ishingá] *n.* servant, slave, serf. *mtumishi, mtumwa. Pl: mashinga.*
- ishiwa** [-ishiwa] *adj.* prominent (of person). *maarufu. nndu aishiwa, kitabu kiishiwa mtu anayejulikana, kitabu kinachojulikana*
- isho** [ishó] *n.* day before yesterday. *juzi.*
- ishonghi** [ishonghi] *n.* sheep. *kondoo. Pl: mashoghi.*
- ishora** [ishóra] *n.* job, labour, occupation, task. *kazi. Pl: mashora.*
- ishoya** [ishoyá] *n.* mould, fungus, blight. *kuvu. Pl: mashoya.*
- ishumu** [ishumú] *n.* latrine, washroom, toilet. *choo. Pl: mashumu.*
- ishungwa** [ishúngwa] *n.* orange. *chungwa. Pl: mashungwa.*

itafunya

- ishura** [i-ishúra] *v.* fill, congest, overload. *jaza.*
- ishwa**₁ [i-ishwa] *v.* be full, become full. *jaa.*
- ishwa shabu** [i-ishwa shabu] *v.* abound. *jaa tele.*
- ishwa**₂ [ishwâ] *n.* mushroom. *uyoga.*
- ishwishwi** [ishwíshwí] *n.* non-maturing flowers at the end of the banana bunch, male bud. *maua ya mgomba ambayo hubaki bila kukomaa na huwa na asali. Pl: mashwishwi.*
- isiiri** [isííri] *n.* lower part of banana stem. *sehemu ya chini ya shina la mgomba. Pl: masiiri.*
- isimamba** [isimámhá] *n.* wall cut in side of a hill. *ukuta wa ardhi kwenye mlima uliokatwa. Pl: masimamba.*
- ising'ang'a** [i-isíng'ang'a] *v.* become stupid, be dumbfounded. *pumbaa, duwaa.*
- isira** [i-isíra] *v.* knead, massage. *kanda.*
- isiya** [i-isíya] *v.* end, cease, come to an end. *ishia.*
- isonga** [isóngâ] *n.* prostitute. *malaya. Pl: masonga.*
- isosoro** [isosoro] *n.* house lizard. *kigona, mjusi yeyote. Pl: masosoro.*
- isulya** [ísúlyâ] *n.* blanket. *blanketi. Pl: masulya.*
- iswali** [iswalí] *n.* question. *swali. Pl: maswali.*
- isya** [isyâ] *n.* cooking stone. *figa. Pl: masya.*
- ita** [i-itâ] *v.* feel, sense, hear. *hisi. ita mbiyo feel cold pata baridi*
- itabhana** [itábhánâ] *n.* type of plant. *aina ya mmea. Pl: matabhana.*
- itabhi** [itabhí] *n.* branch. *tawi. Pl: matabhi.*
- itafaari** [ítáfáárí] *n.* brick. *tofali. Variant: itafari. Pl: matafaari.*
- itafunya** [itafunya] *n.* dregs, residue, lees of banana fruit. *masimbi/masira*

itakugha

- ya ndizi, chicha. Pl: matafunya.*
itakugha [itakugha] *n.* type of heron. *hondohondo. Pl: matakugha.*
itambashwa [i-itámbashwâ] *v.* find out, discover, realize. *ng'amua.*
itenga [itengâ] *n.* basket. *tenga. Pl: matenga.*
itengo [íténgô] *n.* small house, hut. *kibanda. Pl: matengo.*
iteri₁ [itéri] *n.* testicle. *pumbu, kende. Pl: materi. [Gram: euphemism]*
iteri₂ [itéri] *n.* ripe bananas cooked or used to sweeten other dishes. *ndizi mbivu zilizopikwa au zitumikazo kuongeza utamu wa chakula kingine. Pl: materi.*
itetei [itetéi] *n.* underpants, panties, knickers. *chupi, nguo za ndani. Pl: matetei.*
itiko [ítíkó] *n.* zebra. *pundamilia. Pl: matiko.*
itinga [itínga] *n.* cancerous ulcer, large sore, wound. *kidonda ndugu. Pl: matinga.*
itoghito [itoghító] *turn.* *zamu. Pl: matoghito.*
itondo [itondó] *n.* ignorant/stupid person. *mjinga, mpumbavu. nndu ntondo* stupid person *mtu mjinga Pl: matondo.*
itongoti [ítóngótí] *n.* grainless maize cob. *gunzi. Pl: matongoti.*
itopetoope [itopetóópe] *n.* bullock's heart. *stafeli. Pl: matopetoope.*
itumbe [itumbé] *n.* power, might, rule, glory, praise. *enzi.*
itumbuko [itumbukô] *n.* type of fruit (bullock's heart). *aina ya stafeli. Pl: matumbuko.*
itunda [itunda] *n.* fruit. *tunda. matunda mabhighi* ripe fruits *matunda mabivu Pl: matunda.*
itungururu [itungúrúrû] *banana leaf stem, spine. sehemu ya kati (ngumu) ya jani la mgomba. Pl:*

iyoo

- matungururu.**
iturungwe [iturúngwe] *stem of banana bunch, flower stem. sehemu ya shina la mkungu wa ndizi. Pl: maturungwe.*
ituu [itúú] *n.* clouds, fog, mist. *mawingu, ukungu. Pl: matuu.*
ituuta [itúúta] *n.* ridge. *tuta. Pl: matuuta.*
iwa [í-íwâ] *v.* drop, fall, tumble. *anguka.*
iwaghi [íwághî] *n.* width. *upana.*
iwe₁ [íwê] *pro.* you (sg.); hey! *wewe; wee! Variant: ewe.*
iwe₂ [íwê] *n.* stone, rock. *jiwe, mwamba. Pl: mawe.*
iwe lya nkobha [iwe lyá nkóbhá] *n.* sling for throwing stones. *kombeo. Pl: mawe a mikobha.*
iya₁ [í-íyâ] *v.* wail, weep, cry. *lia.*
-iya₂ [-iya] *adj.* new. *-pya. kyaasa kiiya, mmba shiyya* new testament, new house *agano jipya, nyumba mpya*
iyaambo [iyaambô] *n.* jewel, gem, precious stone. *johari. Pl: maambo.*
iyai [iyái] *n.* egg. *yai. Pl: mayai.*
iyana₁ [í-íyánâ] *v.* be equal or similar, match. *lingana.*
iyana₂ [íyánâ] *n.* hundred. *mia. Pl: mayana.*
iyaraki [iyaráki] *n.* bean. *haragwe. Pl: maaraki.*
iyoghe [iyoghê] *n.* boil, abscess. *jipu. Variant: yooghe, yuughe. Pl: mooghe.*
iyoo [íyóo] *n.* tooth. *jino. Pl: mayoo.*
iyoo lya muundun [iyoo lyá múundún] *n.* molar tooth. *gego. Pl: mayoo a muundun. [Gram: jino la kwenye taya]*
iyoo yobhi [iyoo yobhí] *np.* sharpened tooth. *jino chonge. Pl: mayoo mobhi.*

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- kaa** [i-káa] v. dwell, reside. *kaa*.
- kaa boo** [i-kaa boo] *vp.* be out or outside. *kuwa nje*.
- kaafu na muu** [i-kaafu ná muu] *vp.* be alive, live. *kuwa hai, ishi*.
[Gram: kubaki na uhai/uzima]
- kaafu ghuu** [i-kaafu ghúu] *vp.* be naked. *kuwa uchi*.
- kaa ghembo** [i-kaa ghembó] v. squat, crouch, sit, mourn. *chutama, chuchumaa, keti, fanya matanga*.
[Gram: aina zozote za kukaa, tofauti na kusimama au kuinama]
- kaa mbee** [i-káá mbée] *vp.* be in front. *kuwa mbele*.
- kaa mmba** [i-kaa mmbá] *vp.* be in or inside something. *kuwa ndani (ya)*.
- kaa nnyanu** [i-kaa nnyanú] v. share a border. *pakana*.
- kaa si ya** [i-kaa si yá] *vp.* be under something. *kuwa chini ya*.
- kaa uwe ya** [i-kaa uwe yá] *vp.* be on top of. *kuwa juu ya*.
- kaabha** [káábha] *n.* coffee berry, coffee tree. *buni, mbuni*. Pl: **kaabha**.
- kaaghi** [-káághí] *adj.* active, hard working, brave, gallant, bold, brave, audacious. *hodari, imara, jasiri*. **ndu nkaaghi** brave person *mtu mkali*
- kaanga** [i-kaánga] v. fry. *kaanga*.
- kaara** [i-káára] v. make firm/strong/experienced. *komaza*.
- kaba** [i-kabá] v. beat. *piga*.
- kaba ngooma** [i-kabá ngóomâ] *vp.* beat a drum. *piga ngoma*.
- kaba nsuuka** [i-kábâ nsúúka] *vp.* elucidate. *eleza kwa ufasaha*. [Gram: idiom: elezea kwa mafumbo]
- kaba nswaki** [i-kabá nswakí] *vp.* brush teeth. *piga mswaki*.
- kaba nyinda** [i-kabá nyinda] *vp.* care for banana plant e.g. prune. *tengeneza migomba*.
- kaba usaare** [i-kabá usááre] v. speak, talk, chat. *zungumza, piga sogá*.
- kaba weele** [i-kabá weelé] v. cry out. *piga yowe*.
- kaba** [i-kabâ] v. rain. *nyesha*.
- kaba₂** [i-kabâ] v. unhusk grain, pound. *kutoa mbegu k.v. maharage kwenye maganda, twanga*.
- kaba₃** [i-kabâ] v. crow. *wika*.
- kaba₄** [i-kabâ] v. castrate. *hasi*.
- kaba₅** [i-kabâ] v. beat, strike, attack. *chapa, piga, shambulia*.
- kaba ifumu** [i-kabá ifumû, ikabééfumû] pierce with a spear. *choma mkuki*.
- kaba inanga** [i-kabá inanga] *vp.* kick. *piga teke*.
- kaba kiisi** [i-kaba kíisi] v. kiss. *busu*. [Gram: piga busu]
- kaba mfe** [i-kabá mfé] *vp.* shoot by arrow. *piga mshale*.
- kaba mugha** [i-kabá mugha] *vp.* go upstream. *kata maji*.
- kaba mwiighi** [i-kabá mwiighî] *vp.* whistle through one's fingers. *piga mbinja, mluzi*.
- kaba na si** [i-kabá na sí] v. throw down. *bwaga*.
- kaba ndooro** [i-kabá ndooró] *vp.* ululate. *piga vigelegele*.
- kaba woi** [i-kabá woi] *vp.* slap. *piga kofi*.
- kabana** [i-kabána] v. contest, compete, come against, fight, confront. *pambana*. [Gram: reciprocal of ikaba]
- kabanya** [i-kabánya] v. scramble, campaign for. *gombania, gombea*.

kabati

[Gram: reciprocal + appl. of *ikaba*]

kabati [kábatî] *n.* cabinet, cupboard.
kabati. *Pl:* **kabati**.

kabhi [kábhi] *adv.* double / twice. *mara dufu / mbili*.

kabishi [kábishî] *n.* cabbage. *kabichi*.
Pl: **kabishi**.

kabya [i-kábya] *v.* attach, stick on, hammer. *bandika, gongomea*. [Gram: intensive of *ikaba*]

kabya kanin [i-kábya kanin] *v.* throw into mouth hurriedly. *bwakia*.
Lit: 'pigia kinywani'.

kaghaghu [kaghághû] *adv.* thrice. *mara tatu*.

kaghi [kaghî] *n.* yard. *ua, uwanja*. *Pl:* **kaghi**.

kai [káî] *n.* ceiling, loft. *dari, darini*.
Variant: **kayi**.

kakaba [i-kakába] *v.* mash, smash or crush by pounding. *ponda, pondaponda*. [Gram: reduplication of *ikaba*]

kakaba maaghu [i-kakába maaghu] *vp.* flap wings wildly (for a bird). *piga mbawa*.

kakakuona [kakakuóna] *n.* pangolin.
kakakuona. *Pl:* **kakakuona**.

-kalyi [-kalyî] *adj.* fierce, sour, strict. *kali*. **kite kikalyi** fierce dog *mbwa mkali*

kalyika [i-kalyíka] *v.* become sharp/fierce. *wa kali, chacha*.

kama [i-kamá] *v.* squeeze, milk, press. *kamua (nguo, matunda, maziwa), sindika*.

kamagha [i-kamágha] *v.* hold, grasp, catch, apprehend; take something with you. *kamata, fumbata, gwia; chukua, enda na vitu*.

kambale [kambalê] *n.* catfish.
kambare. *Pl:* **kambale**.

kambi [kambí] *n.* camp. *kambi*. *Pl:* **kambi**.

kamisi [kamisî] *n.* undershirt. *gaguro*.

kelea

Pl: **kamisi**.

kana [i-kanâ] *v.* deny, disown. *kana*.

kana [kánâ] *n.* mouth. *kinywa*. *Pl:* **kana**.

kanda [i-kándâ] *v.* freeze (water, blood, etc.). *ganda (maji, damu, nk)*.

kandika [i-kándikâ] *v.* plaster a house. *kandika*.

kangara [kangará] *n.* kind of local beer. *kangara*. *Pl:* **kangara**.

kansi [kánsî] *n.* numbness, paralysis. *ganzi*. *Pl:* **kansi**.

karama [kárâma] *n.* endowments, talents. *karama*. *Pl:* **karama**.

karanga [kárângá] *n.* ground-nut. *karanga*. *Pl:* **karanga**.

karatasi [karatási] *n.* paper. *karatasi*. *Pl:* **karatasi**.

karia [i-kária] *v.* dare, venture, attempt. *diriki, thubutu*.

kasa [kásâ] *n.* dry wilderness, wild plains. *pori, mbuga kavu*. **kasa kikee kyoke** burnt wilderness *mbuga iliyochomwa moto*

kasa kyuumu [kasa kyuumû] *np.* desert. *jangwa, pori kavu la mbali*.

kasha₁ [i-kashâ] *v.* become bad. *kuwa baya*.

kasha₂ [kashá] *n.* antiquity, ancient times, long ago. *kale, zamani*. *Pl:* **kasha**.

-kasha₃ [-káshâ] *adj.* bad, wicked, ramshackle. *baya, ovu, bovu, liochakaa*. **mba shikasha / ikaari lya nkasha** *nyumba mbaya / gari bovu*

kasuku [kasukû] *n.* Grey parrot. *kasuku*. *Pl:* **kasuku**.

kayi [káyi] *n.* ceiling. *dari*. *Variant:* **kai**. *Pl:* **kayi**.

kebhisa [i-kébhisa] *v.* cause to delay. *kawilisha, kawiza*.

keengi [kééngî] *adv.* frequently, often. *mara nyingi*.

keeywa [i-keeywa] *v.* delay. *kawia*.

kekela [i-kekéla] *v.* tickle. *tekenya*.

kelea [i-kéléa] *v.* swim. *ogelea*.

ken

- ken** [kén] *adv.* our home. *kwetu. kyen kweghu nyumbani kwetu Variant: kyen.*
- ki** [kí] *pro.* what? *nini.*
- kibarwe** [kibárwê] *n.* piece, part, section. *kipande, sehemu. Pl: fibarwe.*
- kibau** [kibáú] *n.* a board used for any purpose. *kibao. Pl: fibau.*
- kibeghiti** [kibéghítî] *n.* matchbox. *kibiriti. Pl: fibeghiti.*
- kibete** [kibeté] *n.* tin, box, packet, shell. *kasha. kibete kya ikooghu snail shell nyumba ya konokono Pl: fibete.*
- kibete kya nasi** [kibete kyá nási] *n.* coconut shell. *kifuu. Pl: fibete fya nasi.*
- kibhambasa** [kibhambasâ] *n.* wall. *ukuta. Pl: fibhambasa.*
- kibhambo** [kibhambô] *n.* sharpened stick for roasting meat or drying hides. *kijiti chenye ncha kwa ajili ya kuchomea nyama au kuwambia ngozi, n.k. Pl: fibhambo.*
- kibhela** [kibhelá] *n.* special dish for a new mother consisting of a mixture of ground meat and blood. *mchanganyiko wa supu ya nyama na damu kwa ajili ya mzazi. Pl: fibhela.*
- kibheso** [kibhesô] *n.* claim, demand. *dai. Pl: fibheso.*
- kibhiribhiri** [kibhiribhiri] *n.* whisper, secret meeting, plot, scheme. *mnong'ono, mzengwe, utetaji. Pl: kibhiribhiri.*
- kibhoso**₁ [kibhosô] *n.* person from Kibosho. *mtu wa Kibosho. Pl: fibhoso.*
- kibhoso**₂ [kibhosô] *n.* child abductor. *mwizi wa watoto. Pl: fibhoso.*
- kibilo** [kibílo] *n.* bottle stopper, dice, cowry. *kizibo, kete. Pl: fibilo.*
- kibini** [kibiní] *n.* pin. *kipini. Pl: fibini.*
- kibirin** [kibirín] *n.* door bar or latch. *komeo. Pl: fibirin.*
- kibo** [kíbó] *intj.* expression of surprise.

kifaduru

- Ebo!*
- kibobori** [kiboborí] *n.* giant rat. *bukumilima. Pl: fibobori.*
- kibobosho** [kiboboshó] *n.* navel, umbilical cord. *kitovu. Variant: kibosho. Pl: fibobosho.*
- kibosho** [kiboshó] *n.* navel, umbilical cord. *kitovu. Variant: kibobosho. Pl: fibosho.*
- kibuta** [kibutá] *n.* bunch. *kicha, fungu. kibuta kya ufungo kicha cha funguo Pl: fibuta.*
- kidaghi** [kidághi] *n.* chest, thorax, brisket. *kidari. Pl: fidaghi.*
- kidau**₁ [kidáû] *n.* flat/palm of hand. *kiganja, kitanga. Pl: fidau.*
- kidau**₂ [kidáû] *n.* one who likes to gossip. *mmbeya. Usage: slang. Pl: fidau.*
- kidede** [kidede] *n.* top, peak. *kilele. Pl: fidede.*
- kideebha** [kidéébhâ] *n.* wooden dish. *bakuli la mti. Pl: fideebha.*
- kidengo** [kidéngô] *n.* curse, spell. *laana, dua. kidengo kya irubha divine curse laana ya mungu Pl: fidengo.*
- kidinasi** [kidinasí] *n.* earthquake. *tetemeko la ardhi. Pl: fidinasi.*
- kidola** [kidolâ] *n.* white-browed coucal. *dudumizi. Pl: fidola.*
- kidonda** [kidóndâ] *n.* ulcer, large sore, wound. *kidonda, jeraha. Pl: fidonda.*
- kidonge** [kidongê] *n.* tablet. *kidonge. Pl: fidonge.*
- kidongo** [kidóngo] *n.* eyelashes, eyebrows, eyelid. *kope, nyusi. Pl: fidongo.*
- kidooro** [kidoorô] *n.* hill. *kilima. Pl: fidooro.*
- kidubha** [kidubhá] *n.* vengeance, vendetta. *kisasi. Pl: fidubha.*
- kierero** [kierero] *n.* a special prayer. *dua. Pl: fierero.*
- kifaduru** [kifadurú] *n.* whooping

kifaru

- cough. *kifaduro*. *Pl: fifaduru*.
- kifaru** [kifarû] *n.* rhinoceros. *faru*. *Pl: fifaru*.
- kifi** [kífî] *n.* hornet, wasp. *mavu, nyigu*. *Pl: fifi*.
- kififi** [kífífî] *n.* greed, jealousy, envy. *fihî, choyo, wivu, husuda*.
- kififina** [kífífina] *n.* beer filter. *chujio la pombe*. *Pl: kififina*.
- kifingyo** [kifingyó] *n.* prison. *gereza*. *Pl: kifingyo*.
- kifiniko** [kifíniko] *n.* lid, stopper, cover. *kifuniko, kizibo*. *Pl: kifiniko*.
- kifirifiri** [kifirífírî] *n.* jealousy. *wivu*. *Pl: kifirifiri*.
- kifiringisyo** [kifiríngisyo] *n.* knot. *kifundo*. *Pl: kifiringisyo*.
- kifu** [kifú] *n.* grave, graveyard. *kaburi, eneo la makaburi*. *Pl: fifu*.
- kifughi** [kifúghî] *n.* nest, cage. *kiota, kizimba*. *Pl: kifughi*.
- kifulyi** [kífúlyî] *n.* lock. *kufuli*. *Pl: kifulyi*.
- kifun** [kifún] *n.* graveyard. *makaburini*. *Pl: kifun*.
- kigha** [kíghâ] *n.* feeling of disgust caused by filth. *kinyaa*. *Pl: figha*.
- kighaasa** [kígháásâ] *n.* first stomach of an animal. *kilihafu*. *Pl: kighaasa*.
- kighaghasa** [kíghághásâ] *n.* hedgehog, porcupine. *kalunguyeye, nungunungu*. *Variant: kighasasa*. *Pl: kighaghasa*.
- kighasasa** [kíghásásâ] *n.* porcupine, hedgehog. *nungunungu, kalunguyeye*. *Variant: kighaghasa*. *Pl: kighasasa*.
- kighashi** [kígháshî] *n.* cattle dung fertilizer. *samadi*. *Pl: kighashi*.
- kighaso** [kíghásô] *n.* an offering, a sacrifice, victim. *kafara, mhanga, sadaka, tambiko*. *Pl: kighaso*.
- kighebhelya** [kighebhelyâ] *n.* type of tree used in building, gravellia. *aina ya mti utumikao katika ujenzi*. *Pl: kighebhelya*.

kikabu

- kighembo** [kíghembó] bottom of a thing on which it sits. *sehemu ya kukalia*. *Pl: kighembo*.
- kighendeya** [kíghendéyâ] *n.* slipperiness. *utelezi*. *Pl: kighendeya*.
- kighengu** [kíghengú] *n.* place where a chicken lays eggs. *fuko*. *Pl: kighengu*.
- kighi** [kíghî] *n.* seat, stool, chair. *kiti*. *Pl: kighi*.
- kighiya** [kíghíyâ] *n.* hammer. *nyundo*. *Pl: kighiya*.
- kighogha** [kíghóghâ] *n.* spinach. *mchicha*. *Pl: kighogha*.
- kighogholo** [kíghóghólo] *n.* funnel. *faneli*. *Pl: kighogholo*.
- kighombosho** [kíghómbóshó] *n.* caterpillar. *kiwavi*. *Pl: kighombosho*.
- kighomboto** [kíghómbotó] *n.* chicken lice. *utitiri*. *Pl: kighomboto*.
- kighumako** [kíghumákó] *n.* pit of the stomach. *chembe cha moyo*. *Pl: kighumako*.
- kighumo** [kíghumó] *n.* type of abuse, insult, swear word. *aina ya tusi*. *Variant: kighumu*. *Pl: kighumo*.
- kighumu** [kíghumú] *n.* type of abuse, insult, swear word. *aina ya tusi*. *Variant: kighumo*. *Pl: kighumu*.
- kihung'ani** [kíghung'áni] *adv.* in a foolish manner. *kijinga*.
- kiidikiro** [kiidikiro] *n.* salutation, greetings. *salamu*. *Pl: kiidikiro*.
- kiila** [kiilâ] *n.* contempt, mockery, ridicule. *dharau, dhahaka*. *Pl: fiila*.
- kiilanyi** [kiilányî] *adv.* beyond normal. *chakari k.v. lewa chakari*. **nshilwe kiilanyi** I am extremely ill *naumwa kupindukia*
- kiimbo** [kiimbó] *n.* song. *wimbo*. *Pl: kiimbo*.
- kiisi** [kiisi] *n.* kiss. *busu*. *Pl: fiisi*.
- kiiyo** [kiíyo] *n.* cry, wail, shout. *kilio*. *Pl: fiio*.
- kijiji** [kijijî] *n.* village. *kijiji*. *Pl: fijiji*.
- kikabu** [kikabú] *n.* basket. *kikapu*.

kikamba

kikabu kitiri mfiniko basket with a lid *kikapu chenye mfuniko* *Pl: fikabu.*
kikamba [kíkâmbâ] *con.* if it be. *ikiwa.*
kikamba indo in that case *ikiwa hivyo*
kikamua [kíkâmua] *n.* beer filter. *chujio la pombe. Pl: fikamua.*
kikasha [kíkashá] *adv.* badly, wrongly. *vibaya.*
kiko [kíkô] *n.* stem of a smoking pipe. *mdakale, kiko. Pl: fiko.*
kikoka [kíkókâ] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani, ukoka. Pl: fikoka.*
kikombe [kíkombé] *n.* cup. *kikombe. Pl: fikombe.*
kikongo [kíkóngô] *n.* peg, stump. *kigingi, kisiki. Pl: fikongo.*
kikoyo [kíkoyô] *n.* traditional round house. *msonge. Pl: fikoyo.*
kiku [kíkú] *n.* thousand. *elfu. Pl: fiku.*
kikumbo [kíkúmbô] *n.* thrust, shove. *kumbo. Pl: fikumbo.*
kikurundu [kíkúrúndú] *n.* hip. *nyonga. Pl: fikurundu.*
kikusighio [kíkúsíghio] *n.* faith. *imani. Pl: fikusighio.*
kikwa [kíkwa] *n.* yam. *kiazi kikuu. Pl: fikwa.*
kikwaani [kíkwaani] *adv.* thorough, befitting. *kikamilifu, kwa kustahili. runda shyasa kikwaani* work in a satisfactory manner *fanya kazi kama inavyostahili*
kikweere [kíkweéré] *n.* swift. *mbaywayu. Pl: fikweere.*
kilaaka [kílaakâ] *n.* uvula, epiglottis. *kilimi, kidaka-tonge. Variant: kilaka. Pl: filaaka.*
kilabu [kílâbu] *n.* bar, pub. *baa, kilabu. Pl: filabu.*
kilaka [kílakâ] *n.* epiglottis, uvula. *kidaka-tonge, kilimi. Usage: sehemu inayokatwa kama kuna kasoro. Variant: kilaaka. Pl: filaka.*
kilanya₁ [kílanyá] *adv.* extreme, too much. *mno. nyaghegha kilanya* talks

kimamuusi

too much *anaongea mno*
kilanya₂ [kílanyâ] *n.* unique thing. *kitu cha pekee. ndu a kilanya* exceptional person *mtu wa pekee*
kileli [kílelí] *n.* bee bread. *mbelewele. Variant: kilili. Pl: fileli.*
kilemu [kílemû] *n.* walking stick. *fimbo ya kutembelea, mkwaju, fimbo fupi iliyopinda juu. Pl: filemu.*
kilemyi [kílemyí] *n.* an argumentative person. *mbishi. See: verb ilema refuse, protest. Pl: filemyi.*
kiliko [kílíko] *n.* spoon. *kijiko. Pl: filiko.*
kilili [kílilí] *n.* bee bread. *mbelewele. Variant: kileli. Pl: filili.*
killya [i-kílyâ] *v.* jump, skip, leap. *ruka, chupa. ando ekillya mugh* crossing place *mahali pa kuvukia maji, kivukoni*
killyakillya [i-kílyakillyâ] *v.* jump about. *rukaruka.*
kilola [kílólâ] *n.* mirror. *kioo. Pl: filola.*
kiloosho [kílóóshó] *n.* lesson, teachings. *fundisho. Variant: kiloshyo. Pl: filoosho.*
kiloshyo [kílóshyó] *n.* teaching, lesson. *mafundisho. Variant: kiloosho.*
kilwa [kílwá] *n.* frog. *chura. Pl: filwa.*
kilya [i-kílyâ] *v.* fail to stop, jump, skip. *pitiliza, ruka, ruka juu.*
kima [kímâ] *n.* week. *juma. Pl: fima.*
kimaande [kímáándé] *n.* red soil. *udongo mwekundu. Pl: fimaande.*
kimaankya [kímáánkyâ] *n.* larva, tadpole. *kiluwiluwi. Pl: fimaankya.*
kimaghuma [kímaghumâ] *n.* reason, cause. *sababu, kisa.*
kimalindi [kímáalindî] *n.* malindi type of bananas. *aina ya ndizi ya malindi. Pl: fimalindi.*
kimamuusi [kímamuusi] *n.* Saturday. *Jumamosi.*

kimangya

kimangya [kímángyâ] *n.* edge of hat/cap, edge of threshold of a traditional house. *upenu wa kofia, upenu wa nyumba ya kienyeji.*

kimanshigha [kimánshíghâ] *n.* type of medicinal herb. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa. Pl: fimanshigha.*

kimanyisyo [kimányísyô] *n.* identification. *kitambulisho. Pl: fimanyisyo.*

kimashami [kimashami] *n.* Kimashami. *Kimashami. Pl: fimashami.*

kimba [i-kímba] *v.* dissuade, urge, warn. *shawishi kutofanya jambo, himiza, onya.*

kimbambasa [kimbambasâ] *n.* wall of a house. *kiambaza, ukuta. Pl: fimbambasa.*

kimmba₁ [kím'mbá] *adv.* in, inside. *ndani. bhika kimmba weka kwa ndani*

kimmba₂ [kím'mbá] *adv.* because, since. *kwa kuwa. kimmba kwa mmoogha kwa vile umeoa*

kimoona [kimoóná] *n.* chick. *kifaranga. Pl: fimooona (fya nguku).*

kimulya [kimulya] *n.* type of cooking bananas that are very sweet when ripe. *aina ya ndizi za kupika ambazo ni tamu sana zikiwa mbivu. Pl: fimulya.*

kimunyi [kímúnyî] *n.* flash (as of lightning), firebrand, firefly, torch. *mweka, kijinga cha moto, kimulimuli, mwanga wa radi, mwenge. Pl: fimunyi.*

kimwi [kímwî] *n.* one. *moja.*

kinaana [kináána] *n.* splinter. *kibanzi. Pl: finaana.*

kinama [kinámâ] *n.* thigh. *paja. Pl: finama.*

kinambore [kinambore] *n.* yellow-fronted canary. *chigi, aina ya ndege mdogo.*

kipiimo

kinamburi [kinamburî] *n.* gazelle. *swala. Pl: finamburi.*

kinangoyo [kinangoyó] *n.* small black monkey. *ngedere. Pl: finangoyo.*

kinankuuru [kinankúúru] *n.* mongoose. *nguchiro. Pl: finankuuru.*

kinasa [kinasâ] *n.* underpants, panties, knickers. *chupi. Usage: informal, slang. Pl: finasa.*

kindo₁ [kíndô] *n.* scythe, sickle. *mundu, kifaa kama panga. Pl: findo.*

kindo₂ [kíndô] *n.* want, need. *vitu, mahitaji. Pl: findo.*

kingaki [kíngákî] *inter.* which one? *kipi? Pl: fingafi. [Gram: varying by noun class except nga]*

kingiki [kíngíkî] *adv.* highest point, utmost. *kipeo. nkukunde kingiki I love you very much nakupenda kupita kiasi*

kinu [kinû] *n.* vagina. *kuma. Pl: finu.*

kinyan [kinyan] *n.* monitor lizard, crocodile. *kenge, mamba. Pl: finyan.*

kinyi [kínyî] *n.* palate, gum. *kaakaa, ufizi. Pl: finyi.*

kinyinyi [kínyinyi] *n.* soft cartiledge esp. of throat, back part of neck between head and shoulders. *mfupa laini wa kooni, sehemu ya nyuma ya shingo kati ya kichwa na mabega. Pl: finyinyi.*

kinywa-kinywa [kinywa-kínywa] *adv.* in small bits, retail. *rejareja, kidogo kidogo.*

kio [kío] *night. usiku. Variant: kyo.*

kio kisima [kío kísímâ] *np.* whole night. *kucha. Lit: 'usiku mzima'.*

kio nnang'ani [kío nnang'ani] *middle of the night. usiku wa manane. Variant: kyo nnang'ani.*

kipara [kipará] *n.* bald head. *kipara, upara. Pl: fipara.*

kipiimo [kípíímô] *n.* measure. *kipimo. Pl: fipiimo.*

kira

- kira** [i-kirâ] v. salvage, save, redeem, cure. *okoa.*
- kiraaka** [kiraakâ] n. patch. *kiraka.* Pl: **firaaka.**
- kirambwi** [kirâmbwí] n. saving for future use. *akiba ya baadaye.* Pl: **firambwi.**
- kiranda** [kirândâ] np. young maize ear. *suke changa la mahindi.* Pl: **firanda.**
- kireiyo** [kiréíyo] n. document, deed. *hati, andiko.* Pl: **fireiyo.**
- kirenga-nyasi** [kirenga-nyasí] n. cane rat. *ndezi. Lit: 'mla nyasi'.* Pl: **firenga nyasi.**
- kirengeta** [kirengetâ] n. power saw. *msumeno wa mashine.* Pl: **firengeta.**
- kiri** [kírî] n. bed. *kitanda.* Pl: **firi.**
- kirimbi** [kirimbî] n. flute. *filimbi.* Pl: **firimbi.**
- kirimu** [kirímu] n. cream. *mafuta mtindi.*
- kirinda** [kirinda] n. heavy dirt esp. on clothing. *uchafu uliokithiri hasa wa nguo.* Pl: **firinda.**
- kirindo** [kiríndo] n. wooden water container/barrel. *mtungi wa mti.* Pl: **firindo.**
- kiringityo** [kiringítýô] n. circle. *duara, mzunguko.* Pl: **firingityo.**
- kiringyisyo** [kiringyísyo] n. knot. *fundo.* Pl: **firingyisyo.**
- kirishe** [kiríshé] n. shadow. *kivuli.* Pl: **firishe.**
- kiroe** [kiroé] n. pimple. *upele.* Variant: **kiroye.** Pl: **firoe.**
- kiromu** [kirómû] n. lip. *mdomo.* Pl: **firomu.**
- kiromoma** [kirórómâ] n. squirrel. *kidiri, kindi.* Pl: **firomoma.**
- kirouwo** [kiróúwo] n. answer, reply. *jawabu, jibu.* Pl: **firouwo.**
- kiroye** [kiroyé] n. wart, pimple. *chungu.* Variant: **kiroe.** Pl: **firoye.**
- kirumwa** [kirumwâ] adv. secretly, stealthily. *kwa siri, bila*

kishengele

- kuaga/kutangaza.* **ienda kirumwa** kwenda kisiri
- kirya** [kirýâ] n. room. *chumba.* Pl: **firyâ.**
- kisaa** [kisáa] n. anus, buttocks. *mkundu, tako.* Pl: **fisaa.**
- kisafu** [kísáfû] adv. behind a house (outside). *nyuma ya nyumba.* **ifo kisafu** over there at the back of the house *huko nyuma ya nyumba*
- kisangu** [kisangú] n. forehead. *paji (la uso).* Pl: **fisangu.**
- kiseeremure** [kiseerémúrê] n. behaviour of one who pretends not to like something that s/he actually likes. *kisebusebu, kiherehere.* Variant: **kiseremunde.** Pl: **fiseeremure.**
- kisengegho** [kisengégho] adv. behind a house (outside). *nyuma ya nyumba.* See: **kisafu.**
- kiserema** [kisérémâ] n. worn out hoe. *kisagalima, kiserema.* Pl: **fiserema.**
- kiseremunde** [kiseremundê] n. behaviour of one who pretends not to like something that s/he actually likes. *kisebusebu, kiherehere.* Pl: **fiseremunde.**
- kisha** [kíshâ] n. arms, weapon. *silaha.* Pl: **fisha.**
- kishabu** [kishábu] n. fart. *ushuzi.* Pl: **fishabu.**
- kishakweere** [kishakwééré] n. sparrow, swift. *mbayuwayu.* Pl: **fishakweere.**
- kishangaanya** [kishangáánya] n. cooked mixture of maize/beans. *makande.* Usage: *mahindi yakishaiva huchanganywa na maharage.*
- kishashyi** [kisháshyî] n. bracelet. *bangili.* Pl: **fishashyi.**
- kishau** [kishaú] n. packed food supply for a journey. *pamba, masurufu.* Pl: **fishau.**
- kishengele** [kishengélé] heel. *kisigino.* See: **tutu.** Pl: **fishengele.**

kishengelele

kishengelele [kishengélélê] *n.* small finger. *kadogo (kidole). nni wa kishengelele* kidole kidogo *Pl: fishengelele.*

kishomu [kishomû] *n.* language. *lugha (hasa ya kigeni). Pl: fishomu.*

kishongo [kishongó] *n.* ankle. *kifundo mguu. Pl: fishongo.*

kishong'u [kishóng'û] *n.* piece of skin. *kipande cha ngozi. Pl: fishong'u.*

kishoshoro [kishoshoro] *n.* footpath, track. *uchochoro. Pl: fishoshoro.*

kishuja [kishujâ] *n.* sieve. *chujio, kung'uto. Pl: fishuja.*

kishwi [kishwî] *n.* tuberculosis, asthma. *kifua kikuu, pumu. [Gram: onomatopoeic: wheeze]*

kisi [kisí] *n.* waist. *kiuno. Pl: fisi.*

kisiiko [kisíiko] *n.* support. *kizuiio. Pl: fisiiko.*

kisikiti [kisikítí] *np.* door post. *nguzo ya mlango, kizingiti. Pl: fisikiti.*

kisile [kisile] *n.* screw pine tree. *mkadi. Pl: fisile.*

kisima₁ [kisimâ] *n.* well. *kisima. Pl: fisima.*

kisima₂ [kisimâ] *n.* sleeping hide. *ngozi ya kulalia. Pl: fisima.*

kisoiya [kisóiya] *n.* sweet potato. *kiazi kitamu/mviringo. Pl: fisoiya.*

kisoma [kisómâ] *n.* church. *kanisa. Pl: fisoma.*

kisongoghu [kisóngóghû] *n.* leader. *kiongozi. Pl: fisongoghu.*

kisonjo [kisónjo] *n.* type of basket. *aina ya kikapu. Pl: fisonjo.*

kisukari [kisukári] *n.* kind of sweet banana. *aina ya ndizi. Pl: fisukari.*

kisukari ukanda [kisukári ukandâ] *n.* type of kisukari bananas for brewing. *aina ya ndizi kisukari zitumikazo kutengeneza pombe. Pl: fisukari ukanda.*

kiteghewo

kisukari unga [kisukári únga] *n.* type of kisukari bananas eaten ripe. *aina ya ndizi kisukari ziliwazo zikiwa mbivu. Pl: fisukari unga.*

kisuku [kisukú] *n.* prophet, prophecy. *nabii, unabii. Pl: fisuku.*

kisungu [kisungú] *n.* English. *Kiingereza, Kizungu.*

kisurukumu₁ [kisurukumu] *adv.* quietly, secretly. *kinyemela.*

kisurukumu₂ [kisurukumu] *n.* secret. *siri. Pl: fisurukumu.*

kiswa [kíswâ] *n.* ringworm. *choa.*

kisye [kisyê] *n.* rainy season. *masika. Pl: fisye.*

kitabhanu [kitábhánú] *n.* play, humour, joke. *mchezo, mzaha. Pl: fitabhanu.*

kitabu [kitabû] *n.* book. *kitabu. Pl: fitabu.*

kitalu [kitalû] *n.* wickerwork stand for utensils. *chanja. Pl: fitalu.*

kitamango [kitamangó] *n.* bedbug. *kunguni. Pl: fitamango.*

kitambaa [kitambáa] *n.* cloth. *kitambaa. Pl: fitambaa.*

kitambi [kitambî] *n.* pot belly. *kitambi. Pl: fitambi.*

kitara [kitárâ] *n.* bed, bridge. *kitanda, daraja. Pl: fitara.*

kitaraasa [kitaráasa] *n.* type of cooking bananas with pink colour inside. *aina ya ndizi za kupika zenye rangi nyekundu ndani. Pl: fitaraasa.*

kitatauri [kitatáúrí] *n.* butterfly. *kipepeo. Pl: fitatauri.*

kite [kitê] *n.* dog. *mbwa. Pl: fite.*

kite kya ngoroshon [kité kyá ngóroshón] *np.* wild dog. *mbwa mwitu. Lit: 'mbwa wa msituni'. Pl: fite fya ngoroshon.*

kitebhe [kitebhé] *n.* cause. *kisa. Pl: fitebhe.*

kiteghewo [kiteghéwo] *n.* a special prayer. *dua. Pl: fiteghewo.*

kitima

kitima [kitimá] *n.* seat, stool, chair. *kiti, kigoda. Pl: fitima.*

kitindamimba [kitindamimba] *n.* last-born. *kitindamimba. Pl: fitindamimba.*

kitondo [kitondô] *adv.* in a foolish manner. *kijinga.*

kitongoji [kitongojî] *n.* small village or hamlet. *kitongoji. Pl: fitongoji.*

kitoro [kitorô] *n.* weaned chick. *kinda asiyeandamana na mamaye tena. Pl: fitoro.*

kitoyo [kítóyô] *n.* stammer, stutter, lisp. *kigugumizi, kithembe.*

kitunguu [kitungúu] *n.* onion. *kitunguu. Pl: fitunguu.*

kituri [kiturí] *n.* head-on collision (esp. animals). *dafrao. Pl: fituri.*

kiwaasi [kiwaasî] *n.* featherless tail of bird. *sehemu ya mkia wa ndege bila manyoya. Pl: fiwaasi.*

kiwambo [kiwámbo] *n.* peg. *mambo. Pl: fiwambo.*

kiwambo-kughwi [kiwambo kughwî] *n.* praying mantis. *vunjajungu. Pl: fiwambo kughwi.*

kiwaro [kiwarô] *n.* flower, present. *ua, zawadi. Pl: fiwaro.*

kiwe [kíwê] *n.* hand of bananas. *chane ya ndizi. Pl: fiwe.*

kiwore [kiworê] *n.* chick. *kifaranga. Pl: fiwore.*

kiwoye [kiwoyé] *n.* rope for tying cattle. *kamba ya ng'ombe. Variant: kyowe. Pl: fiwoye.*

kofya [kofyâ] *n.* hat, cap. *kofia. Pl: kofya.*

kola₁ [i-kolâ] *v.* choke on something. *palia.*

kola₂ [kolâ] *n.* nape (of neck). *ukosi. See: English collar.*

komba [i-kombâ] *v.* lick. *lamba.*

kona [kónâ] *n.* corner. *kona. Pl: kona.*

-koo [-koó] *adj.* young. *dogo. mwana nkoo kijana*

kubooka

kooma [i-koóma] *v.* bark, cry out. *bweka, piga kelele.*

koomya [i-koómya] *v.* scold. *kemea.*

kooya [i-koóya] *v.* catch red-handed, catch in the sex act, come upon, find. *fuma, fumania, kuta, okota, ona.*

kora [i-korâ] *v.* singe, burn, incinerate, cook. *unguza, pika, chemsha.*

korosho [koroshô] *n.* cashew nut. *korosho. Pl: korosho.*

kosha [i-kóshâ] *v.* copulate (for human male), have sex, fornicate. *jamiiana, ingilia mwanamke.*

kosha kisa [i-kosha kisâ] *vp.* sodomise. *fira, lawiti. Lit: 'tomba mkundu'.*

kubasha [i-kubásha] *v.* be sharp (needle or pin). *chongoka.*

kubasha [i-kubásha] *v.* adorn/decorate self. *jiremba, jipamba, jikwatua.*

-kubhake [-kúbhákýé] *adj.* similar. *-enye kufanana.*

kubhika [i-kubhíka] *v.*

kubhika kyaasa [i-kubhíka kyaasa] *v.* promise each other. *ahidiana.*

kubhika nsya [i-kubhíká nsyá] *vp.* be self confident, hope. *jiamini, tumaini, jipa matumaini.*

kubhikya ubhingo [i-kubhíkya ubhingo] *vp.* accuse oneself, leave a trail behind. *jishitaki, acha ushahidi. Lit: 'jiwekea hukumu'.*

kubhikyana kyaasa [i-kubhíkya kyaasa] *vp.* promise each other. *ahidiana, peana ahadi.*

kubo [i-kubô] *v.* rise (from bed), get/wake up. *amka, inuka.*

kubo ghembo [i-kubô ghembo] *vp.* end mourning, stand up. *vunja tanga, inuka.*

kubooka [kubooka] *prep.* from. *kuanzia.*

kufii

- kufii** [kufíi] *adj.* accessible, near. *karibu. ando kufii mahali pa karibu*
- kufinga** [i-kufínga] *v.* be pregnant. *himili. Lit: 'jifunga'.*
- kufunda** [i-kufúndâ] *v.* learn. *jifunza.*
- kufundye** [-kufúndyé] *adj.* adept, skilful. *stadi, enye ujuzi. ndu akufundye mtu stadi*
- kughaiya** [i-kugháiya] *v.* use muscular effort, strain oneself. *kakamka.*
- kughau** [i-kughau] *v.* part with each other. *achana.*
- kugheeka** [i-kughééka] *n.* pretend to be a nice person. *jifanya mzuri.*
- kugheekya** [i-kughéékya] *v.* intend, contemplate, guarantee, bail out. *dhamiria, dhamini, jitoa badala ya.*
- kughesya** [i-kughésya] *v.* joke with somebody. *taniana.*
- kughika** [i-kughíkâ] *n.* carry on head or shoulders. *pagaa.*
- kughika nghony** [i-kughíkâ nghony] *vp.* carry on the head. *beba kichwani.*
- kughinga** [i-kughínga] *v.* protect /defend oneself. *jikinga, jilinda, jitetea.*
- kughisa** [i-kughísa] *v.* cause to mature. *komaza. See: ikuusa.*
- kughishya** [i-kughíshya] *v.* chase one another. *fukuzana.*
- kughiya** [i-kughíyâ] *v.* regret, feel remorse, be sorry, confess. *juta, tubu.*
- kughua** [i-kúghuâ] *v.* put down one's load. *jitua mzingo.*
- kughuma** [i-kughúmâ] *v.* abuse oneself. *jitukanisha.*
- kughusa** [i-kughúsa] *v.* make an elder, run down, wear out. *fanya kuwa zee, zeesh, chakaza.*
- kuibule** [i-kúibúle] *v.* dance (for showing courage/excitement). *randaranda, rukaruka kwa furaha. [Gram: reflexive]*

kundo

- kukosha** [i-kukósha] *v.* have sexual intercourse. *jamiiana. [Gram: reciprocal]*
- kukundya** [i-kukúndya] *v.* be self-imposed. *jitakia.*
- kulema** [i-kulémâ] *v.* stoop, bend, bow. *bong'oa, inama. [Gram: ku is reflexive]*
- kulema mungo** [i-kulémâ mungo] *vp.* be round-shouldered. *fanya kibiongo. [Gram: jipinda mgongo]*
- kulosha** [i-kulóshâ] *v.* learn. *jifunza.*
- kumanya** [i-kumánya] *v.* recognise oneself. *jitambua.*
- kumanya na** [i-kumánya na] *vp.* make an acquaintance. *kujuana na mtu.*
- kumba₁** [i-kúmbâ] *v.* sell, peddle. *uza, chuuza.*
- kumba₂** [i-kúmbâ] *v.* die. *kata roho, fariki. Usage: idiom: uza uhai.*
- kumbirya** [i-kúmbírya] *v.* pile up, assemble, be jammed together. *lundikana, kusanyika, songamana.*
- kumbura** [i-kumbúra] *v.* remind. *kumbusha.*
- kumburya** [i-kúmbúrya] *v.* pile up, assemble, be jammed together. *lundikana, kusanyika, songamana.*
- kumbwa** [i-kúmbwa] *v.* remember (commit to memory). *kumbuka.*
- kumbya** [i-kúmbya] *v.* pile up. *lundikana.*
- kuna** [i-kúnâ] *v.* push. *sukuma, kukusa.*
- kunang'ara** [i-kunáng'ára] *v.* pretend, feign. *jisingizia, jifanya.*
- kunda** [i-kundâ] *v.* like, love, favour, want. *penda, pendelea, take.*
- kundana** [i-kundána] *v.* like each other, be agreeable. *patana, pendana.*
- kundanisa** [i-kundánisa] *v.* settle dispute/argument. *patanisha.*
- kundo** [kúndô] *n.* place, location, area. *mahali, sehemu.*

kunu

kunu [kúnû] *adv.* this way, herein. *huku, humu.*

kunung'una [i-kunúng'úna] *v.* grunt, grumble, express disapproval / indignation or contempt, complain. *guna, lalama, nung'unika.*

kuogha [i-kuóghâ] *v.* intermarry, inbreed. *oana, oana wenyewe kwa wenyewe.*

kura [i-kúrâ] *v.* scrape. *parua.*

kura nungu [i-kura nungú] *vp.* scrape the pot. *komba chungu.*

kurere [kúrerê] *n.* rust. *kutu.* *Variant: ngurere.*

kurwa [kúrwa] *n.* second born of twins. *kulwa.* *Pl: wakurwa.*

kusaara [i-kusáara] *v.* think of something, consider. *itabiri.* *Variant: kusara.*

kusangirya [i-kusángirya] *v.* pile up, assemble, be jammed together. *lundikana, kusanyika, songamana.*

kusangya [i-kusángya] *vi.* wash, bathe. *nawa, oga.*

kusara [i-kusára] *v.* consider, think, ponder. *fikiri, waza, taamali.* *Variant: kusaara.*

kusasanda [i-kusásanda] *v.* be mixed up. *changamana.*

kusha [i-kushâ] *vp.* fold. *kunja. kusha shuka kunja shuka*

kushela [i-kushélâ] *v.* dance about (as a sign of joy). *chachawa.*

kushoba [i-kushóbâ] *v.* boast, brag, praise oneself, be proud, show off, put on airs. *jidai, jigamba, jivuna, ringa, tamba, jisikia, jiona.* *Variant: kushomba.*

kushomba [i-kushómbâ] *v.* boast, brag, praise oneself, be proud, show off, put on airs. *jidai, jigamba, jivuna, ringa, tamba, jisikia, jiona.* *Variant: kushoba.*

kusikya [i-kusíkya] *v.* cover oneself. *jifunika.*

kwa

kusisika [i-kusísika] *v.* shake off water after getting wet. *kukuta.*

kusora [i-kusóra] *v.* walk one after another. *andamana.*

kusununda [i-kusúnúnda] *v.* ponder, think twice, soul search. *fikiria sana, tafakari.*

kusuruma [i-kusúruma] *v.* hide oneself, become hidden. *jificha, fichika.*

kutafo [kutáfó] *adv.* except. *isipokuwa.* *Variant: kuutafo.*

kutani [kutani] *con.* until. *hadi.*

kutatalwa [i-kutátálwâ] *v.* move or toss about restlessly. *furukuta.*

kuti [kutî] *n.* obligation, compulsion. *lazima.* **kindo kya kuti** necessary thing *kitu cha lazima*

kutira₁ [i-kutíra] *v.* stick together. *gandamana.*

kutira maako [i-kutíra maakô] *vp.* hold hands together. *shikana mikono.*

kutira₂ [i-kutíra] *v.* become strong. *kuwa na nguvu.*

kutire [kutiré] *intj.* word of sympathy, sorry! take it easy! *pole, jikaze.*

kutokoba [i-kutókóba] *v.* apply make-up, decorate oneself. *jiremba.*

-kuu [-kúú] *adj.* old, worn out. *kuukuu, chakavu. ndu/nka nkuu, soori shikuu mtu/mwanamke mzee, nguo nzee*

kuusa [i-kúúsa] *v.* wear out. *chakaza.* *See: kughisa.*

kuutafo₁ [i-kuutafó] *v.* secede. *jiondoa.*

kuutafo₂ [kuutáfó] *adv.* except. *kasoro, isipokuwa.* *Variant: kutafo.*

kuwaa [i-kuwáa] *v.* kill oneself, commit suicide. *jiua.*

kuwaaghe [kuwáághê] *intj.* [sympathy] sorry! take it easy! *pole.*

kwa₁ [i-kwâ] *v.* wear out, mature, age. *chakaa, komaa, kongu, pevuka, zeeka.*

kwa

- kwa**₂ [kwá] at, of. *kwa, ya.*
- kwa nkaka** [kwá nkaká] *adv.* rapidly, hurriedly. *kakakaka.*
- kwa sii** [kwa sii] *adv.* at the bottom, underneath, below. *chini.*
- kwa wafu** [kwá wáfú] *n.* home of the spirits of the dead. *kuzimu.*
- kwaabha** [i-kwáábha] *v.* branch off (for a road), be divisible. *gawanyika.*
- kwaabhya** [i-kwáábhya] *v.* share. *gawana.*
- kwaalashya** [i-kwááláshya] *v.* exchange. *badilishana.*
- kwaana**₁ [i-kwáána] *v.* spread, abound. *enea.*
- kwaana**₂ [i-kwáána] *v.* be related to. *husiana na.*
- kwaananya**₁ [i-kwáánanya] *v.* confront, come face to face with someone or something. *kabili.*
- kwaananya**₂ [i-kwáánanya] *vp.* meet on the way. *kutana njiani.* *Usage:* rare, **kwaanya** is preferred.
- kwaanya** [i-kwáánya] *v.* meet. *kutana.*
- kwaanya ningi** [i-kwáánya ningí] *vp.* reunite. *kutana tena.*
- kwaasha** [kwaashá] *adj.* far. *mbali.*
- kwakulya** [kwakulyá] *n.* across, yonder. *ng'ambo.* *Lit:* 'kwa kule: in Masama, kwakulya points to Machame and vice versa'.
- kwamira** [i-kwámíra] *v.* lie across. *kingama.*
- kwasi** [kwási] *n.* space underneath of something, e.g. a bed. *mvungu.* *Usage:* *kwa chini.*
- kweesa** [i-kwéésa] *v.* measure/weigh self, evaluate self against some challenge. *jipima.*
- kweete** [i-kweeté] *v.* go away! *ondoka!* **kweeten** go away (plural) *ondokeni*
- kwekyia** [i-kwékya] *v.* help oneself, relieve oneself. *jisaidia, enda haja.*
- kwengya** [i-kwéngya] *v.* go away.

kyaanu

- kwenda zako.*
- kwi** [kwí] *adv.* where. *wapi.*
- kwiidima** [i-kwíídíma] *v.* be self-reliant. *jiweza, jitegemea.*
- kwiima** [i-kwíímâ] *v.* abstain. *jinyima.*
- kwiisa** [i-kwíísâ] *vp.* beware, watch out, be on your guard, avoid, dodge. *kaa chonjo, jihadhari, epa.*
- kwiamira** [i-kwínámira] *v.* be in leaning, reclining or resting position. *egama.*
- kwindya** [i-kwíndya] *v.* carry oneself in a respectful manner. *jiheshimu.*
- kwing'ara** [i-kwíng'ára] *v.* take less than one's rightful share. *jipunja.*
- kworua** [i-kwórua] *v.* straighten oneself. *jinyoosha.*
- kya** [i-kyâ] *v.* dawn. *cha, pambazuka.*
- kyaaghu** [kyaaghû] *n.* shoe. *kiatu.* *Pl:* **fyaaghu.**
- kyaakuta** [kyaakútá] *n.* thirst. *kiu.*
- kyaamba** [kyaambá] *n.* banana and coffee farm, plot of land. *shamba la migomba na mibuni, kipande cha ardhi.* *Pl:* **fyaamba.**
- kyaandu** [kyaandú] *n.* knife. *kisu.* *Pl:* **fyaandu.**
- kyaandu kikulemye** [kyaandu kíkulémye] *np.* curved knife. *kotama, kisu kilichopinda.* *Pl:* **fyaandu fikulemye.**
- kyaandu kya ighasha** [kyaandu kyá igháshâ] *np.* incising knife. *kisu cha kuchanja.* *Pl:* **fyaandu fya ighasha.**
- kyaandu kya irina** [kyaandu kyá írínâ] *np.* circumcision knife. *kisu cha kutahiria.* *Pl:* **fyaandu fya irina.**
- kyaandu kya yuuta fi** [kyaandu kyá yúútá fí] *n.* shaving knife. *kijembe.* [*Gram:* lit. *kisu cha kutoa nywele*]
- kyaanu** [kyáánû] *n.* gratitude. *shukurani.* **kyaanu kya ndu iliyo akooya kindo kighekie** award given

kyaanya

to someone who finds a lost item
kiangazamacho

kyaanya [kyaanyá] *n.* uniqueness.
upekee. nndu a kyaanya peculiar
person *mtu wa pekee*

kyaaro [kyáárô] *n.* journey. *safari. Pl:*
fyaaro.

kyaaro kisha [kyaaro kishá] *intj.*
bon voyage! good journey! *safari*
njema!

kyaaro kya mughen [kyaaro kya
múghen] *np.* seafaring. *safari za*
baharini.

kyaasa [kyaasá] *n.* agreement,
promise. *agano, ahadi, miadi. Kyaasa*
Kiiya New Testament *Agano Jipya*
Pl: fyaasa.

kyaasi₁ [kyaasí] *n.* wedge. *kabari. Pl:*
fyaasi.

kyaasi₂ [kyáásí] *n.* potato. *kiazi. Pl:*
fyaasi.

kyaaso [kyaasô] *n.* advice, counselling,
warning. *nasaha, onyo. Pl: fyaaso.*

kyafuye [kyafuyê] *n.* chameleon.
kinyonga. Pl: fyafuye.

kyaghie [kyaghié] *n.* type of tree. *aina*
ya mti. Pl: fyaghie.

kyama [kyamá] *n.* club, guild, society,
etc. *chama. Pl: fyama.*

kyamisi [kyamísí] *n.* nightmare.
jinamizi. Pl: fyamisi.

kyanghi [kyánghi] *n.* tick, tsetse fly.
kupe, mbung'o. Pl: fyanghi.

kyanshiifu [kyanshíifu] *n.*
handkerchief. *leso. See: English*
handkerchief. Variant: anshiifu. Pl:
fyanshiifu.

kyara [kyárá] *n.* axe. *shoka. Pl: fyara.*

kyeebhisa [i-kyéébhisa] *v.* cause to
be late, delay. *chelewesha. Variant:*
kyeeisa.

kyeeghi₁ [kyeeghí] *n.* season, era,
duration. *majira, enzi, muda. Pl:*
fyeeghi.

kyeeghi kimwi [kyeeghi kímwí]

kyekuo

adv. at the same time. *sawia, wakati*
mmoja.

kyeeghi kya ilula [kyeeghi kyá
ílula] *n.* harvest season, wages or
salary season. *janguo, msimu wa*
mavumo. Pl: fyeeghi fya ilula.

kyeeghi kya mbyoo [kyeeghi kyá
mbyóo] *n.* cold season. *kipupwe,*
majira ya baridi.

kyeeghi kya mwi [kyeeghi kyá
mwí] *n.* dry/sun season. *kiangazi,*
kipindi cha jua. Pl: fyeeghi fya mwi.

kyeeghi kya nghike [kyeeghi kyá
nghike] *np.* hot weather, summer.
majira ya joto.

kyeeghi₂ [kyééghí] *n.* chin, cheek.
kidevu, shavu. Pl: fyeeghi.

kyeeisa [i-kyééisa] *v.* cause to be
late, delay. *chelewesha. Variant:*
kyeebhisa.

kyeembu [kyeembú] *n.* type of tree.
aina ya mti. Pl: fyeembu.

kyeenda [kyeendâ] *n.* nine. *tisa.*

kyeeso [kyeesó] *n.* trial, attempt, test,
temptation. *jaribio, majaribu,*
kishawishi. Pl: fyeeso.

kyeeywa [i-kyééywa] *v.* be late.
chelewa.

kyeghegho [kyegheghô] *n.* argument,
subject under discussion, motion,
proposal. *hoja. Pl: fyeghegho.*

kyeku [kyeku] *n.* grandmother. *bibi. Pl:*
bhakyeku.

kyeku wa kyeku [kyeku wá
kyekú] *np.* great great grand mother.
nyanya wa nyanya. Pl: bhakyeku bha
bhakyeku.

kyeku yan [kyekú yán] *n.* your
(pl) grandmother. *nyanya (bibi) yenu.*
Pl: bhakyeku yan.

kyeku yao [kyekú yáó] *n.* their
grandmother. *nyanya (bibi) yao. Pl:*
bhakyeku yao.

kyekuo [kyekuô] *n.* your grandmother.
nyanya (bibi) yako. Pl: bhakyekuo.

kyekuye

kyekuye [kyekuyê] *n.* his/her grandmother. *nyanya (bibi) yake. Pl: bhakyekeye.*

kyekwe [kyekwê] *n.* young lady. *kibibi. Pl: kyekwe.*

kyen [kyén] *n.* dwelling. *makazi. Variant: ken.*

kyenda [kyendá] *n.* nine. *kenda.*

kyenga [kyengâ] *n.* half, semi. *nusu. Pl: fyenga.*

kyengefu [kyengéfû] *n.* hiccup. *kwikwi. Pl: kyengefu.*

kyo [kyo] *n.* night. *usiku. Pl: kyo.*

kyo nnang'ani [kyó nnáng'áni] *np.* midnight. *usiku wa manane. [Gram: lit. usiku katikati]*

kyobhe [kyóbhe] *n.* moss, algae. *aina ya mimea iotayo kwenye mwamba wenye unyevu. Pl: fyobhe.*

kyobhe [kyobhé] *n.* type of twined rope. *aina ya kamba ya kusokota. Pl: fyobhe.*

kyoki [kyókí] *pro.* what? *nini.*

kyombo [kyómbô] *n.* pot, vessel, container. *chombo. Pl: fyombo.*

kyondi [kyondí] *n.* wooden container (pot size). *mtungi wa mti ambao hutumika katika kutengeza pombe. Pl: fyondi.*

kyondi kya mughen [kyondí kyá múghen] *n.* dug-out canoe. *ngalawa. Pl: fyondi fya mughen.*

kyoobha [kyóóbhâ] *n.* evil, disaster, calamity, trouble, discomfort, sorrow, grief, hardship, distress, torture, sadness. *baa, adha, fadhaa, majonzi, mateso, shida, huzuni, janga. Pl: fyooobha.*

laaya

kyooghe [kyooghê] *n.* pimple, acne. *chunusi. Usage: diminutive of yooghe. Pl: fyoooghe.*

kyore [kyórê] *n.* joint effort. *harambee. Pl: fyore.*

kyumbwe [kyumbwe] *n.* type of banana dish consisting of a mixture of bananas and beans (or maize). *uji mchanganyiko wa ndizi na maharage au mahindi. Usage: rare, derogatory. Pl: fyumbwe.*

kyuuma [kyuumá] *n.* disease. *ugonjwa.*

kyuuma nguku [kyuumá ngúkú] *n.* disease which attacks fowls, infantile convulsions, epilepsy. *kideri, degedege, kifafa. Lit: 'ugonjwa wa kuku'.*

kyuumba [kyúumbâ] *n.* sterile, barren, infertile, impotent person. *hanithi, mgumba, tasa. Pl: fyuumba.*

kyuumbe [kyuumbê] *n.* creature, being. *kiembe. Pl: fyuumbe.*

kyuungu [kyuungú] *n.* fungal infection esp. affecting fingers. *aina ya ugonjwa wa kuvu hasa kwenye vidole, mdudu. Pl: fyuungu.*

kyuungu [kyuungú] *government, authority. serikali, utawala. Pl: fyuungu.*

kyuungu kiniini [kyuungú kíníini] *n.* central authority. *madaraka makubwa.*

kyuunguya [kyúungúyâ] *n.* heartburn. *kiungulia. Pl: fyuunguya.*

kyuuri [kyuurí] *n.* mortar (for pounding). *kinu. Pl: fyuuri.*

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la [i-lâ] *v.* become clean, have good physical appearance as a sign of wellbeing. *wa -safi, nawiri.*

laaya₁ [i-lááya] *v.* sit on eggs, incubate. *atamia.*

laaya₂ [i-lááya] *v.* waylay, ambush.

labha*vizia.***labha** [i-lábhâ] v. get up very early. *damka, lauka.***lafya** [i-láfya] v. divine, prophesy, foretell. *agua, bashiri, piga bao, piga ramli.***lakana** [i-lákânâ] v. separate, divorce each other. *achana, tengana.***lakanisa** [i-lákánisâ] v. separate by force. *mamanua.***lakanisa na mashora** [i-lákánisa ná máshora] vp. terminate employment. *achisha (mtu kazi).***-lakerunda** [-lákérúndâ] adj. not working, broken, out of order. *bovu.***laki** [lakî] np. hundred thousand. *laki.***lala** [i-lalâ] v. sleep, go to sleep, lie down. *lala, jilaza.***lala ghembo** [i-lalâ ghémbó] v. stay awake through the night. *kesha.* [Gram: lit. lala umekaa]**lala kisha** [i-lalâ kisha] vp. sleep tight. *lala salama / vizuri.***lala na mungo** [i-lalâ na mungo] vp. lie flat on one's back. *lala chali.***lala shobhi** [i-lalâ shóbbi] vp. beware, watch out, be on your guard. *kaa chonjo, kuwa macho.***lwaaro usha** [lwááro usha] intj. good night. *alamsiki.* Variant: **lwaarwa kisha.****lwaarwa kisha** [lwáárwa kisha] intj. good night. *alamsiki.* Variant: **lwaaro usha.** [Gram: lit. tulazwe vizuri]**lamya** [i-lámyâ] v. press, compress. *shindilia, gandamiza.***langa** [i-lángâ] v. envy, be jealous, desire, crave. *husudu, tamani.***langira** [langíra] n. person with disabled leg. *mlemavu wa mguu.* Pl: **langira.****lasa** [lasâ] n. taste. *ladha.* Pl: **lasa.****latya** [i-látyâ] go to, copy, imitate,**llwa**simulate, impersonate. *endea, fuasa, fuata, iga, igiza.***laura** [laurâ] n. dew. *umande.* Pl: **laura.****le** [lé] intj. hullo! *ee bwanae- ee!***lekeya** [i-lékéyâ] v. release, acquit, set free. *achia.***lela** [i-lélâ] v. raise (child), bring up, take care of. *lea.***lelebhya** [i-lelébhya] v. stalk. *nyemelea.***lelemba** [i-lelémba] v. soothe, calm, woo, appease. *bembeleza, denda.***lema₁** [i-lemâ] v. fold, wrap up, coil up. *kunja, pinda.* **lema nkeka** fold mat *kunja mkeka***lema₂** [i-lémâ] v. disobey, rebel, revolt, argue, defy, refuse, deny, reject, disagree, hate, decline. *asi, bisha, dinda, ghairi, kana, pinga, zira.***lemba** [i-lembâ] v. deceive, cheat, outwit, beguile. *danganya, laghai, hadaa, ongopa, rubuni.***lemwa** [i-lémwâ] v. fail to get what one wants. *kwama.* **lemwa ighegha mashika a ndwari** *shindwa kuongea kwa sababu ya ugonjwa***lemya** [i-lémya] vp. wind up. *kunja.* **lemya ughuu** wind up thread *kunja uzi* Variant: **lema.****lenga** [i-léngâ] v. aim. *lenga.***lenga mfe** [i-lenga mfé] vp. aim an arrow. *lenga mshale.***leta₁** [i-létâ] v. intervene (e.g. in a fight), settle a dispute. *ingilia kati (k.v. ugomvi), amua.***leta₂** [i-létâ] v. pour. *mimina, gida.***letya** [i-létyâ] v. put into, pour into. *tia, miminia.* [Gram: appl.]**likya** [i-líkyâ] v. burry. *fukia.***lilya** [i-lílyâ] v. have mercy, have pity. *onea huruma, jalia (hasa mungu).* **ililya mbora** bestow blessings *jalia baraka***llwa** [i-l'l'wa] v. uproot, castrate.

lola

ng'oa, hasi. Variant: lua. [Gram: high tone on geminate]

lola [í-lólâ] v. look at, look after, care for, watch out, face, stare. *angalia, chungu, elekea, kagua, kodoa macho.*

lola numa [i-lóla númâ] vp. look behind. *tazama nyuma.*

-lollo [-lollo] adj. self-evident. *-lio wazi. kindo kilollo* something plainly evident *kitu kilicho wazi/kinachoonekana*

lollya [í-lóllýâ] v. see, find. *ona.*

lollya son [i-lollya sôn] vp. feel shy. *ona haya.*

lollya usutu [i-lollya usutú] vp. feel shy. *ona haya.*

lollywa [í-lóllýwâ] v. be seen. *onekana.*

losha [i-loshâ] v. direct, inculcate, instruct, teach, discipline. *elekeza, funda, fundisha, tia adabu.*

lukwa [i-lúkwâ] v. dig up, unearth. *chimbua, fukua.*

lula [i-lúllâ] v. harvest. *vuna.*

lunga [i-lúngâ] v. join, connect. *unga, unganisha.*

lunga mafwa [i-lunga mafwâ] vp. join broken bones. *unga mifupa.*

lung'ana₁ [i-lúng'ánâ] v. last, remain, endure, continue. *dumu.*

lung'ana₂ [i-lúng'ánâ] v. be joined. *unganika.*

lwaa [i-lwáa] v. fall sick. *ugua.*

-lwee [-lwee] adj. defective, delapidated, broken, ill. *bovu, gonjwa, enye kuumwa. mbughu ilwee* sick goat *mbuzi mgonjwa*

lya [i-lyá] v. eat. *la.*

lya mbo [i-lya mbó] vp. vow,

ma

swear. *apa, la kiapo.*

lyisa shaa [i-lyísá shaa] vp. starve (trans). *shindisha njaa. [Gram: lit. lisha njaa]*

lyisa ukibha [i-lyísá ukibhá] vp. molest, harass. *sumbua, tesa.*

lyisya mbo [i-lyísya mbó] vp. swear. *apa. [Gram: idiomatic]*

-lya [-lyâ] dem. that. *-le.*

lya mbee [lya mbéé] pp. for the first time. *kwa mara ya kwanza.*

lyaa [i-lyáa] v. become tall/deep/long. *refuka.*

-lyamaari [-lyámáári] adj. destructive, wasteful, spoiling. *haribifu.*

lyamara [i-lyámárâ] v. damage, spoil, waste, ruin, break law, sin. *haribu, fanya dhambi.*

lyamarika [i-lyámárika] v. go bad, be spoilt, be out of order. *haribika.*

lyamarya [i-lyámáryâ] v. displease, do evil to. *chukiza, fanyia uovu, kosea.*

lyimba₁ [i-lyímbâ] v. create. *umba. Usage: religious. mwasala ya kidini.*

lyimba₂ [i-lyímbâ] v. overcome, win. *shinda, zidi. lyimba finya* be more powerful than *zidi nguvu/uwezo*

lyimwi [lyímwí] adv. once, one time. *mara moja.*

lyimya [i-lyímyá] v. bless. *bariki.*

lyimya ndu mbora [i-lyímyá ndu mbora] vp. bless a person. *bariki mtu. [Gram: religious idiom]*

lyingi [lyíngí] adv. again. *tena. Variant: ningi.*

lyo [lyó] con. but. *lakini.*

M - m

ma₁ [ma] n. my mother. *mama yangu. Pl: bhama.*

mama ndoogo [mama ndóogo] np. maternal aunt, wife of paternal uncle.

ma

- mama mdogo, mke wa baba mdogo.*
Pl: mama wadoogo.
- maya wana wa mbora** [máya wáná wá mbóra] *n.* mother of twins. *mama-mapacha. Pl: wamaya wana wa mbóra.*
- ma**₂ [i-mâ] *v.* hamper, hinder, prohibit, obstruct. *zuia.*
- maa** [í-mâa] *v.* finish, complete, accomplish, be sufficient. *maliza.*
- maa masaa** [i-maa masáa] *vp.* cause to be or declare bankrupt. *filisi.*
[Gram: lit. maliza mali]
- maafi** [maafí] *n.* faeces, excrement, dung. *mavi, choo, kinyesi. Pl: maafi.*
[Gram: usually plural]
- maagha** [i-máagha] *v.* cut with teeth, bite, sting. *ng'ata, uma.*
- maaghe** [maaghe] *n.* spittle. *mate.*
- maama** [i-máama] *v.* pass water, urinate, ejaculate. *kojoo.*
- maasa** [maasâ] *n.* sheep/goat twins. *mapacha wa kondoo/mbuzi.*
- maashi** [maashí] *n.* semen, sexual excitement or desire. *manii, shahawa, nyege.*
- maata** [mááta] *n.* some of, a portion of, a section of, half. *baadhi, nusu.*
- maaye** [-mááye] *v.* quantity, number. *idadi. wandu wamaaye ikumi* about ten people *watu wanaofikia kumi*
[Gram: verbal participle]
- mabhabhio** [mabhábhio] *n.* ache, pain. *maumivu.*
- mafishi** [mafishí] *n.* rain clouds. *mawingu ya mvua.*
- mafugha** [mafughâ] *n.* oil, fat, lard, fuel. *mafuta.*
- mafughumyon** [mafughumyón] *n.* end. *mwisho.*
- maghenden** [maghendén] *n.* end-piece of bed for legs. *kitakizo. Lit: 'miguuni'.*
- maghisa** [i-mághisâ] *v.* hollow out. *komba.*

malalya

- maghisya** [i-mághísyâ] *v.* clear away, fulfil, complete. *ondo, malizia, timiza.*
- maghoyon** [maghóyon] *n.* ascension. *kupaa. Usage: religious. maswala ya kidini. Pl: maghoyon.*
- makalyi** [makalyí] *n.* sharp edge of an object. *makali.*
- makasi** [makási] *n.* scissors. *mkasi.*
- makengesa** [makengesâ] *n.* squint eye. *kengeza. Pl: makengesa.*
- makumi** [makumí] *n.* tens. *makumi.*
- makumi abhii** [makumí ábhíí] *np.* twenty. *ishirini.*
- makumi aghaanu** [makumí agháánu] *np.* fifty. *hamsini.*
- makumi aghaghu** [makumí aghághu] *np.* thirty. *thelathini.*
- makumi aghindaghu** [makumí aghíndághû] *np.* sixty. *sitini.*
- makumi kyeenda** [makumí kyeendâ] *np.* ninety. *tisini.*
- makumi mfungaghe** [makumí mfungághê] *np.* seventy. *sabini.*
- makumi nyanya** [makumí nyanyâ] *np.* eighty. *themanini.*
- makumyaana** [makumyáánâ] *n.* forty. *arobaini.*
- makundu** [mákúndú] *n.* yellow colour, colour of ripe bananas. *njano, rangi ya ndizi mbivu.*
- makya** [makyá] *n.* dawn, daybreak, sunrise. *mapambazuko, macheo.*
- mala** [malâ] *n.* type of banana dish consisting of a mixture of bananas, meat, and milk. *chakula cha ndizi zilizopondwa na kuwa majimaji zikachanganywa na nyama au maziwa. Pl: mala.*
- malalya** [i-malálya] *v.* become quiet, be silent, stop weeping, stop speaking. *nyamaza, tulizana.*
- malalya sau** [i-malálya sau] *vp.* remain silent. *kaa / nyamaza kimya.*
- malalyisa ndu** [i-malályisa

malaria

nndu] *vp.* silence somebody. *kata kilimi, nyamazisha mtu.*

malaria [malária] *n.* malaria. *malaria.*

malela [malelá] *n.* milk. *maziwa.*

malela a mugha [malela á mugha] *np.* skimmed milk. *machunda. Lit: 'maziwa ya maji'.*

malela a nkando [malela á nkando] *np.* yogurt, buttermilk. *mtindi, maziwa ya mgando.*

malela eena [malelá ééná] *np.* milk to be drunk. *maziwa ya kunywa.*

mamanya [i-mamánya] *v.* chop up. *katakata.*

mamba [mámâ] *n.* crocodile. *mamba.*

mambembe [mámbémbé] *n.* a kind of tree-boring insect. *duduvule, aina ya mdudu mwenye pembe. Pl: mambembe.*

mambokodo [mámókodô] *n.* big black ant. *chunguchungu. Pl: mambokodo.*

-mamighi [-mamíghí] *adj.* sleek. *laini na -enye kung'aa. shoka shimamighi* a sleek snake *nyoka mweenye kung'aa*

mamika [i-mamíka] *be* destroyed, perish. *angamia.*

mammi [mám' mí] *n.* mother of husband, mother-in-law. *mama wa mume, mama mkwe. Pl: wamammi /bhamammi.*

manabori [mánáborí] *n.* type of medicinal herb. *aina ya majani yatumikayo kama dawa. Pl: manabori.*

manany [mánány] *n.* first milk of animals after birth. *dang'a.*

manati [manatí] *n.* catapult. *manati.*

manda [i-mándâ] *v.* come to an end, cease, stop doing something forever. *koma.*

mandisa [i-mándísâ] *v.* abolish, discontinue. *komesha.*

mangi [mangí] *n.* chief. *mtemi. Pl: bhamangi.*

masa

mangolo [mángólo] *n.* type of dish consisting of smoked bananas and beans. *aina ya chakula ambacho huchanganya ndizi zilizokaushwa kwa moshi na maharage. Pl: mangolo.*

manisya [i-mánísyâ] *v.* introduce, make known. *tambulisha.*

manyisa nisha [i-manyisa nishá] *vp.* make clear to, explain to. *fafanulia, fanya mtu aelewe vizuri.*

manya [i-manyâ] *v.* cut (hard thing e.g. tree). *kata (hasa kitu kigumu k.v. mti). Variant: mamanya.*

manya memba [i-manyâ membâ] *vp.* harvest maize. *vuna / kata mahindi.*

manya [i-mányâ] *v.* recognize, understand, see clearly, discover, invent, know. *fafanua, fahamu, elewa, gundua, jua, tambua.*

manya nisha [i-manyâ nishá] *v.* know thoroughly. *bobea. [Gram: lit. jua vizuri]*

manyika [i-mányíkâ] *v.* become disclosed or revealed. *fumbuka, fichuka.*

manyisya [i-mányísyâ] *v.* introduce, make known. *tambulisha.*

mara [mara] *adv.* number of times. *mara.*

mara shaangu [mará shaangu] *adv.* seldom. *mara chache.*

-mare [-mare] *n.* green. *chanikiwiti. soko ta mare / mmba mare* green beans / green house *maharage ya kijani / nyumba ya kijani*

mare masha [mare mâshá] *np.* long grass. *nyasi ndefu.*

marukyo [marukyo] *n.* resurrection. *ufufuko.*

masa [masâ] *n.* dowry, property. *mahari, mali. Pl: masa.*

masa a ukwe [masâ á úkwe] *np.* money received during the pamvu ceremony. *pamvu.*

masaawe

- masaawe** [masááwe] *n.* hailstorm. *mvua ya mawe. Pl: masaawe.*
- masana** [i-masána] *v.* make noise. *piga kelele.*
- masha** [máshâ] *n.* anxiety, perplexity, disquiet. *dukuduku. Pl: masha.*
- mashami** [máshâmî] *n.* Machame. *Machame.*
- mashanga** [i-mashánga] *v.* do anything with skill and vigour without stopping. *charaza, fanya kitu kwa ustadi na hamasa bila kuacha.*
- mashariki** [masharikî] *n.* the east, the orient. *mashariki.*
- mashela** [mashelâ] *n.* stretcher. *machela.*
- masheyo** [masheyó] *n.* advent. *maajilio.*
- mashini** [mashinî] *n.* machine. *mashine.*
- mashua** [mashuá] *n.* boat. *mashua.*
- mateeghi** [matééghe] *n.* light rainy season in East Africa between July and October. *mchoo, kifuku, vuli.*
- matuka** [i-mátúkâ] *v.* dash, bolt. *kurupuka, shutuka.*
- matwa** [i-mátwâ] *v.* startle, cause to bolt or dash. *kurupua, gutua.*
- mau** [máu] *n.* your mother. *mama yako. Usage: husemwa na baba wa mtu tu vinginevyo ni tusi.*
- maya** [i-máyâ] *v.* disappear, get lost, escape, flee. *toweka, potea, toroka.*
- mayanka** [máýânká] *n.* mother of wife, mother-in-law. *mama wa mke. Pl: bhamayanka.*
- maye** [máýê] *n.* his/her mother. *mama yake. Pl: bhamaye.*
- maye wa ndu** [maye wá ndu] *np.* parent. *mzazi. [Gram: lit. mama wa mtu]*
- mba** [mbâ] *n.* wild cat. *paka mwitu.*
- m'ba** [m'ba] *n.* dandruff. *mba.*
- mbaasi** [mbaasî] *n.* pigeon-pea. *mbaazi. Pl: mbaasi.*

mbasho

- mbabhari** [mbabhári] *n.* overseer. *mwangalizi, mlezi. Pl: bhabhabhari.*
- mbafu** [mbafû] *n.* chest, insolence. *kifua, jeuri. Pl: mbafu.*
- mbaghamu** [mbaghámu] *n.* sheen, glare, glitter. *mng'ao.*
- mbaghiko** [mbághíkó] *adv.* near hearth. *karibu na mekoni.*
- mbagho₁** [mbaghô] *n.* small animal that steals fowls. *karasa. Pl: mbagho.*
- mbagho₂** [mbaghô] *n.* burn. *mwunguzo wa moto. Pl: mbagho.*
- mbai** [mbáí] *adv.* on the side. *kando.*
- mbaka₁** [mbákâ] *n.* cat. *paka. Pl: mbaka.*
- mbaka₂** [mbakâ] *n.* genetic trace. *urithi wa nasaba. Usage: mtoto akiwa na tabia ya babu, ana mbaka. See: i-bhaka. Pl: mbaka.*
- mbako** [mbákô] *n.* cave. *pango. Pl: mbako.*
- mbala₁** [mbalá] *n.* soda ash. *magadi. iwe lya mbala jiwe la magadi / chumvi*
- mbala₂** [mbalâ] *n.* chaff of maize. *makapi ya mahindi baada ya kukoboa, pumba. Pl: mbala.*
- mbamba₁** [mbâmbá] *n.* type of small termites. *kumbikumbi wadogo. Pl: mbamba.*
- mbamba₂** [mbâmbâ] *n.* along, beside. *kandokando. mbamba a / mbambe e ghubha kando ya ziwa Pl: mbamba.*
- mbanga** [mbángá] *n.* channel, trench, ditch, fort, hiding place. *handaki, mwamba, ngome, mahali pa kujificha, pango. Pl: mbanga.*
- mbarya** [mbárya] *adv.* eat without sharing with colleague. *kula peke, kula bila kumshirikisha mwenzi. Usage: in expression ilyilya mbarya/mbaria.*
- mbasa** [mbasá] *n.* traditional dance. *ngoma. Pl: mbasa.*
- mbasho** [mbasho] *n.* splinter. *kibanzi.*

mbata

Usage: old people's use. *Pl:* **mbasho**.

mbata [mbatâ] *n.* grass land, open uncultivated land. *uwanda, nchi ya wazi isiyolimwa. Pl: mbata.*

mbatu [mbatú] *n.* tobacco, cigarette, snuff. *tumbaku, sigara, msokoto, ugoro. Pl: mbatu.*

mbatu shuumu [mbatu shúúmû] *n.* dried tobacco leaf. *mnoga. Pl: mbatu shuumu.*

mbeha [mbébhâ] *n.* gerbil, kangaroo rat. *buku-nyika.*

mbee [mbéee] *adv.* forward, in front of, first, beginning. *mbele, mosi, awali, mwanzo.*

elyo mbee [élyó mbee] *n.* beginning. *mwanzo.*

mbeke [mbékê] *n.* a kind of local beer. *mbege, pombe ya ulezi.*

mbekye [mbekyé] *n.* particle e.g. millet, sand. *chembe, k.v. ulezi, mchanga. Pl: mbekye.*

mbelele [mbelele] *n.* hyrax. *pimbi. Pl: mbelele.*

mbengu [mbengú] *n.* protective charm. *mdundugo, amali, aina ya hirizi ya kuzuia kudhuriwa na chochote. Pl: mbengu.*

mbereto [mbereto] *adv.* nakedness. *uchi. irisha mbereto kukimbia uchi*

mbeshe [mbeshé] *n.* store, granary. *ghala hasa ya ulezi iliyotengenezwa kwa vijiti vyembamba na kusiribwa kwa samadi. Pl: mbeshe.*

mbeta [mbetá] *n.* pigeon, dove. *njiwa. Pl: mbeta.*

mbeu [mbéú] *n.* grains, seeds. *mbegu. Pl: mbeu. [Phon: the diphthong is short]*

mbi [mbî] *n.* traditional round house made of banana bark. *nyumba ya jadi ya umbo la mviringo iliyojengwa kwa makuti matupu. Pl: mbi.*

mbilikimu [mbilikímu] *n.* pigmy. *kibeti. Pl: mbilikmu.*

mborosho

mbilla [mbilla] *n.* pile. *lundo.*

mbilla a maafi [mbilla á maafí] *np.* pile of excrement. *lundo la mavi. Pl: mbilla ta maafi.*

m'bingi [m'bingî] *n.* winner, champion, expert. *mshindi, bingwa. Pl: bhabhingi.*

mbishwa [mbishwâ] *n.* devil. *shetani. Pl: bhabhishwa.*

mboka [mbókâ] *n.* relish. *mboga. Pl: mboka.*

mboka ta mambughu [mboka ta mámbughu] *np.* green vegetables. *mboga za majani. Pl: mboka ta mambughu.*

mboka ta mare [mboka ta mare] *np.* green vegetables. *mboga za majani. Pl: mboka ta mare.*

mbolea [mboleá] *n.* manure. *mbolea. Pl: mbolea.*

mbolo [mbóló] *n.* penis and testicles. *mboo na mapumbu. See: ughumbi penis only. Pl: mbolo.*

mboloko [mbólókô] *n.* pocket. *mfuko. Pl: mboloko. [Gram: old people's use]*

mbon [mbón] *n.* news, information, affairs. *habari, jambo. Pl: mbon.*

mbon ta usabhi [mbon tá usábhí] *np.* superstition. *ushirikina, imani ya uchawi. Pl: mbon ta usabhi. [Gram: lit. mambo ya uchawi]*

mboo [mboô] *n.* buffalo. *nyati /mbogo. Pl: mboo. [Phon: probable lost consonant: mbogho > mboo]*

mbora₁ [mbórâ] *n.* happiness, success, blessedness. *heri, baraka, neema.*

bhana bha mbora [bhana bha mbóra] *np.* twins. *mapacha. Lit: 'watoto wa baraka'.*

mbora₂ [mborâ] *n.* yellow colour, back water. *rangi ya njano, maji yaliyotuama kandokando / nje ya mkondo. Pl: mbora.*

mborosho [mborosho] *n.* sheep/goat

mboshiki

- dung. *mavi ya kondoo/mbuzi.*
mboshiki [mboshíkî] *n.* building pole.
mjengo. Pl: mboshiki.
mbu [mbû] *n.* mosquito. *mbu. Pl: mbu.*
m'bubha [m'ububha] *n.* dandruff. *mba.*
mbughu [mbughû] *n.* sheep, goat, tool
 for grating coconut. *kondoo, mbuzi.*
Pl: mbughu.
mbuku [mbúkû] *n.* pigeon, dove. *njiwa.*
Pl: mbuku.
mbumbu [mbúmbû] *n.* spider. *buibui. Pl:*
mbumbu.
mbungashu [mbungashû] *n.* hoof.
kanyagio. Pl: mbungashu.
mbunge [mbungê] *n.* parliamentarian.
mbunge. Pl: wabunge.
mbuni [mbúni] *n.* ostrich. *mbuni. Pl:*
mbuni.
mbusha [mbushâ] *n.* logic, usefulness,
 benefit, reserve, profit, business.
mantiki, biashara manufaa, pato,
akiba, faida. Pl: mbusha.
mbuua [mbúúâ] *adv.* slowly. *taratibu.*
mbuugha [mbuughâ] *n.* loss of
 appetite. *hali ya kutopenda kula. Pl:*
mbuugha.
mbuya₁ [mbúyá] *n.* honey from small
 type of bee. *asali ya aina ya nyuki*
wadogo. Pl: mbuya.
mbuya₂ [mbúyá] *n.* mistress, concubine,
 lover, friend. *hawara (mume au mke),*
jamaa, rafiki, mpenzi. mbuya a kika /
mbuya a kyuumii female / male lover
mpenzi wa kike / mpenzi wa kiume
mbuyo [mbúyó] *n.* repetition. *marudio.*
Pl: mbuyo.
mbuyu [mbuyû] *n.* baobab tree. *mbuyu.*
Pl: mibuyu.
mbyo [mbyô] *n.* cold. *baridi. Pl: mbyo.*
meeghikyano [meeghíkiano] *n.*
 diplomacy. *makubaliano, diplomasia.*
Pl: meeghikyano.
meelyi [mélyi] *n.* ship. *meli. Pl:*
mleeyi.
mesa [mesâ] *n.* table. *meza. Pl: mesa.*

mfu

- mfaamu** [mfáámu] *n.* smell. *harufu.*
mfaamu nsha [mfáámu nshá] *np.*
 good smell. *harufu nzuri. Pl:*
mifaamu nsha.
mfaamu wa nghike [mfáámu wá
 n'ghike] *n.* sweat odour from the
 body. *gugumo, harufu ya jasho. Pl:*
mifaamu ta mighike.
m'fama [m'fáma] *n.* sister, female
 cousin. *dada, mtoto wa kike wa mama*
au baba mdogo. Pl: bhafama. [Gram:
 from **mfu wa ma** daughter of mother
binti wa mama]
mfanu [mfanû] *n.* example. *mfano. Pl:*
mifanu.
mfe [mfé] *n.* arrow. *mshale. Pl: mife.*
mfiko [mfikô] *n.* bag. *mfuko. Pl:*
mifiko.
mfiko wa shonyi [mfikó wá
 shonyi] *np.* leather purse. *kibeti. Pl:*
mifiko ta shonyi.
mfo [mfô] *n.* gutter, drain trench. *mtaro.*
Pl: mifo.
m'fo [m'fô] *n.* furrow, water channel
 made by rain. *mfuo, korongo. Pl:*
mifo.
mfongo [mfongó] *n.* brook, stream,
 trench, stream, current. *kijito, mfreji,*
mkondo. Pl: mifongo.
m'fu [m'fû] *n.* female child, daughter (to
 the parents). *mtoto wa kike. Pl: bhefu.*
m'fu wa kyeku [m'fu wa kyeku]
np. aunt (father's sister). *shangazi. Lit:*
 'binti wa bibi'. *Pl: bhefu bha kyeku.*
mfu₁ [mfú] *n.* flowing rain water, storm
 drain. *maji ya mvua yatiririkayo,*
mfereji. Pl: mifu.
mfu₂ [mfú] *n.* dead person. *mfu. Pl:*
bhafu.
mfu maaghwi [mfu máaghwi] *np.*
 deaf person. *kiziwi. Pl: bhafiiye*
maaghwi / bhafu maaghwi.
mfu₃ [mfú] *n.* daughter. *binti. Pl: bhefu.*
mfu akwa [mfú akwá] *np.* my
 daughter. *binti yangu. Pl: bhefu*

mfughu

- bhakwa.**
mfu akwe [mfú akwé] *np.* his or her daughter. *binti yake.* *Pl:* **bhefu wakwe.**
mfu ao [mfú aó] *np.* their daughter. *binti yao.* *Pl:* **bhefu ao.**
mfu wafo [mfú wafó] *np.* your (sg.) daughter. *binti yako.* *Pl:* **bhefu wafo.**
mfu wan [mfú wân] *np.* your (pl) daughter. *binti yenu.* *Pl:* **bhefu wan.**
mfu weghu [mfú weghú] *np.* our daughter. *binti yetu.* *Pl:* **bhefu weghu.**
mfughu [mfughú] *n.* blacksmith. *mfua chuma, mhunzi, msana.* *Pl:* **bhafughu.**
mfughuwashi [mfughuwáshi] *type of tree.* *aina ya mti.* *Pl:* **mifughuwashi.**
mfumiso [mfumísô] *n.* blind person or animal. *kipofu.* *Pl:* **bhafumiso.**
mfungaghe [mfungaghê] *n.* seven. *saba.*
mfwanu [mfwanú] *n.* illustration. *kielelezo.* *Pl:* **mifwanu.**
mfyaghi [mfyaghî] *n.* relative. *jamaa.* *Pl:* **bhafyaghi.**
miisi [míísí] *n.* type of sweet grass eaten by children. *aina ya majani matamu yaliwayo na watoto.* *Pl:* **miisi.**
mika [í-míkâ] *v.* illuminate, light up. *mulika.*
mikamika [í-míkamika] *v.* twinkle, shine. *meremeta.*
mila [milâ] *n.* custom. *mila.* *Pl:* **mila.**
miminda [i-mimínda] *v.* suck, lick e.g. sweets. *mung'unya.*
mina [i-minâ] *v.* scorn, slight, despise, treat with contempt, insult, stigmatize. *dharau.*
minya [minyâ] *n.* iron, steel. *chuma, nondo.* **minya ya ikakabya minya** *chuma ya kugongea chuma*
mira [í-mírâ] *v.* swallow. *meza.*
misa [misâ] *n.* war. *vita.*
misha [i-misha] *v.* spit. *tema.*
mishibhye [mishíbhýé] *n.* custom. *desturi, mazoea.* *Pl:* **mishibhye.**

mooghu

- miso** [míso] *n.* lion. *simba.* *Pl:* **miso.**
mitanyi [mitányi] *n.* shape, structure. *muundo.* *Pl:* **mitanyi.**
mkongo [mkongó] *n.* back. *mgongo.*
mkongo wa punda [mkongó wá púnda] *np.* type of house with two-sided roof and centre ridge. *aina ya nyumba iliyoezekwa pande mbili na mgongo katikati.* [Gram: lit. mgongo wa punda]
mma [mma] *n.* oath. *kiapo.* *Pl:* **mma.**
m'ma [m'má] *n.* blood pact. *patano la damu.* *Pl:* **m'ma.**
mmanga [mmangá] *n.* bell. *kengele (kubwa kama ya kanisa).* *Pl:* **mimanga.**
mmba [mmbá] *n.* house, homestead, inside a house. *nyumba, kaya, ndani ya nyumba.* **mmba a mangi nyumba ya mangi**
mmba a mongon [mmba a mongon] *np.* living room, front quarters in a house. *sebuleni.* [Gram: lit. nyumba ya mlangoni]
m'm'ba [m'm'bá] *n.* pea. *kunde.*
mmbeeu [mmbééú] *n.* on a house, roof. *juu ya nyumba, paa.* **saama mmbeeu panda juu ya nyumba**
m'm'bwâ [m'm'bwâ] *n.* nose. *pua.* *Pl:* **m'm'bwâ.**
mmbwa₁ [mmbwâ] *n.* rain. *mvua.* *Pl:* **mmbwa.**
mmbwa ta mbee [mmbwa ta mbee] *np.* first rains. *mvua za mwanzo.* *Pl:* **mmbwa ta mbee.**
mmbwa₂ [mmbwâ] *adv.* slowly. *polepole.*
mmi [mmî] *n.* husband. *mume.* **mmi wa mwanao wa mama mume wa mdogo wa mama** *Pl:* **womi /bhom.**
mmiku [mmikú] *n.* a very old man, church elder. *buda, mzee (wa kiume), mzee wa kanisa.* *Pl:* **bhamiku.**
mogho [moghó] *n.* fire. *moto.* *Variant:* **mugho.** *Pl:* **myogho.**
mooghu [mooghu] *n.* bee hive. *mzinga.*

moongo

[Phon: myooghu]

moongo [móóngô] *n.* entrance, gate. *lango*. *Pl: myoongo.***mpingo** [mpíngó] *n.* ebony-tree. *mpingo*. *Pl: mipingo.***mpunga** [mpungâ] *n.* rice plant, unhusked rice. *mpunga*. *Pl: mipunga.***mubha** [mubhá] *n.* sugar cane. *muwa*. *Pl: mibha.***muen** [múen] *n.* stranger, guest, visitor. *mtoka mbali, mgeni*. *Pl: bhen.***mugha** [múghâ] *n.* river, sea, ocean, water. *mto, bahari, maji*. **mugha mwasha maji ya kina kirefu** *Pl: migha.***mughamugha** [mughamugha] *adj.* soft, saturated with water, liquid. *dabwadabwa*. *Pl: majimaji.***mughisao** [mughísáo] *n.* gun. *bunduki*. *Usage: informal. Pl: mighisao.***mugho** [múghô] *n.* fire. *moto*. *Variant: mogho. Pl: myugho.***mumu** [múmû] *n.* license, permission, permit. *leseni, ruhusa*. *Pl: mumu.***mumuyo** [mumúyo] *n.* breath, spirit. *pumzi, roho*. *Pl: mimuyo.***mumuyo mweele** [múmúyo mweelé] *np.* holy ghost. *roho mtakatifu.***mumuyo nkasha** [múmúyo nkashá] *np.* evil spirit, sea creature believed to drown people. *roho mbaya, chunusi, kinyamkera*. *Pl: mimuyo mikasha.***mun** [mún] *n.* stranger, guest, visitor. *mtoka mbali, mgeni*. **mun nsha ashe na mbengye mgeni mwema aje na njia** *Pl: bhen.***mundi** [múndí] *n.* drinking or eating trough (for animals). *hori*. *Pl: myundi.***mungo** [mungo] *n.* back (of body), backbone, white bone marrow. *mgongo, uti wa mgongo, uboho*. *Pl:***muumbi****myungo.****muni**₁ [múní] *n.* proprietor, owner. *mwenye mali, mwenyewe*. **muni m'm'ba mwenye nyumba** *Pl: bheni.***muni**₂ [múní] *pro.* himself, herself. *mwenyewe*. *Pl: bheni.***muni**₃ [múní] *adj.* unaccompanied, alone. *peke yake.***munyi** [munyî] *n.* handle (e.g. of a hoe). *mpini*. *Pl: minyi.***munyunyu** [munyúnyû] *n.* bat. *popo*. *Pl: myunyunyu.***munywa** [munywa] *n.* junior. *mdogo*. *See: -nywa dogo, small, little. Pl: wanywa.***mura** [murá] *n.* waste material in intestines. *taka katika utumbo*. *Pl: myura.***muri** [múrí] *n.* unthatched enclosure for e.g. cattle, mji, fence. *boma, mji, uzio*. *Pl: myuri.***mushi** [múshî] *n.* Moshi. *Moshi*. [*Gram: propper name*]**mushuka** [i-múshúkâ] *v.* become torn/split. *chanika*.**mushwa** [i-múshwâ] *v.* tear off, pull out, pluck feathers. *chana, nyonyoa, nyofoa*.**mushwa idubha** [i-mushwa idubhâ] *vp.* take fibers from sisal leaves. *kwanyua katani*.**mutika** [mutikâ] *n.* motorcar. *gari*. *Pl: mutika.***muu** [múu] *n.* life-force, soul, life. *roho, maisha*.**muu** [múu] *n.* banana stem. *shina la mgomba*. *Pl: myu.***muulu** [muulú] *n.* chaff. *kapi*. *Pl: myuulu.***muuma** [múúma] *n.* a cow that has already calved. *mbuguma*. *Pl: myuma.***muumbi** [muumbî] *n.* creator, maker, potter. *muumba(ji), mfinyanzi*. *Pl: bhombi* [²bha-umbi].

muundu

muundu [muundú] *n.* jaw. *taya*. *Pl:* **myuundu**.

muungo [múungo] *n.* village, neighbourhood divisions as determined by ridges and valleys. *kijiji, kitongoji*. *Pl:* **myungo**.

muunu [muunú] *n.* core of banana stem. *sehemu ngumu ya shina la mgomba*. *Pl:* **myunu**.

muya [í-múyâ] *v.* be sweet, be tasty. *wa tamu/na ladha*. **itunda lyimuya tunda tamu**

-muya [-múyâ] *adj.* sweet, delicious. *tamu*. **shonga imuya chakula kitamu**

mwaaka [mwaakâ] *n.* year. *mwaka*. *Pl:* **myaaka**.

mwaandu [mwaandú] *n.* case. *kesi*. *Pl:* **myaandu**.

mwaanga [mwáángâ] *n.* doctor, healer, medicine man, nurse. *mganga, daktari, muuguzi*. *Pl:* **bhaanga**.

mwaanya [mwaanyá] *n.* gap, small opening, chance, loophole, opportunity, space. *mwanya, muda, nafasi, bahati*. *Pl:* **myaanya**.

mwaasa [mwáásâ] *n.* grey hair. *mvi*. *Pl:* **myaasa**.

mwaasa mfe [mwaasá mfê] *np.* arrow shooter. *mpiga mshale*. *Pl:* **bhaasa mfe**.

mwai [mwaí] *n.* yawn. *mwayo*. *Pl:* **myai**.

mwalashiko [mwaláshikô] *n.* alternate. *mbadala*. **mwalashiko wa mmbwa badiliko la mvua**

mwalukoluko [mwálúkólúkô] *n.* unreliability / undependability. *hali ya kuwa kigeugeu*. *See: aluka, stative of alua*.

mwalyi [mwalyí] *n.* sister in law, daughter in law, bride. *wifi, mkwe, shemeji, mwanamwali, bibi harusi*. *Pl:* **bhalyi**.

mwamba [mwambá] *n.* ridge pole, beam. *mwamba*. *Pl:* **myamba**. [*Gram:* in construction, must be horizontal]

mwanama

mwana [mwanâ] *n.* child. *mtoto*.

Variant: mwona. *Pl:* **bhana**.

mwana a kika [mwána a kiká] *np.* girl. *binti*. *Pl:* **bhana a kika**.

mwana a kyen [mwána a kyen] *n.* virgin. *bikira*. *Lit:* 'mtoto wa nyumbani'. *Pl:* **bhana bha kyen**.

mwana a man [mwáná á mán] *np.* your (pl) brother. *kaka yenu*. *Pl:* **bhana a man**.

mwana a mbai [mwáná a mbai] *np.* illegitimate child. *mtoto wa pembeni*. *Pl:* **bhana a mbai**.

mwana a mbarya [mwána a mbárya] *np.* illegitimate child. *mtoto wa pembeni*. *Lit:* 'mtoto wa siri'. *Pl:* **bhana a mbarya**.

mwana mayan [mwána mayán] *np.* sister in law, daughter in law, bride. *wifi, mkwe, shemeji, mwanamwali, bibi harusi*. *Pl:* **bhana mayan**.

mwana mbee [mwána mbee] *np.* first born. *kifungua mimba*. *Pl:* **bhana mbee**.

mwana m'mwa [mwáná m'mwá] *n.* nephew, niece, cousin. *mpwa, binamu*. *Pl:* **bhana m'mwa**.

mwana mbora [mwánâ mbora] *np.* twin. *pacha*. *Pl:* **bhana mbora**.

mwana ngheti [mwana nghetî] *np.* vagabond. *msikwao*. *Lit:* 'mwana aliyepotea'. *Pl:* **bhana bhagheti**.

mwana ngweegha [mwánâ ngweegha] *np.* orphan. *kiokote*. *Lit:* 'mtoto maskini/yatima'. *Pl:* **bhana ngweegha**.

mwana nsha wa kyen [mwáná nsha wa kyen] *np.* a beautiful girl. *kidoshu*. *Lit:* 'mtoto mzuri wa nyumbani'. *Pl:* **bhana bhasha bha kyen**.

mwana wa nshe [mwáná wa nshê] *np.* illegitimate child. *mtoto wa nje ya ndoa*. *Pl:* **bhana bha nshe**.

mwanama [mwánáma] *n.* elder brother,

mwanamau

male sibling, relative. *kaka, ndugu wa kiume*. *Pl: bhanama*.

mwanamau [mwánámáú] *n.* your (sg) brother. *kaka yako*. *Pl: bhanamau*.

mwanamayao [mwánámáyáo] *n.* their brother. *kaka yao*. *Pl: bhanamayao*.

mwanamaye [mwánámáyê] *n.* his/her brother. *kaka yake*. *Pl: bhanamaye*.

mwanamayeghu [mwánámáyéghú] *n.* our brother. *kaka yetu*. *Pl: bhanamayeghu*.

mwashuka [mwáshúkâ] *n.* casualty, wounded. *majeruhi*. *Lit: 'walionusurika'*. *Pl: bhashuka*.

mwayu [mwayú] *n.* yawn. *mwayo*. *Pl: miayu*.

mweeki [mwéékî] *n.* guard, watchman, protector, soldier, helper. *mlinzi, askari, msaidizi*. *See: eekya saidia help*. *Pl: bheeki*.

mwembe [mwémbe] *n.* mango tree/fruit. *embe, mwembe*. *Pl: membe*.

mwi [mwî] *n.* sun, dry season. *jua, kiangazi*.

mwiasa [mwiasá] *np.* a person who aims at. *mlengaji, mrushaji*. *Pl: bheasa*.

mwibasha [mwíbáshâ] *n.* sculptor. *mchongaji*. *See: basha chonga carve*. *Pl: bheebasha*.

mwibhesa-siye [mwibhesá-siye] *np.* creditor, claimant, plaintiff. *mdai*. *Lit: 'muuliza deni'*. *Pl: bhebhesa-siye*.

mwibheswa-siye [mwibheswá-siye] *n.* debtor. *mdaiwa, mdeni*. *Pl: bhebheswa-siye*.

mwibhikya [mwibhíkyá] *np.* one who tames or keeps animals, etc. *mfugaji*. *Pl: bhebhikya*.

mwidobha [mwidóbhá] *n.* climber. *mkwezi*. *Lit: 'mwangua'*. *Pl: bhedobha*.

mwifaghisa [mwifaghísa] *n.* midwife. *mkunga*. *See: faghisa zalisha deliver baby*. *Pl: bhefaghisa*.

mwifuma [mwifumá] *np.* tailor.

mwikimbi

mshoni. *Pl: bheefuma*.

mwichina [mwichinâ] *n.* professional circumciser. *ngariba*. *Pl: bheghina*.

mwichinwa mbee [mwichinwá mbee] *n.* first boy to be circumcised. *kiranja*. [*Gram: lit. anayetahiriwa kwanza*]

mwiighi₁ [mwiighî] *n.* whistle. *mluzi*. *Pl: miighi*.

mwiighi₂ [mwiighî] *n.* moon, month, moonlight. *mwezi, mbalamwezi*.

mikonu ya nka ibha mwichin woman's menstrual period *siku za mwanamke kuwa mwezini* *Pl: miighi*.

mwiiko [mwííko] *n.* wooden ladle. *mwiko*. *Pl: miiko*.

mwiimbi [mwiimbi] *n.* professional singer. *manju, malenga*. *Pl: bheembi*.

mwiina [mwiinâ] *n.* moderation, moderate amount. *kiasi*.

mwiisa [mwiisá] *n.* herdsman. *mchungaji*. *Lit: 'mlisha(ji)'*. *Pl: bheesa*.

mwiishi [mwiishî] *n.* confidential or secret initiation and marriage instructor, messenger, go-between. *kungwi, msimamizi, mjumbe, mshenga, mwalimu wa jando, nyakanga*. *See: isha simamia ndoaljando*. *Pl: bheeshi*.

mwiisi [mwiisî] *n.* pastor. *kasisi, mchungaji*. *See: isa chungu herd*. *Pl: bheesi*.

mwiisimbwa [mwiísímbwâ] *n.* beneficiary. *mfaidika, mpokea zawadi*. *Pl: bheesimbwa*.

mwikaba-ngoma [mwikabá-ngoma] *np.* drummer. *mpiga ngoma*. *Pl: bhekaba-ngoma*.

mwikaba-nnada [mwikabá-nnádâ] *np.* auctioneer. *mnadi*. *Pl: bhekaba-minada*.

mwikimbi [mwikímbi] *n.* warner (person who gives a warning). *mwonyaji*. *See: ikimba onya warn*.

mwikumba

Pl: bhekimbi.

mwikumba [mwíkumbâ] *n.* seller. *muuzaji. mwikumba findo finywa finywa muuzaji wa rejareja See: ikumba uza. Pl: bhekumba.*

mwikumba duka [mwíkumbá dúkâ] *np.* shopkeeper. *mwuuzza duka. Pl: bhekumba duka.*

mwilola [mwílólâ] *n.* spectator. *mtazamaji. Pl: bhelola.*

mwimbi [mwimbí] *n.* type of plant that stings. *aina ya mmea unaowasha sana. Pl: mimbi.*

mwinga [mwínga] *n.* thorn. *mwiba. Pl: minga.*

mwiruuya [mwirúúya] *n.* seeker. *mtafutaji. Pl: bheruuya.*

mwisama [mwisáma] *n.* climber. *mkwezi, mpandaji. Pl: bhesama.*

mwishisha [mwishishâ] *n.* butcher. *mchinjaji. Pl: bheshisha.*

mwitana [mwitaná] *n.* actor. *mtenda.*

ndafu

mwiyumba [mwiymbâ] *n.* creator, maker. *muumba(ji). Pl: bheyumba.*

mwongo [mwóngô] *n.* door. *mlango. Lit: 'tundu na kizuio'. Pl: myongo.*

mwooghu [mwooghú] *n.* beehive. *mzinga wa nyuki. Pl: myooghu.*

mwooko [mwookô] *n.* cassava, manioc. *muhogo. Pl: myooko.*

mwoorere [mwóóréré] *n.* a slanderer, one who tells tales about somebody else, informer against others. *mchongezi. See: urere. Pl: bhoorere.*

mya [í-myâ] *v.* sprout, germinate, grow. *chipua, mea, ota.*

mya mafwaa [í-myá mafwáá] *vp.* grow feathers. *ota manyoya.*

mya mashwaa [í-mya mashwáa] *vp.* grow fungus. *ota ukungu. [Gram: said of food]*

mya sisi [í-mya sisi] *vp.* get a bump. *ota nundu.*

N - n

na₁ [i-ná] *v.* drink. *nywa.*

na₂ [i-ná] *v.* worry, disturb deeply. *sumbua, sikitisha.*

naa₁ [í-náa] *v.* wither. *nyauka.*

naa₂ [náa] *n.* shortcoming, blemish. *dosari. Pl: naa.*

nana [í-nánâ] *v.* be equal. *kuwa sawa.*

-nana [-naná] *adj.* weak, feeble, powerless, of inferior quality. *dhaifu, duni. nndu nnana / kyaghu kinana* weak person / shoe of poor quality *mtu dhaifu / kiatu cha hali ya chini*

nanga [i-nangâ] *v.* intoxicate, pester, bother. *levya, ghasi, sumbua.*

angusa [nángúsa] *n.* hustle and bustle, confusion, disorder, struggle. *hekaheka, harakati. Pl: angusa.*

angwa [i-nangwâ] *v.* become drunk. *lewa.*

-nangwa [-nangwá] *adj.* drunk. *levi. nndu nnangwa mtu mlevi*

nansha [nanshâ] *n.* pelican, stork. *korongo. Pl: nansha.*

nantwa [nántwâ] *vp.* morning greeting. *salamu ya asubuhi. Usage: kwa mwanamke: nantwa ma/nantwa kya, kwa msichana: nantwa mkwe/nantwa kyeku, kwa mvulana: nantwa mae, kwa mwanamume: nantwa mbe. Variant: neantwa, neanto, neantwa, neanto.*

nasi [násî] *n.* coconut fruit. *nazi.*

nasi shikoo [nasi shikóó] *np.* coconut nearly ripe. *koroma. Pl: nasi shikoo.*

nda [ndâ] *n.* louse. *chawa. Pl: nda.*

ndafu [ndáfû] *n.* castrated he goat. *beberu aliyehasiwa. Pl: ndafu.*

nde

nde [nde] *n.* father. *baba*. **nde ya wana wa mbora baba wa mapacha** *Pl: bhande*.

ndeebha [ndéébhá] *n.* wooden tray. *sinia ya mti*. *Variant: kideebha*. *Pl: mideebha*.

ndeeye [ndeeye] *n.* parent. *mzazi*.

ndesa [ndesâ] *con.* how come. *vipi, mbona, je. mbusha kyi ndesa?* what use is it? *ni faida gani?*

ndesi [ndésí] *n.* tomorrow. *kesho*.

ndeú [ndeú] *n.* abdomen, stomach, greed. *tumbo, ulafi*. *Pl: ndeu*.

ndeyanka [ndéyânká] *n.* father-in-law. *mkwe*. *Lit: 'baba wa mke, father of wife'*. *Pl: bhandeyanka*.

ndeýe [ndeýé] *n.* bird. *ndege*. *Pl: ndeye*.
ndeýe ya mughen [ndeýe yá mughen] *np.* waterbird. *ndege wa majini*.

ndi [ndî] *n.* knee, knee cap. *goti*. *Pl: ndi*.

ndibhi [ndibhí] *n.* calabash, milk churn. *buyu, kibuyu*. *Pl: ndibhi*.

ndirimu [ndirimû] *n.* waterfall. *maji yanayoporomoka*. *Pl: ndirimu*.

ndogho [ndogho] *n.* collobus monkey. *mbega*. *Pl: ndogho*.

ndoli [ndoli] *n.* cooked mixture of maize and beans. *kande lenye mahindi yaliyotwanga au kukobolewa*. *Variant: ndolu*. *Pl: ndoli*.

ndolu [ndolû] *n.* cooked mixture of maize and beans. *kande lenye mahindi yaliyowangwa au kukobolewa*. *Pl: ndolu*.

ndoo₁ [ndóo] *n.* bucket. *ndoo*. *Pl: ndoo*.

ndoo₂ [ndóo] *n.* your father. *baba yako*.
Usage: husemwa na mama wa mtu tu vinginevyo ni tusi.

ndoogha [ndóogha] *n.* saliva oosing during sleep. *denda*. *Pl: ndoogha*.

ndookwale [ndookwalé] *n.* crazy person. *kichaa*. *Pl: bhandookwale*.
[Gram: from nndu wa ukwale mtu wa kichaa]

neesinda

ndooro [ndooró] *n.* ululation. *kigelegele*. *Pl: midooro*.

ndooshu [ndóóshû] *n.* ill will. *inda, roho mbaya*. *Pl: ndooshu*.

ndudu [n'dúdû] *adv.* in a prostrate, prone position. *kifudifudi*.

ndumwa [ndumwâ] *n.* celebration, festival. *sherehe*. *Pl: mindumwa*.

nduu [nduú] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani, kwekwe*. *Pl: nduu*.

nduunya [ndúúnya] *n.* harvesting knife. *kisu cha kuvunia nafaka*. *Pl: nduunya*.

ndwari [ndwárí] *n.* disease, illness. *ugonjwa, maradhi*. *Pl: ndwari*.

ndwari ya ighengeya [ndwári yá ighéngéyâ] *np.* sleeping sickness. *malale, ugonjwa wa kusinzia*.

ndwari ya mbyoo [ndwári yá mbyóo] *np.* kind of rheumatism. *jongo*. *[Gram: lit. ugonjwa wa baridi]*

ndwari ya sukari [ndwári yá sukari] *np.* diabetes. *kisukari*.

ndwari ya ughabhi [ndwári yá ughabhí] *np.* syphilis, gonorrhoea. *kaswende, kisonono*. *Pl: ndwari ta ughabhi*. *[Gram: lit. ugonjwa wa uchafu]*

ndwari yeeghaka naarisha [ndwári yeegháka náárishâ] *np.* cholera. *kipindupindu*. *Lit: 'ugonjwa wa kutapika na kuharisha'*.

ndwari yefumba materi [ndwári yéfumbá máterí] *np.* disease of swelling of the scrotal sac. *mshipa, ugonjwa wa kuvimba makende*.

neanto [neánto] *morning greeting*. *salamu ya asubuhi*. *Variant: neantwa, nantwa, nento*.

neantwa [neántwa] *morning greeting*. *salamu ya asubuhi*. *Variant: nento, neanto, nantwa*.

neesinda [neesindâ] *afternoon greeting*. *salamu ya alasiri au jioni*

neesindiso

(*machweo*). Usage: from **na-isinda** *kushinda kutwa*; **nantwa ma/nantwa kya** *huambiwa mwanamke*, **nantwa mkwe/nantwa kyeku** *huambiwa msichana*, **nantwa mae** *huambiwa mvulana*, **nantwa mbe** *huambiwa mwanamume*. Variant: **neesindiso**.

neesindiso [neesindíso] afternoon greeting. *salamu ya alasiri / jioni* (*machweo*). Variant: **neesinda**.

neesindiswa [neesindíswa] afternoon greeting. *salamu ya alasiri / jioni* (*machweo*). Variant: **neesinda**, **neesindiso**.

nento [nénto] morning greeting. *salamu ya asubuhi*. Variant: **neantwa**, **neanto**, **nentwa**, **nantwa**.

nfiko [nfikó] *n.* handbag, bag. *mkoba*, *mfuko*. Pl: **mifiko**.

nfufughu [nfufughû] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Pl: **mifufughu**.

nfulyi [nfúlyi] *n.* umbrella. *mwavuli*. Pl: **mifulyi**.

ngaa [ngáa] *n.* person's natural behaviour, character, habit. *hulka*. **ngaa shisha** *tabia njema*

ngabanu [ngabánu] *v.* fight, disagreement, chaos. *mapigano*, *machafuko*.

ngagha [ngághâ] *n.* headpad, pedestal or tripod holder for pottery. *kata*, *kiweko cha mtungi / chungu*. Pl: **ngagha**.

ngaghi [ngaghí] *n.* bow legs. *matege*. Pl: **ngaghi**.

ngama [ngamá] *n.* morning. *asubuhi*. **nki** *kyakwende* **ngama yei nini unataka asubuhi hii**

ngamura [ngamurâ] *n.* meat. *nyama*.

ng'ana [i-ng'anâ] *v.* grow up, get large, become great, mature, become fully grown. *kua*, *pevuka*, *vunja ungo*, *kuwa kubwa*.

ng'andi [ng'ándí] *n.* mashed mixture of bananas and meat. *aina ya chakula*

ngeresas

cha ndizi za kusonga zilizochanganywa na nyama. Pl: **ng'andi**.

nganga₁ [ngángâ] *n.* helmeted Guinea fowl. *chepeo*, *kanga*. Pl: **nganga**.

nganga₂ [ngángâ] *n.* spots on skin caused by exposure to fire as of a person basking on a fire. *mbaranga*. Pl: **nganga**.

nganga₃ [ngángâ] *n.* raised hut in field. *dungu*, *banda la kulindia shambani*, *hema*, *ulingo*. Pl: **nganga**.

ng'ang'aa [i-ng'áng'aa] *v.* shine, glitter, glimmer. *ng'aa* (*ng'ara*).

ng'anya [ng'anyá] *n.* a certain one, so-and-so, someone. *fulani*. Pl: **bhang'anya**.

ngao [ngáô] *n.* shield. *ngao*. Pl: **ngao**.

ngararimu [ngararimû] *n.* cooked mixture of maize and beans. *kande lenye mahindi yaliyopikwa bila kutwangwa au kukobolewa*. Pl: **ngararimu**.

ngashe [ngashé] *n.* calf, heifer. *ndama*. Pl: **ngashe**.

ngashile [ngáshilé] *n.* joke. *mzaha*, *utani*.

ngasi [ngásî] *n.* ladder, stair. *ngazi*. Pl: **ngasi**.

ngata₁ [ngatâ] *n.* difference, discord, defect, blemish, shortcoming. *hitilafu*, *dosari*, *kasoro*. Pl: **ngata**.

ngata₂ [ngatâ] *n.* type. *aina*. Pl: **ngata**.

ngataani [ngatááni] *n.* sisal fibre. *nyuzi za katani*. See: **Swahili: katani**. Pl: **ngataani**.

ngatara [ngatarâ] *n.* torture, danger, risk, disaster, calamity. *mateso*, *hatari*, *maafa*. Pl: **ngatara**.

ngayaya [ngayáya] *n.* Galago, Bush Baby, Greater Galago. *komba*. Pl: **ngayaya**.

ngengefu [ngengéfu] *n.* hiccup. *kwikwi*. Pl: **ngengefu**.

ngeresas [ngérésâ] *n.* type of plant,

nghaasi

- mimosa pudica. *aina ya mmea*. Pl: **ngeresa**.
- nghaasi** [ngháási] *n.* dawn. *alfajiri, macheo*. Pl: **mighaasi**.
- nghaghi** [nghaghî] *n.* root. *mzizi*. Pl: **mighaghi**.
- nghaghi wa samu** [nghághi wá sámû] *np.* vein, tendon. *mshipa wa damu, kano*. Pl: **mighaghi ya samu**.
- nghauko** [nghaúko] *n.* cleavage, separation. *hali ya vitu kuachana, kuachia*. Pl: **mighauko**.
- nghe** [n'ghê] *n.* locust, grasshopper. *nziye, panzi*. Pl: **nghe**.
- nghheghinga** [nghéghíngâ] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Pl: **mighheghinga**.
- nghaiyo** [nghéíyo] *n.* trap. *mtego*. Pl: **mighaiyo**.
- nghekwa** [nghekwa] *n.* wayward person (lost to evil). *mtu mpotovu*. Pl: **waghekwa**.
- nghemî** [nghemî] *n.* cultivator, farmer. *mkulima*. Pl: **bhaghemi**.
- nghesi** [nghesí] *n.* humorous person. *mtu wa utani mwingi, mtani*. See: **ughesi**. Pl: **bhaghési**.
- nghi** [nghí] *n.* tree, medicine. *mti, dawa*. Pl: **mighi**.
- nghi a kimashami** [nghi á kímashami] *np.* traditional medicine. *dawa za jadi*. Pl: **mighi a kimashami**.
- nghi a nghaghi** [nghi á nghaghî] *np.* herbal medicine. *dawa za mizizi*. Pl: **mighi a mighaghi**.
- nghi wa ghwe** [nghi wá ghwé] *n.* charm used by thieves to put people to sleep. *bugi*. [Gram: lit. *dawa ya usingizi*]
- nghi wa miinga** [nghi wá mínga] *n.* a thorny hedge shrub, a kind of euphorbia, governor's plum. *mchongoma*. Pl: **mighi ya miinga**.
- nghighinga** [nghighinga] *n.* type of

nghwa

- hardwood for timber. *aina ya mti wa mbao*. Pl: **mighighinga**.
- nghiiti** [nghiiti] *n.* defiant, argumentative person. *mtu mbishi*. Pl: **bhaghiiti**.
- nghike** [nghíkê] *n.* heat, sweat, vapour, perspiration, warmth. *joto, jasho, mvuke*. Pl: **mighike**.
- nghima** [nghimâ] *n.* spirit. *roho, moyo*. **nghima nkasha** *roho mbaya*
- nghima iiruku** [nghimâ iirúku] *n.* nausea, anxiety. *kichefuchefu, roho ya wasiwasi*. Pl: **mighima iiruku**.
- nghima muumu** [nghimâ muumû] *n.* endurance. *moyo, uvumilivu, ustahimilivu*. Pl: **mighima myuumu**.
- nghima nkaasha** [nghimâ nkaashá] *n.* mean spirit. *inda, roho mbaya*. Pl: **mighima nkaasha**.
- nghima nsha** [nghimâ nshá] *n.* kindness. *fadhila, roho nzuri*.
- nghingi** [n'ghíngî] *n.* protector, god, shepherd, guard, watchman, policeman, soldier. *mlinzi, mungu, mchungaji wa wanyama*. See: **Swahili slang dingi, boss**. Pl: **bhaghingi**.
- nghite** [nghité] *n.* tatters. *matambara*. **mwana aree mighite** *mtoto aliyevaa matambara* Pl: **mighite**.
- nghon** [nghón] *n.* end-piece of bed for head. *kitakizo*. Variant: **ngwen**.
- nghondo** [nghondô] *n.* day after tomorrow. *kesho kutwa, mtondo*.
- nghoonyu** [nghóonyû] *n.* inflamed glands, lymphadenitis. *mtoki*. Pl: **mighoonyu**.
- nghuka** [nghuká] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Pl: **mighuka**.
- nghumi** [nghumî] *n.* representative, delegate, messenger. *mjumbe, mtume, mwakilishi*. Pl: **bhaghumi**.
- nghuwashi** [nghuwáshi] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Variant: **mfughuwashi**. Pl: **mighuwashi**.
- nghwa** [nghwâ] *n.* type of shrub. *aina*

nghe

ya mti, ndulele. *Pl: nghwa.*

nghe [nghé] *n.* head. *kichwa. Pl: mighwe.*

nghe a kitaara [nghe á kitáárâ] *np.* bed headrest. *mchago, kichwa cha kitanda.*

nghe wa mfe [nghe wá mfé] *n.* arrow head. *kigumba, kichwa cha mshale. Pl: mighwe ya mife.*

ngwen [ngwén] *n.* end-piece of bed for head. *kitakizo. Lit: 'kichwani'. Variant: nghon.*

-ngi [-ngí] *det.* other. *-ingine. ndu ungi / bhandu bhengi* other person / other people *mtu mwingine / watu wengine*

ngiki [i-ngíki] *v.* exceed, go beyond, surpass. *zidi mno, pita kiasi. shansariywa kika ingiki nimehurumiwa kupita kiasi*

ngima [ngímâ] *n.* Blue monkey. *kima. Pl: ngima.*

ngina [ngínâ] *n.* sky. *mbingu, anga.*

ngiri [ngírí] *n.* a stable, fence, cattle pen. *cha, ua, uzio, zizi. Pl: ngiri.*

ngo [ngó] *n.* supporting pole, pillar, column, house post. *mhimili, mlingoti, nguzo. Pl: ngo.*

ngogholo [ngoghólo] *n.* funnel. *faneli. Pl: ngogholo.*

ngoghu₁ [ngoghû] *n.* scar. *ngeu, alama ya jeraha lililopona, kovu. Pl: ngoghu.*

ngoghu₂ [ngoghû] *n.* hawk, type of bird that eats chicken. *kipanga, aina ya ndege anayekula kuku. Pl: ngoghu.*

ngoma [ngómâ] *n.* drum. *ngoma. Pl: ngoma.*

ngomigha [ngomighâ] *n.* type of fruit tree. *aina ya mti wa matunda. Pl: ngomigha.*

ngoninda [ngónindâ] *n.* Woodpecker. *kigogota (king'oto). Pl: ngoninda.*

ngoo₁ [ngóo] *n.* rage, fury, passion, anger. *ghadhabu, jazba, mafutu. Pl:*

ngunana

ngoo.

ngoo₂ [ngóo] heart. *moyo. Pl: ngoo.*

ngoromiko [ngoromíkó] *n.* kind of evil spirit. *dungumaro. Pl: ngoromiko.*

ngoromu [ngoromú] *n.* hard fat of animal. *sehemu ngumu ya mafuta ya mnyama. Pl: ngoromu.*

ngorosho [ngóróshô] *n.* bush, thicket, forest. *kichaka, msitu. Pl: ngorosho.*

ngosi [ngosí] *n.* skin. *ngozi. Pl: ngosi.*

ngoso [ngosô] *n.* anus. *mkundu. Pl: ngoso.*

ngota [ngota] *adv.* than. *kuliko.*

ngubhanu [ngubhânu] *n.* yoke. *nira. Pl: ngubhanu.*

ngubhe [ngúbhê] *n.* pig. *nguruwe. Pl: ngubhe.*

nguka [ngukâ] *n.* landslide. *promoko la udongo. Pl: nguka.*

nguku [ngukú] *n.* chicken, hen. *kuku. Pl: nguku.*

nguku ilavikaa [nguku ilávíkâa] *np.* hen that does not lay eggs. *kiweto, kuku asiyetaga.*

ngula [ngulá] *n.* mischief, naughtiness. *utukutu. Pl: ngula.*

nguleta [ngúlétâ] *n.* steer, fattened cow/bull for slaughter. *ng'ombe dume aliyehasiwa, ng'ombe aliyenenepeshwa kwa ajili ya kuchinjwa. Pl: nguleta.*

ngulubha [ngulubhâ] *n.* scorpion. *nge. Pl: ngulubha.*

ng'umbe [ng'úmbê] *n.* cattle. *ng'ombe. Pl: ng'umbe.*

ng'umbe e ikumbi [ng'umbe e ikumbí] *n.* castrated bull. *maksai. [Gram: lit. ng'ombe wa jembe]*

ng'umbe irye ughiyo [ng'umbe íryé úghiyo] *np.* pregnant cow. *ng'ombe mwenye mimba.*

ngumyo [ngúmyô] *n.* average heat, warmth. *joto dogo. Pl: ngumyo.*

ngunana [ngunanâ] *n.* part of banana

ng'unde

stem that does not mature and may contain nectar. *sehemu ya mkungu wa ndizi isiyokomaa na mauwa yake yana asali. Pl: ngunana.*

ng'unde [ng'undé] *n.* fist. *konde, konzi, ngumi. Pl: ng'unde.*

ngurana [nguranâ] *n.* lamb, goat. *mwanakondoo/mbuzi. Pl: ngurana.*

ngurana ya kika [ngúráná yá kiká] *n.* young female goat. *mwanambuzi jike. Pl: ngurana ta kika.*

ngurana ya kyuumi [ngúráná yá kyuumí] *n.* young he-goat. *mwanambuzi dume. Pl: ngurana ta kyuumi.*

ngurere [ngúrérê] *n.* rust. *kutu. Variant: kurere. Pl: ngurere.*

ngusana [ngusana] *n.* hustle and bustle, confusion, disorder, struggle. *hekaheka, harakati, vurumai. Pl: ngusana.*

ngushu [ngúshû] cheek, mouthful. *shavu, ujazo wa kinywa. Pl: ngushu.*

nguyo [ngúyô] *n.* moustache, beard. *sharubu, ndevu. Pl: nguyo.*

ng'waana [ng'waaná] *n.* improvement in health, preferable (a lower) buying price, simple, easy. *nafuu, rahisi, afadhali. ughu ng'waana bei rahisi Pl: ng'waana.*

ngwale [ngwalé] *n.* Francolin. *kwale (Buwe). Pl: ngwale.*

ngwegha [ngweghâ] *n.* a bereaved person, orphan, lone person, beggar, poor person, loafer. *mkiwa, kabwela, fukara, maskini, lofa. Pl: ngwegha.*

ngyama [ngyama] *n.* Antbear. *muhanga. Pl: ngyama.*

ngyolo [ngyólóló] *np.* iron bells. *njuga-chuma. Pl: ngyolo.*

-ni [-ní] *adv.* alone. *peke. bhandu wen / bheni* people alone *watu peke yao*

-niighi [-nííghí] *adj.* emaciated. *kondefu.*

ningya

-niini [-nííni] *adj.* fully grown, big, large, powerful, great. *pevu, kuu, kubwa. nndu niini mtu mzima / mkubwa*

niiya [i-nííya] *v.* grow thin. *konda.*

ninga [i-nínga] *v.* give. *pa.*

ninga itumbe [i-nínga itumbé] *vp.* eulogize. *sifia sana. Pl: pa utukufu.*

ninga mabhina [i-nínga mabhiná] *vp.* hurt, pain. *kata maini, pa maumivu.*

ninga makusaro [i-nínga makusáro] *vp.* advise. *shauri, toa mawazo.*

ninga mare [i-nínga mare] *vp.* feed with grass. *lisha nyasi.*

ninga mashora [i-nínga mashora] *vp.* employ. *ajiri.*

ninga mumu [i-nínga múmû] *vp.* permit, give permission. *ruhusu, pa ruhusa.*

ninga nghi [i-nínga nghí] *vp.* treat a sick person. *ganga.*

ninga nndu mbora [i-nínga nndu mbora] *vp.* bless. *bariki, pa mtu baraka.*

ninga nsya [i-nínga nsya] *vp.* comfort. *fariji, pa matumaini.*

ninga shoonga [i-nínga shóonga] *vp.* feed, bribe. *lisha, hongu. Variant: ningya shoonga.*

ningwa mwana [i-níngwa mwanâ] *vp.* give birth. *zaa, pewa mtoto.*

ningi [níngí] *adv.* again. *tena. amba ningi* say again *sema tena Variant: lyingi.*

ningya [i-níngya] *v.* hand over or entrust to. *kabidhi.*

ningya kighaaso [i-níngya kighaaso] *vp.* sacrifice (offer). *fanya kafara.*

ningya shoonga [i-níngya shóonga] *vp.* bribe, feed. *hongu,*

nisa

lisha, toa chakula.

nisa [i-nisâ] v. irrigate. *mwagilia maji.*

niya [i-níya] v. (water) seep into soil. (*maji*) *ingia ardhini.*

njooro [njoorô] n. cassia siamea. *mjohoro. Pl: mijooro.*

nka [nká] n. wife, woman, spouse, Mrs. *mkaza, mke, mwanamke, bibi, ahali. Pl: bhaka.*

nka a ding'u [nká á dǐng'ú] n. widow living in seclusion. *kizuka. [Gram: idiomatic]*

nka a kufingye [nka á kúfíngyé] np. pregnant woman. *mwanamke mjamzito. Pl: bhaka bha kufingye. [Gram: lit. mke aliyejifunga]*

nka a mangi [nká á mangí] np. chief's wife. *mkaza mtemi. Pl: bhaka bha bhamangi.*

nka a m'mwa [nká á m'mwá] np. wife of maternal uncle. *mkaza mjomba. Pl: bhaka bha m'mwáa.*

nka asenyi [nka ásényí] n. pretty, gorgeous woman. *mrembo. Pl: bhaka bhasenyi.*

nka nniini [nká n'níini] np. principal / senior wife. *mke mkubwa. Pl: bhaka bhaniini.*

nka ndu [nká ndu] np. second wife. *mke mdogo. Pl: bhaka bhandu.*

nka nghabhi [nká nghabhí] n. woman who flirts. *kirukanjia, mwanamke mchafu. Pl: bhaka bhaghabhi.*

nka nku [nka nkú] np. very old woman. *ajuza, mkongwe. Pl: bhaka bhaku.*

nkaa [nkáa] n. charcoal. *mkaa. Pl: mikaa.*

nkabani [nkabáni] n. hero. *nguli, mpiganaji. Pl: bhakabani.*

nkaka [nkaká] n. haste, hurry, zeal, eagerness, haste with impatience. *papara, pupa, haraka isiyu subira. Pl:*

nkonu

mikaka.

nkamuumu [nkamúúmû] adj. miser, a selfish, grasping, niggardly person. *mchoyo. Lit: 'mwanamke mgumu'. Pl:*

bhakawoomu.

nkanda [nkandá] n. belt. *mshipi. Pl: mikanda.*

nkara [nkará] n. aide. *mpambe. Pl: bhakara.*

nkate [nkaté] n. bread. *mkate, boflo. Pl: mikate.*

nkeka [nkekâ] n. mat. *kirago, kitanga, jamvi. Pl: mikeka.*

nkibha [nkibhá] n. poor, wretched, humble person. *mtu dhalili, fukara. Pl: bhakibha.*

nkidubha [nkidubhá] n. jealous person, enemy, antagonist, rival. *hasidi, hasimu, mshindani. Pl: bhakidubha.*

nkiyo [nkíyo] n. chick. *kifaranga. Pl: mikiyo.*

nko [n'kô] n. walkway. *ujia. Pl: miko.*

nkobha [nkobhá] n. banana twine. *kamba ya mgomba. Pl: mikobha.*

nkoku [nkokú] n. infant (within one week). *kitoto kichanga. Pl: bhakoku.*

nkongo [nkongó] n. shin bone, tibia, fibula. *muundi, goko. Pl: mikongo.*

nkonu [nkonû] n. day (12 or 24 hours). *siku (saa 12 au 24). Pl: mikonu.*

nkonu wa irubha [nkonú wá írúbhâ] n. Sunday. *Jumapili. [Gram: lit. siku ya mungu]*

nkonu wa kaana [nkonú wá káána] n. Thursday. *Alhamisi.*

nkonu wa kabhi [nkonú wá kábhi] n. Tuesday. *Jumanne.*

nkonu wa kaghaaghu [nkonú wá kagháághû] n. Wednesday. *Jumatano.*

nkonu wa kaghaanu [nkonú wá kagháánû] n. Friday. *Ijumaa.*

nkonu wa lyimwi [nkonú wá lyímwî] n. Monday. *Jumatatu, siku*

nkopo

ya kwanza.

- nkonu wasora nghondo** [nkonú wásórá nghóndô] *n.* four days after today. *mtondogoo*. **mikonu yasora mighondo siku inayofuata mtondo** [Gram: mikonu yasora mighondo; siku inayofuata mtondo]
- nkopo** [nkopô] *n.* credit, debt. *mkopo*. Pl: **mikopo**.
- nkori** [nkorî] *n.* cook. *mpishi*. Pl: **bhakeri**.
- nku** [nkú] *n.* son-in-law. *mkwe (mume wa mtoto)*. Pl: **bhaku**.
- nkughieki** [nkúghieki] *intj.* what's up. *kuna nini, umejia nini*. Lit: 'what can I do for you'.
- nkukufa** [nkukúfa] *n.* thickness. *unene k.v. wa ubao*. Pl: **mikukufa**.
- nkunang'ari** [nkunáng'ári] *n.* hypocrite. *mnañiki*. Pl: **bhakunang'ari**.
- nkunde** [nkundé] *n.* darling, lover, beloved. *mahabubu, azizi, muhibu, kipenzi*. Pl: **bhakunde**.
- nkunung'unu** [nkunúng'únu] *n.* complaint. *lalamiko*. Pl: **mikunung'unu**.
- nkusa** [nkusá] *n.* heap, pile, bundle, crowd, dump, mound. *chungu, lundo, fungu*. Pl: **mikusa**.
- nkusa wa nghe** [nkusa wá nghe] *np.* a swarm of locusts. *kundi la nzige*.
- nkusa wa shuki** [nkusa wá shúkî] *np.* swarm of bees. *kundi la nyuki*.
- nkusha** [nkushâ] *n.* a basket made from dwarf-palm/straw (temporary and disposable). *dunga, dohani, kanda, pakacha*. Pl: **mikusha**.
- nkusha wa mama** [nkushá wá mámá] *np.* Pl: **mikusha ya wamama**.
- nkusha wa woko** [nkushá wá wókô] *np.* handbag; present given to bride's mother at marriage. *mkoba wa mkononi; mkaja*. Pl: **mikusha a**

nlung'anu

maako.

- nkuti** [nkutí] *n.* necessity. *lazima*. **nkuti shambe / nkuti yaambe** it is necessary that I speak / it is necessary that he speak *ni lazima niseme / ni lazima aseme* Variant: **kuti**.
- nkuu** [nkúû] *n.* sycamore. *mkuyu*. Pl: **mikuu**.
- nkuushu** [nkúúshu] *n.* ill will, stubbornness, pride, big-headedness. *inda, roho mbaya, kiburi*. Pl: **mikuushu**.
- nkwany** [nkwány] evening, sunset. *jioni, machweo*.
- nkya** [nkyâ] *n.* tail. *mkia*. Pl: **mikya**.
- nkyeku** [nkyekú] *n.* old woman. *mvyele, ajuza*. Pl: **bhakyeku**.
- nlale** [n'lálê] *n.* soot. *mwale*. Pl: **milale**.
- nlamba** [nlambá] *n.* giant, big and tall thing (i.e. of extraordinary size). *jitu, kitu kikubwa na kirefu*. Pl: **milamba**.
- nlelembo** [nlelémbô] *n.* soft type of nshare bananas. *aina ya ndizi nshare laini*. Pl: **milelembo**.
- nlembi** [nlembî] *n.* cheat. *mdanganyifu*. Pl: **bhalembi**.
- nlemwa** [nlemwá] *n.* a cripple, a lame person, disabled person, cripple, pregnant woman. *kiwete, mlemavu, mja mzito*. Pl: **bhalemwa**.
- nlenda** [n'léndá] *n.* type of slimy green vegetable. *mlenda*. Pl: **milenda**.
- nlimen** [nlimén] *adv.* where there are mountains or hilly ground. *kwenye milima*. Pl: **milimen**.
- nlo** [nlô] *n.* digging stick. *fimbo ya kuchimbia (hasa viazi vikuu)*. Pl: **milo**.
- nlolondo** [nlolóndo] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti*. Pl: **milolondo**.
- nlung'anu** [nlung'anû] *adv n.* for ever, everlasting, always. *milele*. **muu wa nlung'anu / ikaafo nlung'anu** *maisha ya milele / kuishi milele*

nlyamari

- nlyamari** [nlyámárá] *n.* culprit, wrongdoer, sinner. *mkosa, mkosaji, mdhambi. Pl: bhalyamari.*
- nnada** [nnádâ] *n.* auction. *mnada. Pl: minada.*
- nnang'ani** [nnang'áni] *n.* center, middle, between, amongst. *katikati, baina.*
- nnangwa** [nnangwá] *n.* drunkard. *mlevi. Pl: bhanangwa.*
- nnda** [n'ndâ] *n.* banana farm. *shamba la migomba. Pl: minda.*
- ndongori** [ndongóri] *n.* advisor, counsellor. *mshauri. Pl: bhandongori.*
- nndu** [n'ndû] *n.* person, somebody, bloke, guy, human being. *mtu, jamaa, binadamu. Pl: bhandu.*
- nndu a nghi** [n'ndu a nghí] *n.* medicine person. *mganga. Pl: bhandu a mighi.*
- nndu a kasha** [nndu a kashá] *n.* person of the past. *mhenga. Pl: bhandu bha kasha.*
- nndu a kyaaro** [nndú á kyáárô] *n.* traveller, passenger. *msafiri, abiria.*
- nndu a kyaaro kya mughen** *n.* seafaring person *mtu wa safari ya baharini, baharia Pl: bhandu bha fyaaro. [Gram: lit. mtu wa safari]*
- nndu a myaandu** [nndu a myaandú] *n.* trouble maker, evil person. *mshari. Pl: bhandu bha myaandu. [Gram: lit. mtu wa kesi]*
- nndu a ndeu** [nndu a ndeú] *n.* avaricious or greedy person. *mroho. Pl: bhandu bha ndeu. [Gram: lit. mtu wa tumbo]*
- nndu a nghi** [n'ndu a nghí] *n.* medicine person. *mganga. Pl: bhandu a mighi.*
- nndu a nnyanu** [nndu a nnyanû] *n.* neighbour. *jirani. Pl: bhandu bha nnyanu. [Gram: lit. mtu wa mpaka]*
- nndu a ughuka** [nndu a ughuka]

nndu

- n.* citizen. *raia. Pl: bhandu bha ughuka. [Gram: lit. mtu wa taifa/nchi]*
- nndu a ukwale** [nndu a ukwalé] *n.* mad person. *mwehu. Pl: bhandu bha ukwale.*
- nndu a urere** [nndu a ureré] *n.* liar. *mwongo. bhandu bha urere; nndu worere; bhandu bhorere mtu/watu wa uongondu abhindaa Pl: bhandu bha urere.*
- nndu abhindaa** *n.* hunter. *mwindaji. Pl: bhandu bhabhindaa. [Gram: lit. mtu awindaye]*
- nndu afinaa na shoka** [nndu bhafínáa na shoká] *n.* one who plays with snakes. *munnguri. Pl: bhandu bhafina na shoka. [Gram: mtu achezaye na nyoka]*
- nndu aghasaa** [nndu aghasaá] *n.* spirit-rapper. *mtambikaji.*
- nndu agheiya miteko** [nndu aghéiya mitekô] *n.* one who traps or catches fish, animals or birds. *mtegaji. Pl: bhandu bhagheiya miteko. [Gram: lit. mtu anayetega mitego]*
- nndu aghinwa** [nndu aghínwâ] *n.* group of young men in a circumcision ceremony. *jando. Pl: bhandu bhaghinwa. [Gram: lit. mtu aliyetahiriwa]*
- nndu akekulosha kwa ungi** [nndu akékúlóshá kwá úngí] *n.* apprentice. *mwanagenzi. Pl: bhandu bhakekulosha kwa ungi. [Gram: lit. mtu anayejifunza kwa mwingine]*
- nndu akuloshaa** [nndu akúlósháa] *n.* pupil. *mwanafunzi. [Gram: mtu anayejifunza]*
- nndu akushomba** [nndu akúshómbâ] *n.* one who brags, boastful person. *mtambaji. Variant: akushoba, akushopa.*
- nndu akutokopye den** [nndu

nndu

akutókópyé dén] *np.* smart person. *mtanashati*. [Gram: lit. mtu aliyejipamba sana]

nndu alafyaa [nndu aláfyáa] *np.* fortune teller. *mpiga ramli*. [Gram: cf. nsabhi mchawi]

nndu alatiri mayoo [nndu álátírí máyoo] *n.* toothless person. *kibogoyo*. [Gram: bhandu bha kana kyaghu - watu wa midomo mitupu]

nndu aletiri wiindi [nndu alétírí wííndí] *n.* impudent person. *mjuvi*. [Gram: lit. mtu asiye na heshima]

nndu alwe [nndu alwé] *n.* patient, sick person. *mgonjwa*. Pl: **bhandu bhalwe**.

nndu ambika wagheri nnasin [nndu ambika wághí nnasin] *n.* one who taps palm wine from coconut trees. *mgema*. [Gram: lit. mtu atekaye pombe mnazini]

nndu arua nnden [nndu arúâ nnden] *n.* wonderer, loiterer, loafer. *mzururaji*. Pl: **bhandu bharua minden**. [Gram: lit. mtu anayezurura migombani]

nndu asabhaa m'm'ba [nndu asábhaa m'm'ba] *n.* one who thatches houses. *mwezekaji*. [Gram: lit. mtu anayeezeka nyumba]

nndu asenyi [nndu asényí] *n.* a stylish, chic, smart person. *mlimbwende*. [Gram: lit. mtu aliyependeza]

nndu asunundaa [nndu asúnúndaa] *n.* spy, detective, investigator. *mpelelezi, kachero*. Pl: **bhandu bhasunundaa**. [Gram: lit. mtu anayechunguza sana]

nndu atiri mbon ta usabhi [nndu atiri mbon ta úsábhí] *n.* one who believes in witchcraft and magic. *mshirikina*. [Gram: lit. mtu mwenye

nndu

mambo ya kichawi]

nndu atiri umaale lwa irunda [nndu atiri umáále lwá írúndâ] *np.* a sedulous person. *mchapa kazi*. [Gram: lit. mtu mwenye bidii ya kufanya kazi]

nndu atirwa ni mashi den [nndu atirwá ní máshí den] *n.* sex maniac, lecher. *mkware*. [Gram: lit. mtu mwenye nyege sana]

nndu auta mighwe [nndu autá mighwê] *n.* barber. *kinyozi*. Pl: **bhandu wauta mighwe**. [Gram: lit. mtu anayetoa kichwa]

nndu mfiye [nndu mfííye] *np.* bereaved person. *mfiwa*. Pl: **bhandu bhafiye**.

nndu muumu [nndu muumú] *n.* mean; miser. *bahili*. Pl: **bhandu bhoomu**. [Gram: lit. mtu mgumu/mkavu]

nndu mworotu [nndu mworotú] *np.* a devout person. *mcha Mungu*. Pl: **bhandu bhorotu**. [Gram: lit. mtu aliyenyooka]

nndu nghabhi [nndu nghabhí] *n.* adulterer, fornicator; filthy person, prostitute. *mgoni, mchafu, kibiritingoma*. Pl: **bhandu bhaghabhi**.

nndu nghiiti [nndu nghíítí] *np.* a stubborn or obstinate person. *mkaidi*. Pl: **bhandu bhaghiiti**.

nndu nkaaghi [nndu nkáághi] *np.* a brave, fearless person. *jagina, mjuba*. Pl: **bhandu bhakaaghi**.

nndu nku [nndu nkú] *n.* a very old person (male). *mkongwe*. Pl: **bhandu bhaku**. [Gram: esp. used of men]

nndu nniini [nndu nnííni] *np.* head (chief person), important person. *mkuu*. Pl: **bhandu bhaniini**.

nndu nsuri [nndú nsúrí] *np.* rich person, person of high class. *tajiri, mtu wa hali ya juu*. Pl: **bhandu**

nduma

- bhasuri.**
ndu efo na muu [n'ndu efó ná muu] *np.* living person. *mtu hai.* *Pl:* **bhandu bhefo na muu.** [*Gram:* lit. *mtu aliye na uhai*]
ndu a uruuru [n'ndu a urúúru] *np.* scum, a worthless person. *mtu wa ovyo.* *Pl:* **bhandu bha uruuru.**
ndu alesoraa fyeeghi [n'ndu alésólaa fyeeghí] *n.* primitive person, uncivilised person, out of date person. *mshenzi, asiyeenda na wakati.* *Pl:* **bhandu bhalesoraa fyeeghi.** [*Gram:* lit. *mtu asiyefuata nyakati*]
ndu eshiwa den [n'ndu eshíwá dén] *np.* famous person. *mtu mashuhuri.* *Pl:* **bhandu bheshiwa den.** [*Gram:* lit. *mtu anayejulikana sana*]
ndu mwaaghya [n'ndu mwáághya] *np.* sage, wise person. *mtu mwenye busara.*
ndu nghinée [nndu nghine] *np.* uncircumcized person. *mtu asiyetahiriwa, zunga.*
ndu nsiima [n'ndú nsííma] *np.* adult. *mtu mzima.* *Pl:* **bhandu bhasiima.**
ndu wa kweghu [n'ndu wa kweghú] *np.* indigenous person, citizen, subject. *mwenyeji, raia, mkazi.* *Pl:* **bhandu bha kweghu.** [*Gram:* lit. *mtu wa kwetu*]
nduma [nndumâ] *n.* highness of rank/status. *utukufu.* *Pl:* **nnduma.**
nni [n'nî] *np.* toe/finger. *kidole cha mguu/mkono, chanda.* *Pl:* **mini.**
nni nniini [nni nníini] *n.* thumb. *kidole gumba.* *Pl:* **mini minini.**
nni wa kishengelele [nni wa kishéngélélê] *np.* small finger. *kidole kidogo.* *Pl:* **mini ta kishengelele.**
nniini [nníini] *n.* leader, head.

nsamana

- mkubwa, mkuu.* *Pl:* **bhaniini.**
nniini wa kighi [nníini wá kighí] *n.* village headman. *mwanangwa.* *Pl:* **bhaniini bha fighi.** [*Gram:* lit. *mkubwa wa kiti*]
nnu [nnú] *adv.* extreme, too much, very. *mno, sana.*
nnyama [nnyama] *n.* animal. *mnyama.*
nnyama wa ngorosho [nnyama wa ngóroshe] *np.* game, wild animal. *mnyamapori.*
nnyangwe [nnyángwe] *n.* firefly. *mdudu anayemulika usiku.* *Pl:* **minyangwe.**
nnyanu [nnyanû] *n.* frontier, boundary, border. *mpaka.* *Pl:* **minyanu.**
nnying'a [nnying'â] *n.* corpse (of animal), carcass. *mzoga, nyamafu, kibudu, maiti.* *Pl:* **minying'a.**
nrango [nrangó] *n.* clever person. *mjanja.* *Pl:* **bharango.**
nrija [nrijâ] *n.* beer straw. *mrija.* *Pl:* **mirija.**
nringi [nríngi] *n.* bad person, agitator. *mfitini.* *Pl:* **bharingi.**
nrisi [nrisî] *n.* heir. *mrithi (mali au ufalme).* *Pl:* **bharisi.**
nrombo₁ [nrómbô] *n.* faeces passed by person in extreme condition. *ngama, kinyesi cha kufa.* *Pl:* **mirombo.**
nrombo₂ [nrómbô] *n.* meat preserved by roasting, drying, smoking. *nyama iliyobanikwa, mtanda.* *Pl:* **mirombo.**
nrunda [nrúnda] *n.* pole (used e.g. in building). *mrunda.* *Pl:* **mirunda.**
nrundi [nrundî] *n.* worker, servant. *mfanyakazi, mtumishi.* **nrundi a mangi** *mtumishi wa mangi* *Pl:* **bharundi.**
nsabhi [nsabhí] *n.* witch, wizard, sorcerer, fortune teller. *mchawi, mpiga bao.* *Pl:* **bhasabhi.**
nsalaba [nsalabá] *n.* cross. *msalaba.* *Pl:* **misalaba.**
nsamana [nsamanâ] *n.* bail. *dhamana.*

nsamini

- Pl: misamana.*
nsamini [nsamíni] *n.* guarantor, sponsor. *mdhamini. Pl: wasamini.*
nsanga [n'sángâ] *n.* sand. *mchanga. Pl: misanga.*
nsanga₁ [n'sángá] *n.* loin. *kiuno. mwonaasanga mtoto wangu wa kumzaa Pl: nsanga.*
nsanga₂ [n'sángá] *n.* dry season. *kiangazi. Pl: nsanga.*
nsanyin [nsanyín] *n.* afternoon, daytime. *mchana, adhuhuri.*
nsarakambo [n'sárákámbo] *n.* communal work. *msaragambo. Pl: misarakambo.*
nsasando [nsásándô] *n.* mixture. *mchanganyiko. Pl: misasando.*
nsau₁ [nsáu] *n.* inside/sleeping quarters in a house. *sehemu ya ndani ya nyumba (siyo sebuleni), sehemu ya kulala. Pl: nsau.*
nsau₂ [nsáú] *n.* termite, white ant. *mchwa. Pl: misau. [Phon: vowels a and u are extra short]*
nseeghi [nséégí] *n.* type of banana disease that turns the plant colour to yellow. *ugonjwa wa migomba ambapo mmea hubadilika rangi na kuwa njano. Usage: euphemism for HIV/AIDS. tasifida ya ukimwi. Pl: nseeghi.*
nsenge [nsengê] *n.* stick (for walking, dancing). *mkwaju, fimbo, kome, mkongojo. Pl: misenge.*
nsengo [nséngô] *n.* virgin land. *ardhi isiyolimwa bado. Pl: misengo.*
nsero [nseró] *n.* son of. *mwana wa (kiume). nsero Lema son of Lema mwana wa Lema*
nsesebhe [nsesébhé] *n.* type of tree. *aina ya mti. Pl: misesebhe.*
nshalu [nshálú] *n.* sleeping house. *nyumba ya kulala. Pl: mishalu.*
nshare [nsháre] *n.* type of bananas for cooking. *aina ya ndizi za kupika. Pl:*

nsia

- mishare.*
nshé [nshê] *n.* seedling, shoot. *mche. Pl: mishe.*
nshéle [nshelê] *n.* rice. *wali, mchele. Pl: mishele.*
nshéleti [nshelétí] *n.* whip. *mjeledi. Pl: misheleti.*
nshesha [n'shéhâ] *n.* soft bone that is chewable, bone marrow. *mfupa laini uliwao, uboho. Pl: nshesha.*
nshi [n'shî] *n.* pestle. *mchi. Pl: mshi.*
nshilyi [n'shílyî] *n.* headman, elder, foreman. *jumbe, mnyapara, mzee wa baraza. Pl: bhashilyi.*
nsho [n'shô] *n.* malt. *kimea. Pl: misho.*
nshonowa [n'shónówa] *n.* hard type of nshare bananas. *aina ya ndizi nshare ngumu. Pl: mishonowa.*
nshuku [nshuku] *n.* grandchild (general). *mjukuu. Pl: bhashuku.*
nshuku wa kika [nshúkú wá kiká] *np.* granddaughter. *mjukuu mke. Pl: bhashuku wa kika.*
nshuku wa kyuumi [nshúkú wá kyuumî] *np.* grandson. *mjukuu mume. Pl: bhashuku wa kyuumi.*
nshuku wa nshukure [nshúkú wá nshúkúré] *np.* great great great-grandchild. *kilembweze. Pl: bhashuku bha nshukure.*
nshukure [nshúkúré] *n.* (great) great-grandchild. *kilembwe, kitukuu. Pl: bhashukure.*
nshumba [nshumbâ] *n.* fianc. *mchumba. Pl: bhashumba.*
nshunga [nshúnga] *n.* kind of vegetable with a bitter taste. *mchungu. Pl: mishunga.*
nshungu [n'shúngú] *n.* donkey. *punda. Pl: mishungu.*
nsi [nsí] only. *pekee, tu. (1) kitabu nsi, (2) nri nsi (1) book only, (2) tree only (1) kitabu tu, (2) mti tu*
nsia [nsiá] *n.* hope, glory, grandeur. *matumaini, fahari. Variant: nsiya. Pl:*

nsiighi

- nsia.**
nsiighi [nsííghí] *n.* soot. *masizi.* *Pl:* **misiighi.**
nsiire [nsííre] *n.* placenta. *zingizi.*
Usage: not polite. *Pl:* **nsiire.** [*Gram:* *tusi*]
nsikari [nsikári] *n.* policeman, soldier, guard. *askari, mwanajeshi.* *Pl:* **bhasikari.**
nsikiti [nsikiti] *n.* mosque. *msikiti.* *Pl:* **misikiti.**
nsiko [n'síkô] *n.* luggage. *mzigo.* *Pl:* **misiko.**
nsiminu [nsimínu] *n.* saw. *msumeno.* *Pl:* **misiminu.**
nsingi [nsingí] *n.* foundation. *msingi.* *Pl:* **misingi.**
nsirima [nsiríma] *n.* brink, edge. *ukingo.* *Pl:* **misirima.**
nsitare [nsitáre] *n.* sequence, series, row, line. *mfuatano, msafa, msitari, safu.* *Pl:* **misitare.**
nsiya [nsiyá] *n.* hope, glory, grandeur. *matumaini, fahari.* *Variant:* **nsia, nsya.** *Pl:* **nsiya.**
nsoghi [nsóghí] *n.* trap. *mtego.* *Pl:* **misoghi.**
nsoghu [nsóghu] *n.* tear from eye. *chozi.* *Pl:* **misoghu.**
nsongoso [n'sóngósô] *n.* small particles, granular particles. *chembechembe, k.v. unga.* *Pl:* **misongoso.**
nsoro [nsoró] *n.* son, hero. *mwana wa kiume, shujaa.* *Pl:* **bhasoro.**
nsu₁ [nsû] *n.* smoke, mist, fog. *moshi, ukungu.* *Pl:* **nsu.**
nsu₂ [n'sû] *n.* angel. *malaika.* *Pl:* **wasu.**
nsukule [nsukulê] *n.* zombies. *misukule.* *Pl:* **misukule.**
nsumari [nsumári] *n.* nail. *msumari.* *Pl:* **misumari.**
nsungu [nsungú] *n.* white person. *mzungu.* *Pl:* **bhasungu.**
nsuri [nsúrí] *n.* wealthy person.

nyafu

- mkwasi.* *Pl:* **bhasuri.**
nswa [nswá] *n.* gruel, porridge, flour. *uji, unga.* *Pl:* **miswa.**
nswaki [nswakí] *n.* toothbrush. *mswaki.* *Pl:* **miswaki.**
nsya [nsyá] *n.* glory, grandeur, hope, comfort, relief. *fahari, matumaini, faraja.* *Variant:* **nsia, nsiya.** *Pl:* **nsya.**
nta-kinywa [ntá-kinywa] *adv.* never. *abadani.*
nta kinywa fo [ntá kinywa fô] *adv.* never. *kamwe, hata kidogo ng'o.*
ntama [ntamá] *n.* millet. *mtama.* *Pl:* **mitama.**
nteesi [nteesí] *n.* scoundrel, persecutor. *mwovu, mtesaji.* *Pl:* **bhateesi.**
ntegha [ntégha] *n.* meat. *nyama.* *Pl:* **mitegha.**
nteko [ntekô] *n.* trap. *mtego, dema.* *Pl:* **miteko.**
ntiri [n'tírí] *n.* heavy thud of e.g. a step, loud noise. *kishindo.* *Pl:* **mitiri.**
nto [ntô] *n.* pillow. *mtô.* *Pl:* **mito.**
ntughu [ntughû] *n.* highlands with heavy forest. *nyanda za juu zenye misitu.* *Usage:* *jina la mahali.*
numa [númâ] *n.* adv. back, rear, behind, ultimately. *nyuma, hatima, hatimaye, halafu.*
nungu [nungú] *n.* earthenware pot. *chungu, mtungi.* *Pl:* **nungu.**
nunuka [i-núnúkâ] *v.* suspend, swing, hang. *ning'inia.*
nunuta [i-núnútâ] *v.* suspend, swing, hang. *ning'iniza.*
nwa [i-nwâ] *v.* sharpen instrument. *noa.*
-nyaasi [-nyáási] *adj.* fierce, sour. *kali. ndu nnyaasi / kite kinyaasi mtu mkali / mbwa mkali*
nyaasia [i-nyáásia] *v.* be fierce, sour, strict. *wa kali.*
nyafika [i-nyáfika] *v.* snarl and show teeth. *ng'aka, kasirika.*
nyafu [nyáfû] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya*

nyama

majani, mnafu. Pl: nyafu.

nyama [nyámâ] *n.* body, meat, flesh. *mwili, nyama. Usage:* opposition to spirit in Christian belief. *Pl: nyama.*

nyamandu [nyamandú] *n.* leopard. *chui. Pl: nyamandu.*

nyany [nyány] *n.* type of green vegetable, type of banana dish consisting of a mixture of bananas and some green vegetables. *aina ya majani ya mboga, uji mchanganyiko wa ndizi na mboga za majani. Pl: nyany.*

nyanya₁ [nyanyá] *n.* eight. *nane.*

nyanya₂ [nyányá] *n.* tomato. *nyanya. Pl: nyanya.*

nyinda [nyíndâ] *n.* banana plant. *mgomba. Pl: nyinda.*

nyinyighi [nyinyíghî] *n.* pupil of eye, star. *mboni, nyota. Pl: nyinyighi.*

nyinyighi ighisha [nyinyighi

ong'a

ighíshâ] *n.* shooting star. *kimondo.*

Pl: nyinyighi tirisha. [Gram: lit. nyota inayokimbia]

nyinyika [í-nyínyíkâ] *v.* spoil a child. *engaenga, dekeza.*

nyinyira [nyinyírâ] *n.* doubt, envy, jealousy, discontent, ill feeling. *shaka, husuda, kinyongo. Pl: nyinyira.*

nyishe [nyíshé] *n.* cockroach. *mende. Pl: nyishe.*

nyugha [nyughâ] *n.* thirst, strong desire. *kiu, hamu. Pl: nyugha.*

nyugho [nyughô] *n.* nipple, teat. *chuchu, kilembwe, nyonyo. Pl: nyugho.*

-nywa [-nywa] *adj.* small, minor, young, few, not many, a little. *dogo, chache. mwana munywa / kindo kinywa* small child / small thing *mtoto mdogo / kitu kidogo*

O - o

-obhi [-obhí] *adj.* sharp (vs blunt). *enye makali. kyaandu kyoobhi* sharp knife *kisu kikali*

ode [óde] *adv.* never, no. *abadani, hapana. Variant: oode.*

ogha₁ [i-oghâ] *v.* marry, get married (of a man). *oa.*

ogha₂ [i-oghâ] *v.* bask, warm self. *ota (moto, jua). ogha mogho / ogha mwi ota moto / ota jua*

oghia [i-oghía] *v.* dream. *ota ndoto.*

oghisa [i-oghísa] *v.* marry off somebody. *oza kijana. [Gram: caus.]*

oghwa [i-oghwâ] *v.* marry (said of woman). *olewa. [Gram: passive]*

oka [i-oka] *v.* braid. *sokota. oka ughuu* braid string *sokota uzi*

okya [í-ókyâ] *v.* roast (in oven), singe, burn, incinerate. *oka, unguza, choma. Variant: ookya.*

oloka [i-ólókâ] *v.* descend (from bicycle, car, tree, etc.). *shuka (kwenye baisikeli, gari, mti, nk.).*

olota [i-ólótâ] *v.* send down, lower, demote, unload. *shusha, pakua.*

omuka [i-ómúkâ] *v.* be sticky, be elastic, be raised, be leavened. *nata, vutika k.m mlenda au unga wa ngano, umuka.*

omuya [i-ómúyá] *v.* tighten. *kaza.*

omwa [i-ómwâ] *v.* pull. *vuta.*

ona [i-onâ] *v.* obtain, find, give birth. *pata, zaa.*

ona masaa [i-oná masáa] *vp.* have wealth. *pata mali.*

onga [i-ongâ] *v.* suckle, suck a straw. *nyonya, vuta mrija. Variant: oonga.*

ong'a [ong'á] *n.* large flying ants that appear during the rainy season. *kumbikumbi. Pl: ong'a.*

ongisa

- ongisa** [i-ongísa] v. suckle. *nyonyesha*.
[Gram: caus.]
- oode** [óóde] neg. no. *hapana*. Variant: **ode**.
- ooka** [i-óókâ] v. weave a mat. *suka mkeka*.
- ooka fii** [i-ooka fíi] vp. braid hair. *suka nywele*.
- ookya** [i-óókyâ] v. burn, roast. *choma*. Variant: **okya**.
- oonga** [i-oongâ] v. suck, suck at or suck out. *fyonza*. Variant: **onga**.
- oose** [-óósê] adj. any, all, whole. -o -ote, -ote. **ndu mwoose** / **fitabu fyoose** / **mmba shoose** any person / all books / the whole house *mtu yeyote* / *vitabu vyote* / *nyumba nzima*
- ootwa** [i-óótwa] v. twist. *nyonga*.
ootwa singo twist the neck (of bird) *nyonga shingo*
- ora** [i-órâ] v. demonstrate, indicate, show, signal. *onyesha, ashiria*.
- oren** [órén] n. grazing ground. *malishoni*.
- oriki** [oríki] n. a kind of local strong spirit / liquor. *gongo*. Pl: **oriki**.
- oro** [órô] n. he-goat. *beberu*. Pl: **oro**.
oro shinywa [óró shinywa] np. young he-goat. *beberu mdogo*. Pl: **oro shinywa**.

piiwa

- oroka** [i-órókâ] v. be/become straight. *nyooka*.
- ororo** [i-oróro] v. (witch) talk foolishly. *payuka (hasa mchawi)*.
- oroya** [i-óróyá] v. point, point to. *onyesha*. **oroya nni** point to with a finger *onyesha kwa kidole* [Gram: appl. of **ora**]
- oroya woko** [i-oroya wokô] vp. wave a hand. *punga (mkono)*.
- orua** [i-órúâ] v. make straight, align, make even. *nyoosha, keua*. Variant: **orwa**.
- orua ndu** [i-órúá nndû] vp. straighten or discipline someone. *rudi mtu*.
- orua soori** [i-orua sóori] v. iron clothes. *nyosha nguo*.
- orwa** [i-órwâ] v. make straight, align. *nyoosha*. Variant: **orua**. [Gram: passive is **orowa**]
- ose** [-óse] adj. whole, complete, all, any. *zima, -o -ote, -ote*. **mmba shoose** *nyumba nzima*
- ososa** [i-osósa] v. twist. *sokota*.
- oua** [i-óúâ] v. peel, unhusk grain, thrash grain. *menya, kafua, kopoa*.
- oyo** [óyô] n. piece of broken pot. *kigae, kigeregenza*. Pl: **ngyoyo**.

P - p

- pa** [pâ] adv. clear, evident, plain. *bayana, dhahiri*. **kindo kya pa** / **kindo kikee pa** clear / plain thing *kitu cha wazi* / *kitu kilicho dhahiri*
- pakiti** [pakítí] n. packet. *kibweta*. Pl: **pakiti**.
- paluka** [i-palúka] v. (said of colour) fade. *pauka, kwajuka*.
- pamba₁** [pâmba] n. cotton. *pamba*.
- pamba₂** [i-pâmbâ] v. decorate. *pamba*.
- pasi** [i-pasí] vp. iron. *piga pasi*.
- pata** [i-pata] v. get. *pata*. **pata mbusha** get or derive profit or benefit from *pata faida*
- paua** [i-páúâ] v. put up rafters. *paua*.
- pete** [pétê] n. ring. *pete*.
- piiwa** [pííwa] n. spirit, alcoholic drink. *kinywaji kikali, gongo*. Pl: **piiwa**.

R - r

- raa** [i-ráa] v. put on, wear, dress. *vaa*.
- rangi** [rángî] n. colour. *rangi*.
- rangi sha** [rangi shâ] np. white colour. *rangi nyeupe*.
- rangi shelwa** [rangi shelwâ] np. white colour. *rangi nyeupe*. [Gram: usage of Siha and Ng'uni]
- rangi shidodoru** [rangi shidodórú] n. red colour. *rangi nyekundu*.
- rangi shuu** [rangi shúu] n. black colour. *rangi nyeusi*.
- rangi ya buluu** [rangi ya bulúu] np. blue colour. *rangi ya buluu*. Pl: **rangi ta buluu**.
- rangi ya funfun** [rangi ya funfun] np. grey colour. *rangi ya majivu*.
- rangi ya kimbeghe** [rangi ya kimbéghé] np. sky colour. *rangi ya samawati*. [Gram: kimbeghe ni aina ya mnyama mwenye rangi ya mbingu]
- rangi ya makundu** [rangi ya makúndú] np. yellow colour. *rangi ya njano, rangi ya ndizi mbivu*.
- rangi ya mare** [rangi ya mare] np. green colour. *rangi ya kijani, rangi ya majani*.
- rangi ya sambarau** [rangi ya sambaráú] np. purple colour. *rangi ya zambarau*.
- rango** [-rangó] adj. intelligent, ingenious, sly, clever. *-enye akili, erevu, janja*.
- rangua** [í-rángua] v. be clever. *kuwa na akili*.
- raraa** [i-ráraa] v. wander, be a vagabond. *zurura*.
- reiya** [i-reíya] v. write. *andika*. See: **iandika**.
- renga** [í-réngâ] v. eat very fast. *kula kwa kasi sana (fyeka)*. Usage: negative connotation.
- rika** [í-rikâ] v. bury. *zika*.
- rinda** [í-ríndâ] v. fill, plug, cover e.g. a hole, be dirty. *ziba, chafuka*.
- nkurindye** you have become dirty *umechafuka*
- ringitya** [i-ringítya] v. surround, round up, enclose. *zingira*.
- ringya** [i-ríngya] v. betray, discredit, slander, antagonize, cause discord. *chongea, fitini, saliti*.
- risi** [i-risî] v. inherit. *rithi*.
- rokyo** [rokyô] n. thick liquid such as a gravy consisting of a mixture of bananas and beans. *rojo, chakula laini mchanganyiko wa ndizi na maharage*. Pl: **rokyo**.
- rorongya** [i-roróngya] v. blether, talk nonsense. *bwabwaja*.
- rouwa** [i-róúwa] v. respond. *jibu*.
- rua₁** [i-ruâ] v. loiter, wander idly. *zurura*. Variant: **rwa, ruwa**.
- rua₂** [i-rúâ] v. open up. *fungua*.
- kirua nkusha** [kirua nkushâ] n. payment to traditional medicineman before treatment. *kifungua mfuko, kanda*.
- ruarua** [i-ruárua] v. walk about, roam. *randaranda, hanja*. Variant: **ruwaruwa**.
- rubuuni** [rubúúni] n. surety, guarantee, advance payment. *kitu kilichowekwa rehani, malipo ya awali*. Pl: **rubuuni**.
- ruka** [í-rúkâ] vi. come to oneself, become alive again, rise from death. *pata fahamu, fufuka*.
- runda** [i-rundâ] vp. work, operate, function. *fanya kazi*. **irunda mashora** do job *fanya kazi*

rundya

- runda kimwi** [i-rundá kímwî] v. work together. *fanya harambee, fanya kazi kwa pamoja.*
- runda na umaale** [i-rundá na umáále] v. work or struggle hard. *kazana, fanya kazi kwa bidii.*
- rundya** [i-rúndya] v. serve (someone). *tumikia, hudumu.* [Gram: appl. of **runda**]
- rungu** [rúngû] n. cudgel, club. *rungu.* Pl: **rungu.**
- runguka** [i-rungúka] v. revolve, go/turn round, surround. *zunguka, zinga.*
- runguswa** [rungúswa] n. discomfort, nuisance, disturbance, bother. *usumbufu.*
- runguswa** [rungúswâ] n. dizziness, vertigo. *kizunguzungu.*
- runguta** [i-rungúta] v. take around, circulate, cause to revolve. *zungusha.*
- rungutya** [i-rungútya] v. encircle.

sagho

- zungushia.* [Gram: appl. of **runguta**]
- ruta** [i-rútâ] vi. resurrect, revive. *fufua.*
- ruuka** [i-rúúkâ] v. become open or unfastened. *funguka.*
- ruuya** [i-rúúya] v. look for, seek, search for. *tafuta.*
- ruwaruwa** [i-ruwáruwa] v. wander about. *tangatanga.* Variant: **ruarua.**
- ruya** [i-rúyâ] v. open, unfasten or untie for. *fungulia.*
- ruya mwaandu** [i-rúya mwaandú] v. antagonise, provoke, tease. *chokoza, tafuta ugomvi.*
- ruya nka** [i-rúya nkâ] v. court, ask for marriage. *chumbia mke, tafuta mke.*
- rwa** [i-rwâ] v. ramble, take a walk. *tembea, randaranda.* Variant: **rua, ruwa.**

S - s

- sa**₁ [sâ] n. (great) grand father, maternal uncle. *babu, baba ya babu, mjomba.* Pl: **bhaasa.**
- sa wa sa** [sâ wa sâ] n. great great grand father. *babu ya babu.* Pl: **bhasa bha bhasa.**
- sa**₂ [i-sâ] v. grind. *saga.*
- saa**₁ [i-sáa] v. stay, remain. *baki.*
- saa na kyaangu** [i-sáa ná kyáángû] v. find/be left with only a little. *ambua, ambulia kidogo.*
- saa**₂ [sáa] n. light. *nuru.*
- saafu** [sááfu] n. driver or army ant. *siafu.* Pl: **saafu.**
- saaghi** [-sáághí] adj. obedient, nimble, clean. *elekevu, ema, siyo na waa.*
- saama** [i-sááma] v. climb, ascend, embark, ride. *kwea, panda.*
- saamya** [i-sáámya] v. copulate (for males). *panda jike.*
- saan** [sáán] adv. clearly, evidently, in the light. *bayana.* Variant: **seen.**
- saani** [saanî] n. plate. *sahani.* Pl: **saani.**
- saara** [i-sáára] v. cut to shape lengthwise e.g. cloth by tailor, strip of rubber. *kata kwa urefu.*
- saarisa** [i-sáárisa] v. leave behind, cause to remain. *bakiza.*
- sabha**₁ [i-sábha] v. thatch, put a roof to e.g. a house. *ezeka nyumba.*
- sabha**₂ [sábhâ] n. maggot, jigger. *funza.* Pl: **sabha.**
- sabun** [sábún] n. soap. *sabuni.* Pl: **sabun.**
- saghiya** [i-sághiyâ] v. stir. *koroga.*
- sagho** [saghô] n. python. *chatu.* Pl:

saka

- sagho.**
saka₁ [sákâ] *n.* dry wilderness, foreign/distant lands. *pori, nchi za mbali. kya saka* foreigner *mtoka mbali, asiye mwenyeji* *Pl: saka.*
saka₂ [sákâ] *n.* leprocy. *ukoma. Pl: saka.*
sakira [í-sákíra] *v.* rebuke, scold, reprimand, quarrel. *karipia, gombeza, kemea. usakiro nghimin* battle in the conscience *ugomvi moyoni, kusutwa na dhamira*
sakya [í-sákyâ] *v.* disagree, quarrel, rave, dispute/argue. *kosana, gomba, zozana.*
salala [í-salála] *v.* pull up, come to a halt, stand up. *simama.*
salalya [í-salálya] *v.* supervise. *simamia. [Gram: appl. of salala]*
salusalu [salusálú] *adv.* things in a shambles. *ovyoo ovyoo. Variant: sarusaru.*
sama [sámâ] *n.* ruins (of a house), deserted homestead. *gofu, mahame. Pl: sama.*
samana₁ [í-samana] *v.* part, take leave of each other. *achana, agana. samana na ufoo* *achana kwa amani*
samana₂ [samanâ] *n.* beads. *shanga. Pl: samana.*
sambarau₁ [sambaráú] *n.* java plum tree. *mzambarau. Pl: sambarau.*
sambarau₂ [sambaráú] *n.* purple colour. *zambarau.*
sambura [samburâ] *n.* uncircumcised woman. *mwanamke asiyetahiriwa. Usage: derogatory. Pl: sambura.*
sambuta [í-sambúta] *v.* warm up. *pasha moto, kanza.*
sambuya [í-sambúya] *v.* rebuild, reconstruct, rehabilitate. *karabati.*
sambwa [í-sám̄bwa] *v.* take thatch or roofing off, demolish. *ezua, bomoa.*
samisa [í-sám̄isâ] *v.* evacuate, relocate, transfer, move something or

sau

- someone. *hamisha.*
samu [samû] *n.* blood. *damu. Pl: samu.*
samu ya mmbwen [sámu ya mmbwen] *n.* nosebleed. *muhina. [Gram: lit. damu ya puani]*
samya [í-sámyâ] *v.* settle somewhere. *lowea.*
sandeu [sandeû] *n.* glutton. *mlafi. See: ndeu tumbo. Pl: sandeu.*
sangaghi [sangaghî] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani. Pl: sangaghi.*
sangirya [í-sangírya] *v.* collect, make contributions of e.g. money; save, put aside, assemble, gather. *changa, dunduliza, kumba, kusanya.*
sangirya masaa [í-sangírya masáa] *vp.* accumulate wealth. *limbikiza mali.*
sangirya mbusha [í-sangírya mbushâ] *vp.* put in store. *weka akiba.*
sangya [í-sángyâ] *v.* wash (hands, face, clothes), clean. *fua, osha, safisha.*
sangya soori [í-sangya sóori] *v.* wash clothes. *fua nguo.*
sanya₁ [sanyá] *n.* gap between teeth. *mwanja kati ya meno. Pl: sanya.*
sanya₂ [sányâ] *n.* place name. *jina la mahali. Usage: Sanya Juu.*
sare [sáre] *n.* incision mark. *chale. Pl: sare.*
saria [í-sáriâ] *v.* forgive. *samehe.*
sarusaru [sarusárú] *adv.* things in a shambles. *ovyoo ovyoo. ighema sarusaru kulima ovyoo ovyoo Variant: salusalu.*
sasa [sásâ] *n.* forest/lowland porcupine. *nunguri-msitu. Pl: sasa.*
sasanda [í-sásándâ] *v.* mix. *changanya.*
sasandika [í-sásándíkâ] *v.* become mixed. *changanyika.*
sau [sau] *adv.* calm, silence. *shwari, kimya. imalalya sau nyamaza kimya*

saua

- saua** [i-sáúâ] v. appoint, nominate, elect, sort, discriminate, segregate. *teua, chagua; ainisha, bagua.*
- saukwa** [i-sáúkwâ] v. be confused/dismayed/agitate, feel anxious. *babaika, fadhaika, hangaika.*
- sawana** [sáwánâ] n. female goat. *mbuzi jike. mbughu sawana mbuzi jike Pl: sawana.*
- seen** [séén] adv. clearly, evidently, in the light. *bayana. Variant: saan.*
- seiya** [i-séiyâ] v. give way, step aside, let pass. *chapuka, pisha.*
- seka** [i-sékâ] v. laugh. *cheka.*
seka kibhisi [i-seka kibhisî] v. show the teeth, grin. *kenua, kucheka bila nia ya kweli ya kucheka.*
- seko** [sékô] n. laughter. *kicheko. Pl: seko.*
- sekyâ** [i-sékyâ] v. smile at, laugh at. *chekea. [Gram: appl. of seka]*
- seleesa** [i-seléesa] v. have an erection (of the penis), erect (something), bring to a standstill. *dinda, simamisha.*
seleesa mashora [i-seléésá mashora] v. go on strike. *goma, simamisha kazi.*
- sembea** [i-sémbéâ] v. move to, approach, move forward. *jongea. Variant: sembeya.*
- sembera** [i-sémbérâ] v. push, cause to move. *sogeza.*
- sembeya** [i-sémbéyâ] v. approach. *karibia, sogelea. Variant: sembea.*
- sengegha** [i-sengégha] v. inspect, check. *kagua.*
- senyi** [i-sényí] n. be pleasant. *pendeza.*
- seruseeru** [seruséeru] n. albino. *zeruzeru. Pl: seruseeru.*
- serya-fo** [i-serya-fó] v. abandon. *telekeza. Lit: 'acha huko'.*
serya fo nka [i-serya fó n'ka] vp. desert a wife. *telekeza mke.*
- seta** [i-sétâ] v. amuse, cause to smile

shilingi

- or laugh. *chekesha.*
- sha₁** [i-shâ] v. come. *kuja.*
- sha₂** [shâ] n. famine, hunger. *njaa. Pl: sha.*
- sha₃** [-sha] adj. fine, excellent, of good quality, good, beautiful, kind. *bora, ema, zuri. nndu nsha* good person *mtu mwema*
- shabu** [shabu] adj adv. abundant. *tele. waghi shabu / ishwa shabu pombe tele / kujaa tele*
- shafwa** [i-sháfswâ] v. make dirty, soil. *chafua.*
- shai** [shái] n. tea. *chai. Pl: shai.*
- shanwa** [shanwâ] n. comb. *chanuo. Pl: shanwa.*
shanuwa nghwe [i-shanuwa nghwé] vp. comb hair. *chana nywele. Lit: 'chana kichwa'.*
- shau** [sháû] n. bull. *fahali. Pl: shau.*
shau shikabe [shau shikabé] n. castrated bull. *ng'ombe aliyehasiwa. Pl: shau tikabe.*
shau shiku [shau shikú] np. old bull. *fahali mzee. Pl: shau shiku.*
shau shinywa [shau shinywa] np. young bull. *fahali mdogo. Pl: shau shinywa.*
- shauwa** [i-shaúwa] v. prune. *kupunguza mimea iliyosongamana. Variant: auwa.*
- shekesheke** [shekesheké] n. sieving instrument. *kung'uto, chekecheo.*
- shemusha** [i-shemúsha] v. boil. *chemsha.*
- sheremu** [sherému] n. hysteria, great excitement, baseless talk. *kiwewe, umbeya. Pl: sheremu.*
- shesheka** [i-shéshékâ] v. sift (e.g. grain or flour). *chekecha.*
- shibhya** [i-shíbhya] v. get accustomed. *zoa.*
- shiisa** [i-shíísâ] v. cure. *ponya. [Gram: caus. of shia pona]*
- shilingi** [shilíngi] n. shilling. *shilingi.*

shilya

- shilya** [í-shílyâ] v. supervise, oversee, govern, rule over. *simamia, tawala.*
- shimbilili** [shímílílí] n. a kind of worm. *nyungunyungu. Pl: shimbilili.*
- shisha** [i-shishâ] v. slaughter, butcher. *chinja. [Gram: passive: shishwa]*
- shishwa** [i-shishwâ] v. be slaughtered. *chinjwa. [Gram: passive]*
- shiya** [í-shíyâ] vi. be cured, heal. *pona. Variant: shia.*
- sho** [shô] latrine, washroom, toilet. *choo. Pl: sho.*
- shofu** [shófû] n. elephant. *tembo, ndovu. Pl: shofu.*
- shoka** [shókâ] n. serpent (snake), worm (in bowels). *nyoka, mchango, mnyoo, safura. Pl: shoka.*
- shokaa** [shokâa] n. lime, whitewash. *chokaa. Pl: shokaa.*
- shonga** [shóngâ] n. food, bribe. *chakula, honggo. Variant: shoonga. Pl: shonga.*
- shonga a nghaiyo** [shóngâ a ngháiyô] np. bait. *chambo, chakula cha mtego. Pl: shonga ta nghaiyo.*
- shoonga a nkwany** [shóóngâ a nkwany] n. evening meal. *chajio. Pl: shnga a nkwany.*
- shonga ilelala** [shonga ilélálâ] np. food left-overs. *kiporo. Pl: shonga tilelala. [Gram: lit. chakula kilicholala]*
- shoonga ya kyore** [shóóngâ ya kyórê] n. food eaten after group work. *kisutuo, chakula cha pamoja. Pl: shoonga ya kyore.*
- shongo** [shóngô] n. incitement to quarrel. *chonjo, uchonganishi. Pl: shongo.*
- shongololo** [shóngólólô] n. millipede. *jongoo. Pl: shongololo.*
- shongya** [i-shóngyâ] v. exaggerate. *tia chumvi, chongea.*
- shonyi** [shonyí] n. animal skin, hide. *ngozi ya mnyama. Pl: shonyi.*

sighiya

- shora** [i-shorâ] v. make marks, draw. *chora.*
- shoshoka** [i-shoshóka] v. fall in drops, leak. *dondoka kwa matone, churuzika.*
- shoshota ndoogha** [i-shoshóta ndóoghâ] vp. ooze saliva from mouth. *dorora.*
- shotara** [shotarâ] n. half caste, mixed breed. *chotara. Pl: shotara.*
- shua** [í-shua] v. be full. *jaa.*
- shua pafu** [í-shua pafu] vp. boil or spill over, swell up, overflow, inundate. *furika. Lit: 'jaa tele'. Variant: shua shabu.*
- shua shabu** [í-shua shabu] vp. boil or spill over, swell up, overflow, inundate. *furika. Variant: shua pafu. [Gram: lit. jaa tele]*
- shuba** [shúbâ] n. bottle. *chupa.*
- shuki** [shukî] n. bee. *nyuki. Pl: shuka.*
- shumbi** [shumbî] n. salt. *chumvi.*
- shumbya** [i-shúmbyâ] v. ask in marriage, engage for marriage, make marriage proposal. *posa, chumbia.*
- shumu** [shumu] adv. upright. *wima.*
- shunya** [i-shunyâ] v. pinch. *binya, bonyeza.*
- shuu** [shuú] n. pigeon-pea. *mbaazi.*
- shya** [shya] n. road. *barabara. Variant: shia.*
- shya shifi** [shya shifî] np. shortcut. *njia-mkato.*
- shyasa** [shyasa] con. as, like. *kama, jinsi.*
- si** [sí] n. earth, soil, on the ground. *ardhi, chini.*
- sibanghi** [síbá nghî] n. type of shrub with edible fruit. *aina ya mti wenye matunda yaliwayo. Pl: sibanghi.*
- sibhiika** [i-síbhííkâ] v. bake (e.g. in ashes). *oka.*
- sie** [síê] n. claim, demand. *dai, deni. Variant: sye, siye. Pl: sie.*
- sighiya** [i-síghíyâ] n. press down.

siika

- kandamiza. kusighiye* perservere!
vumilia, jikaze
- siika** [i-síika] v. support. *weka mweka / mhimili.*
- siise** [-síise] *adj.* narrow, thin. *embamba, finyu. shia siise / shisiise* narrow path *njia nyembamba*
- siisi** [síisi] *n.* hump back (of human). *kibiongo, nundu. Pl: siisi.*
- siiya** [i-síiya] v. end, cease, end at, culminate. *isha, ishia. [Gram: appl. of sya]*
- sikya** [i-síkyâ] v. engulf, cover (used of water only). *meza, funika (maji tu).*
- simbai** [simbái] *prep.* at the bottom, at a low level. *chini.*
- simbirya** [i-simbíryâ] v. poke. *chochea. simbirya mogho* poke the fire *chochea moto*
- simbo**₁ [simbô] *n.* harvest. *mavuno. Pl: simbo.*
- simbo**₂ [simbô] *n.* gift (esp. divine). *zawadi (hasa kutoka kwa mungu). kaa na simbo ya nde baki na zawadi ya baba (Mungu)*
- simbo ta mbee** [simbo ta mbée] *np.* first of new crops. *mazao ya kwanza.*
- simenti** [siménti] *n.* cement. *saruji.*
- simu** [simû] *n.* telephone. *simu.*
- sina** [i-sínâ] v. be wet with water or sweat. *lowa (jasho, maji).*
- sina ifwa** [i-sina ifwâ] v. eat meat on a bone. *kula nyama ya mfupa. [Gram: idiom]*
- sindanu** [sindánû] *n.* needle. *sindano. Pl: sindanu.*
- singa** [i-singá] v. sway. *yumba.*
- singasinga** [i-singásinga] v. stagger. *pepesuka.*
- singira**₁ [i-singíra] v. close (eyes). *fumba (macho).*
- singira**₂ [singirâ] *n.* market. *gulio, soko. Pl: singira.*
- singo** [síngó] *n.* neck. *shingo. Pl:*

soma

- singo.**
- sinya** [i-sínyâ] v. give a hint or suggestion, wink. *dokeza, konyeza.*
- siri** [sírí] *n.* church, christian denomination. *kanisa au dhehebu la kikristo. Pl: siri.*
- sisâ** [i-sisâ] v. crumble between the fingers, massage. *fikicha, singa.*
- sisâ mmbwa** [i-sisâ mmbwa] *vp.* pick one's nose. *chokoia pua.*
- sise** [sisé] *n.* spark. *cheche ya moto. Pl: sise.*
- sisighi** [sisighî] *n.* small black ant. *sisimizi. Pl: sisighi.*
- sisighya** [i-sisíghya] v. bear, endure, support, sustain, perservere. *vumilia, himili.*
- sisika** [i-sísíkâ] v. shake off, wring, cause to fall in a shower. *kung'uta, tikisa, pukusa.*
- siya**₁ [i-síyâ] v. look for, seek, search for. *tafuta (uzima, wokovu). Usage: religious usage. matumizi ya kidini.*
- siya**₂ [i-síyâ] v. (of animals) be in heat. *(wanyama) kuwa katika joto.*
- siye** [síyê] *n.* credit, debt. *mkopo. Variant: sie, sye. Pl: siye.*
- soka** [i-sokâ] v. snatch, take by force, rob, grab, pillage. *kwapua, nyang'anya, pokonya, pora.*
- soko** [sókô] *n.* fruit stone, kernel of fruit, bean, grain, nut. *kokwa, harage, punje, mbegu aina zote. Variant: sooko. Pl: soko.*
- soko ndu** [sókó n'ndû] *np.* chimpanzee. *sokwe-mtu. Pl: soko ndu.*
- soko ya eemba** [soko ya eembâ] *np.* grain of maize. *punje ya mahindi. Pl: soko ta meemba.*
- sokosoko** [sokósóko] *n.* green gram. *choroko. Pl: sokosoko.*
- sola** [i-solâ] v. mistreat, illtreat. *nyanyasa.*
- soma** [i-sómâ] v. read. *soma.*

somwa

- somwa** [í-sómwâ] v. pull out from a bundle, remove from sheath. *chopoa, futa, chomoa.*
- son**₁ [son] *adv.* in a hurry. *haraka. enda son nenda haraka Variant: swan.*
- son**₂ [són] *n.* shame, modesty, bashfulness. *haya, izara, soni. Pl: son.*
- songobhisi** [-songóbhísi] *adj.* open, amiable, pleasant. *kunjufu. nghima nsongbhisi* open heart *moyo mkunjufu*
- songoro** [songóro] *n.* cowry, dice, gravel, pebbles. *kete, kokoto, changarawe. Pl: songoro.*
- songosya** [í-sóngósyâ] v. rehabilitate, fabricate, make, mend, repair, improve. *karabati, tengeneza, fanya kuwa bora.*
- songoya** [í-songóya] v. lead the way, precede. *onyesha njia, tangulia.*
- songoye** [-sóngóyé] *adj.* previous. *-liotangulia.*
- songya** [í-sóngyâ] v. listen attentively. *sikiliza kwa makini.*
- sooko** [sóókô] *n.* lentils, bean. *dengu, harage. Variant: soko. Pl: sooko.*
- soori** [sóóri] *n.* clothes, garments. *nguo, mavazi, kitambaa. soori ya makanda a n'ghi* bark cloth *nguo ya magome ya mti*
- sora** [í-sórâ] v. go to, follow (in order), process, demonstrate, copy, immitate. *endea, andamana, fuasa.*
- sora ibhabhaso** [í-sora ibhabháso] *vp.* obey. *tii amri.*
- sora ngaa** [í-sórá ngáa] *vp.* be influenced by another person's character/behaviour. *iga tabia.*
- sorasora** [í-sórásórâ] v. follow, harrass. *andama.*
- sterya** [stérya] *n.* type of grass grown for cattle feed, elephant grass. *aina ya majani yanayooteshwa kwa ajili ya chakula cha ng'ombe. Pl: sterya.*
- sua** [í-suâ] v. get angry, lose one's

suruma

- temper, hate, detest. *kasirika, hamaki, zira, chukia, ghafilika.*
- subha**₁ [súbhâ] *n.* ram. *kondoo dume. Pl: subha.*
- subha**₂ [í-súbhâ] v. scratch. *kuna.*
- subhana** [súbhána] *n.* female goat. *mbuzi jike. mbughu a subhana mbuzi jike aliyekwishakuzaa Pl: subhana.*
- subu** [subû] *n.* soup, stew, relish. *mchuzi, mboga. Pl: subu.*
- sufurya** [sufuryâ] *n.* aluminium pot. *sufuria. Pl: sufurya.*
- suka**₁ [í-sukâ] v. become insipid / unpleasant, be ashamed/embarrassed. *haribika, ona haya, fedheheka, tahayari. wari ukesuka* the beer is spoilt *pombe imekuwa maji*
- suka**₂ [í-súkâ] v. weave a mat. *suka mkeka.*
- sukari** [súkárî] *n.* sugar. *sukari. Pl: sukari.*
- sukuya** [í-súkúyâ] v. uncover for. *funulia.*
- sukwa** [í-súkwâ] v. uncover. *funua.*
- suma** [í-sumâ] v. dig. *chimba. Variant: fuma.*
- sumbai** [sumbái] *prep.* at the bottom, at a low level. *chini.*
- sumya** [í-súmya] v. dig for/with. *chimbia. [Gram: appl. of suma]*
- sunu** [sunú] *n.* Dikdik, waterbuck, lesser kudu, Thomson's gazelle. *digidigi, tandala-mdogo, swalatomi, kuro. Pl: sunu.*
- sununda** [í-sunúnda] v. inspect, scrutinize, examine, inquire, investigate. *chunguza, dadisi, dodosa.*
- sunya** [í-sunyâ] v. make a whistling sound with the lips to show contempt or disgust. *fyonya, sonya.*
- surukubya** [í-surúkubyâ] v. gulp. *bugia. Usage: derogatory.*
- suruma** [í-súrúmâ] v. cover up, hide, mystify, preserve, protect. *ficha, fumba, hifadhi, tunza.*

surumbuta

- surumbuta** [súrumbúta] *n.* type of spice grass, lemon grass. *mchaichai*.
Variant: surumuta. Pl: surumbuta.
- surumbwa** [í-súrumbwâ] *v.* strip off a cob of maize. *pukuchua*.
- surumuta** [súrúmúta] *n.* type of spice grass, lemon grass. *mchaichai*.
Variant: surumbuta. Pl: surumuta.
- suruwale** [suruwále] *n.* trousers. *suruali*. *Pl: suruwale.*
- suta** [i-sutâ] *v.* discredit, cause to be ashamed, slander, embarrass. *aibisha, adhiri, fedhehesha, tahayarisha*.
- suumu** [súúmu] *n.* poison. *sumu*. *Pl:*

tana

- suumu**.
- suye** [-súyé] *adj.* short-tempered. *-enye hasira kali*.
- swa** [i-swâ] *v.* be sullen, sulk, be annoyed. *nuna, chukia, kasirika, udhika*. *Variant: sua.*
- swan** [swan] *adv.* in a hurry. *haraka*.
Variant: son.
- sya** [i-syâ] *v.* be finished, be written off. *isha, haribika, kwisha kazi*.
- sye** [syê] *n.* debt. *deni*. *Variant: siye, sie. Pl: sye.*
- syo** [syô] *n.* kidney. *figo*. *Pl: syo.*

T - t

- ta shaa** [i-tá shaa] *vp.* feel hungry. *ona njaa*. *Lit: 'sikia njaa'*.
- taa₁** [táá] *n.* heifer. *mtamba, ngo'mbe ambaye hajazaa*. *Pl: taa.*
- taa₂** [i-táa] *v.* pay fine/debt, compensate. *lipa faini, fidia*.
- taa₃** [i-táa] *v.* bleed. *poteza damu*.
- taa₄** [táa] *n.* lamp. *taa*. *Pl: taa.*
- taaghi** [táághi] *n.* area, direction. *eneo, uelekeo, upande*. **taaghi ya woko umuso** left hand side *upande wa mkono wa kushoto* *Pl: taaghi*.
- taaghi ya mbee** [táághi yá mbéé] *np.* fore part of sea vessel. *omo*.
- tabhana** [í-tábhánâ] *v.* play. *cheza*.
- tabhanya** [i-tábhányâ] *v.* play with. *chezea*. [*Gram: appl. of tabhana*]
- tabhanya masaa** [i-tabhanya masáa] *v.* squander. *fuja mali*. *Lit: 'chezea mali'*.
- tafua** [i-táfua] *v.* grab. *nyakua, nyang'anya*.
- tafura₁** [i-tafúra] *v.* marry by force, rape. *oa kwa kutorosha, baka*.
- tafura₂** [i-tafúra] *v.* rob, grab, snatch. *pora*.
- taghanyi** [-tághányí] *adj.* weak, feeble, powerless, emaciated. *kondefu, dhaiifu*. **nndu ntaghanyi** weak person *mtu dhaiifu*
- taghua** [í-tághua] *v.* scratch e.g. with claws. *papura, kwaruza*.
- taiya** [i-táíya] *v.* retaliate. *lipiza kisasi*.
- takua** [i-tákua] *v.* snatch, take by force, grab. *kwapua, nyakua, pora*.
- takughu** [-takúghu] *adj.* troublesome. *-enye fujo*. **nndu ntakughu** troublesome person *mtu mwenye fujo*
- takusu** [-takúsu] *adj.* cheerful, light. *changamfu, epesi*.
- tala** [i-tálá] *v.* kick. *rusha miguu / mateke*.
- tala muu** [i-tálá múu] *v.* expire, pass out, die. *kata roho*. [*Gram: lit. tupa uhai*]
- tamba** [i-tambâ] *v.* come to an end, get stuck. *gota, kwama*.
- tambashwa** [í-támbáshwâ] *v.* solve (problem). *tatua, tanzua*.
- tamua** [i-támua] *v.* take out of the way, take off, remove e.g. a pot from the fire. *epua*.
- tana** [i-tanâ] *v.* create, make, act, do,

tanya

- build, construct. *umba, tengeneza, fanya, tenda, jenga.*
- tana indo** [i-taná índô] v. fulfil, complete. *timiza. Lit: 'fanya hivyo'.*
- tana mbusha** [i-taná mbúshâ] v. get or derive profit or benefit from. *faidi, tengeneza faida.*
- tana ningi** [i-taná níngî] v. rebuild, reconstruct. *jenga upya, fanya tena.*
- tana urango** [i-taná urangó] vp. act in clever manner. *fanya akili.*
- tanya** [i-tánya kisha] v. do, act. *tenda, fanya.*
- tanya kisha** [i-tánya kisha] vp. do good to. *tendea wema, fanyia vizuri.*
- tanya ntambo** [i-tánya ntámbo] vp. bewitch. *loga. [Gram: lit. fanyia maarifa]*
- tanya urango** [i-tánya urangó] vp. trick a person's mind. *zuga, fanyia ujanja.*
- tanyaghi** [-tanyághí] adj. weak, feeble, oppressed. *nyonge. mbughu shitanyaghi mbuzi wanyonge*
- tanyika** [i-tanyíka] v. be done, be practicable. *fanyika. [Gram: stative of tana]*
- tarambwa** [i-tarámbwa] v. open wide. *achama, panua.*
- tarambwa kana** [i-tarámbwa kana] v. open the mouth wide. *achama, panua kinywa.*
- tatala** [i-tatala] v. squander. *tapanya. tatala masaa squander tapanya mali*
- tatarua** [i-tatárúa] v. disorganise. *paraganya.*
- tebha** [i-tebhâ] v. cause. *sababisha. aletebha mwana kalya sumu* he made the child take poison *alimfanya mtoto ale sumu*
- tebhesa** [i-tebhésa] v. hope, anticipate. *tarajia, subiri.*
- tebheta** [i-tebhéta] v. cause.

tira

- sababisha. itebheta ndu eebo kindo* make a person carry something *fanya mtu abebe kitu*
- teesa** [i-teesâ] v. torture, harass. *tesa. Variant: tesa.*
- tefughu** [-téfúghu] adj. extravagant. *badhirifu. ndu ntefughu* extravagant person *mtu mharibifu*
- tegebha** [i-teghébha] v. ask for, beg, pray, seduce. *omba, sali, tongoza.*
- tegebha usaari** [i-teghébha úsáárî] vp. apologize. *omba msamaha.*
- tekyia** [i-tékya] v. protect by charm. *kaga.*
- temira** [i-temíra] v. put pot on the stove or fire. *injika, teleka chungu jikoni.*
- temua** [i-témua] v. take out of the way, take off, remove e.g. a pot from the fire. *epua.*
- terebha** [i-terébha] v. ask for. *omba, lalama. terebha ufoo* ask for mercy *omba amani*
- terua** [i-térúa] v. remove from set position, disturb. *tengua, ondoa kwenye nafasi k.m. mtego, nyumba, kitanda n.k.*
- tesa** [i-tesâ] v. torture, harass. *tesa. Variant: teesa.*
- tetenesi** [téténesi] n. tetanus. *pepopunda.*
- tibu** [i-tibû] v. treat a sick person. *ganga.*
- tikisa** [i-tíkísâ] v. speak well of. *sifu.*
- tingirya** [i-tíngírýâ] v. limp. *chechemea, chopea.*
- ting'wa₁** [i-ting'wâ] v. require, need. *hitaji.*
- ting'wa₂** [i-ting'wâ] v. fear, be afraid. *hofu.*
- ting'wa₃** [tíng'wâ] n. needs. *mahitaji. Pl: ting'wa.*
- tira** [i-tírâ] v. grasp, hold in arms, seize, catch, apprehend, have, possess,

-tiri

own. *chukua mkononi, fumbata, kamata, miliki, shika, kuwa na. itira ndu nka kwa finya shika mwanamke kwa nguvu, baka*

- tira ngurere** [í-tírá ngúrérê] *vp.* rust. *pata kutu.*
- tira ughiyô** [í-tírâ úghíyô] *vp.* be pregnant. *kuwa na mimba.*
- tira weeresi** [i-tira weerési] *v.* be fearful. *pata woga.*
- tiri** [-tírí] *adj.* having, possessing. *-enye.*
- tiri finya** [-tirí fínyâ] *adj.* firm, solid, robust, stable. *imara.*
- tiri nghima** [-tiri nghimâ] *adj.* generous. *karimu.*
- tiri ngoo** [-tiri ngóo] *adj.* with impatient ambition. *enye usongo, hasira.*
- tiri ngumyo** [-tiri ngúmyô] *adj.* lukewarm. *fufutende, enye joto joto.*
- tiri son** [-tiri són] *adj.* shy. *-enye haya.*
- tirwa** [i-tirwa] *v.*
- tirwa ni fyoobha** [i-tirwa ni fyóobha] *vp.* feel sad/unhappy. *huzunika. Lit: 'shikwa na huzuni'.*
- tirwa ni ghwe** [i-tirwa ni ghwé] *vp.* feel sleepy. *ona usingizi. Lit: 'shikwa na usingizi'.*
- tirwa ni ikwaa** [i-tirwa ni ikwáa] *vp.* catch a cold. *pata mafua.*
- tirwa ni nyugha** [i-tirwa ni nyúghâ] *vp.* be thirsty, thirst. *kuwa na kiu.*
- tirwa ni unyafi** [i-tirwa ní únyafí] *v.* take offence. *chukizwa, kasirika. [Gram: lit. shikwa na chuki]*
- tokopa** [i-tokópa] *v.* clean. *takasa, safisha.*
- tokopa ndu** [i-tokópâ n'ndu] *vp.* adorn someone. *pamba mtu.*
- tondo** [-tondó] *adj.* stupid. *-pumbavu.*
- tosa** [i-tosâ] *v.* charge, levy. *toza.*
- tughushuka** [i-tughúshuka] *v.* slip

-tuusi

- through, make an escape. *ponyoka.*
- tughwa** [í-túghwâ] *v.* rub, massage. *sugua, chua.*
- tuka** [í-túkâ] *v.* breakfast. *kufungua kinywa kwa chakula asubuhi kabla ya kazi au safari.*
- tuka mugha** [í-túkâ múghâ] *vp.* rinse the mouth/gargle with water. *sukutua kwa maji.*
- tuka mugha** [í-túkâ múghâ] *vp.* rinse the mouth/gargle with water. *sukutua kwa maji.*
- tuka nri** [i-túkâ nrí] *vp.* gargle with medicine. *sukutua kwa dawa.*
- tula** [i-túla] *v.* fell. *angusha.*
- tumaghisa** [i-tumághisa] *v.* urge, encourage, hasten. *himiza, imarisha, pa moyo.*
- tumwa** [i-túmwa] *v.* strangle. *nyonga.*
- tunda** [í-túndâ] *n.* fruit. *tunda. Pl: matunda.*
- tundughua** [i-túndúghua] *v.* gaze. *kodoa (macho). tundughua miso gaze at kodolea macho*
- tura** [i-turâ] *v.* lack, miss. *kosa.*
- tura finya** [i-turâ fínyâ] *vp.* become weak, lack energy. *kosa nguvu.*
- tura ghwe** [i-tura ghwé] *vp.* lack sleep. *kosa usingizi.*
- tura nsya** [i-turâ nsyâ] *vp.* despair, be despondent. *kosa matumaini.*
- tura wiindi** [i-turâ wííndí] *vp.* disobey, be disrespectful. *kosa utii, kosa adabu.*
- tutu** [tutu] *n.* heel. *kisigino. Pl: tutu.*
- tuughu** [i-túúghu] *v.* trouble, bother, disturb. *ghasi.*
- tuula si** [i-túúla sí] *vp.* throw down. *piga mwereka, angusha chini.*
- tuusa** [i-túúsa] *v.* commit adultery. *zini. Usage: religious.*
- tuushu** [i-túúshu] *v.* avoid, boycott. *zira, susa.*
- tuusi** [-tuusi] *adj.* adulterous.

twika

*asherati. mndu ntuusi adulterer
mwasherati*

twika [twíka] *n.* giraffe. *twiga. Pl:*

ufina

twika.

U - u

ubanga [úbángâ] *n.* bush knife, sword.
panga. Pl: ngibanga.

ubata [ubatá] *n.* ladle, scoop for
drinking. *kata. Pl: mbata.*

ubeere [ubééré] *n.* sloth, sluggishness.
ajizi. Pl: ubeere.

ubhaaghi [úbháaghî] *n.* rib, side,
blood relation, generation. *ubavu,
upande, uzao. Variant: ubhaghi. Pl:
mbaaghi.*

ubhaango [ubháango] *n.* big invitation
(of many people), summons, call.
jaliko, mwito. Pl: ubhango.

ubhaghi [úbhághî] *n.* rib, side,
generation. *ubavu, upande, kizazi.
Variant: ubhaaghi. Pl: mbaghi.*

ubhaghi lwa kitara [ubhaghi lwa
kítará] *np.* side piece of bed.
mfumbati. Pl: mbaghi ta kitara.

ubhambo [ubhambo] *n.* an iron rod.
ufito wa chuma.

ubhambo lwa minya [ubhambo
lwa mínýâ] *np.* an iron rod for
roasting things. *kibaniko. Pl:
mbambo ta minya.*

ubhayo [úbháyô] *n.* footprint of a cat,
dog or lion, sole. *fumba, unyayo. Pl:
ngyayo.*

ubhengu [ubhengú] *n.* spleen. *wengu.
Pl: ubhengu.*

ubhibhi₁ [úbhíbhî] *n.* drizzle.
*manyunyu. Variant: ubhibhita. Pl:
ubhibhi.*

ubhibhi₂ [úbhíbhî] *n.* spider's web.
utando wa buibui. Pl: ubhibhi.

ubhibhita [úbhíbhítâ] *n.* drizzle.
manyunyu. Pl: ubhibhita.

ubhin [ubhín] *adv.* in a hurry. *haraka.*

ubhingi [úbhíngî] *n.* victory. *ushindi.
Pl: ubhingi.*

ubhingo [úbhíngô] *n.* judgement.
hukumu. Pl: ubhingo.

ubhiri₁ [úbhírî] *n.* eagle, falcon, hawk.
*kipanga, kipungu, mwewe. Pl:
ngibhiri.*

ubhiri₂ [ubhirî] *n.* whisk, blending
stick. *kipekecho. Pl: mbiri / ngibhiri.*

ubhya [úbhyâ] *n.* fable. *kigano. Pl:
mbya.*

udede [udedê] *n.* legitimacy, truth.
*uhalali, ukweli. Variant: udeede. Pl:
udede.*

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*uhalali, ukweli. Variant: udede. Pl:
udeede.*

udo [udó] *n.* quietness. *ukimya. Pl: udo.*

udu [udu] *n.* childishness. *utoto. Pl:
udu.*

udwa [udwâ] *n.* bile, gall-bladder.
nyongo, kifuko-nyongo. Pl: udwa.

ufaghi [ufaghî] *n.* kinship. *ukoo, udugu.
Pl: ufaghi.*

ufakyo [ufakyô] *n.* broom. *ufagio. Pl:
ngifakyo.*

ufe [ufê] *n.* birth. *uzazi. Pl: ufe.*

ufi [ufî] *n.* hair, fur. *nywele, manyoya.
Pl: fi.*

ufii [ufíí] *n.* shortness. *ufupi. Pl: ufii.*

ufiishyon [ufííshyón] *n.* final
outcome/solution. *hatima. Pl:
ufiishyon.*

ufikyo [ufíkyó] *n.* shortage. *uhaba. Pl:
ufikyo.*

ufina [ufinâ] *n.* dance used in initiation
ceremony for boys. *mkinda. Pl:
ngyufina.*

ufoo

ufoo [ufóo] *n.* peace, silence, calm, tranquility. *amani, kimya, upole, utulivu. Pl: ufoo.*

ufu [ufú] *n.* death. *kifo. Pl: ufu.*

ufughu [ufughú] *n.* smith's skill. *uhunzi.*

ufundo [ufundó] *n.* confidential and private instructions, e.g. of sex, marriage. *kunga. Pl: ufundo.*

ufundo lwa ughiini [ufundó lwá úghííní] *np.* initiation teachings. *mizungu. Pl: ngifundo ta ughiini.*

ufungo [ufungó] *n.* key. *ufunguo. Pl: ngifungo.*

ufwaa [ufwaa] *n.* feather. *unyoya. mafwaa a nguku* chicken feathers *manyoya ya kuku Variant: ifwaa. Pl: mafwaa.*

ufyaghi [ufyaghí] *n.* generation, offspring, descendant. *kizazi, ukoo. Variant: ufaghi. Pl: ngifyaghi.*

ugha [ughá] *n.* bow. *upinde.*

ughaako [ughááko] *n.* vomit. *matapishi. Pl: ngyughaako.*

ughaato [ughááto] *n.* wind, storm. *upepo, tufani. Pl: ughaato.*

ughabha [ughabhá] *n.* fresh banana leaf. *jani bichi la mgomba. Pl: ghabha.*

ughabhi [ughabhí] *n.* dirt/filth, adultery, fornication. *uchafu, uzinzi. Pl: ughabhi.*

ughafi [ughafi] *n.* type of itching grass. *upupu. Pl: ghafi.*

ugheghi [ugheghí] *n.* manner of speaking. *namna ya kusema.*

ughekwa [ughekwá] *n.* amnesia, forgetfulness. *usahaulifu. Pl: ughekwa.*

ughemi [ughemí] *n.* agriculture. *ukulima. ughemi lwa matuuta kilimo cha matuta*

ughende [ughendé] *n.* leg or foot, step, pace in walking. *mguu, hatua. Pl: maghende.*

ughumbi

ughengu [ughengú] *n.* kind of game. *bao. Pl: ughengu.*

ughesi [ughesí] *n.* mockery, ridicule, jest, joke. *dihaka, masihara, mzaha, utani. Pl: ughesi.*

ughesi [úghésí] *n.* rooster's crest. *upanga wa jogoo. Pl: ngighesi.*

ughiiti [ughíítí] *n.* arrogance, conceit. *kiburi. Pl: ughiiti.*

ughingi [úghíngí] *n.* protection (e.g. against evil). *kinga. Pl: ughingi.*

ughini [ughiní] *n.* initiation, male circumcision ceremony. *jando. Pl: ughini.*

ughinyon [ughínyón] *n.* initiation camp. *kumbi. Pl: jandoni.*

ughiyo [úghíyô] *n.* pregnancy, fetus. *mimba. ughiyo lwa lyamarika / ughiyo lwa ndu aléekééee mmii* aborted fetus / being pregnant by a person who is not the husband *mimba iliyoharibika / mimba ya mtu ambaye si mume*

ughoko [úghókô] *n.* laziness. *uvivu.*

ughoo [úghóo] *n.* weight, state of being pregnant (esp. animals). *uzito, mimba (hasa ya mnyama). Variant: ughiyo.*

ughooogo [ughóóghó] *n.* crown of the head. *utosi. Pl: ngyughoogo.*

ughuka [ughuká] *n.* country, earth, world, land. *taifa, nchi, dunia, nchi kavu. ughuka lulatiri mugha / ughuka lurungucywa ni múugha / ughuka lwáa mbáambáa á a múughâa* land without water / land surrounded by water / coast *nchi isiyona maji / nchi iliyozungukwa na maji / pwani Pl: ngighuka / ngyughuka.*

ughuka lúúuumu [ughuká lúúmû] *n.* desert, wilderness, barren ground. *jangwa, nchi ya ukame. Pl: ngyughuka shuumu.*

ughumbi [úghúmbí] *n.* penis. *mboo, dhakari. ughumbi lulake ughine* uncircumcized penis *mboo ambayo*

ughung'ani

haijatahiriwa Pl: **ngighumbi**.

ughung'ani [ughung'aní] *n.* nonsense, stupidity. *upumbavu, ujinga*. Pl: **ughung'ani**.

ughungo [ughungô] *n.* thin poles for roofing, side sticks. *ndakaka, fito za kushika udongo au majani*. Pl: **ghungo**.

ughuu₁ [ughúu] *n.* rope, string, cord. *kamba, uzi*. Pl: **ghuu**.

ughuu₂ [ughúu] *n.* afterbirth. *kondo-ya-nyuma (hasa ya mnyama)*. Pl: **ghuu**.

uiya [uiya] *n.* freshness, newness. *upya*. Pl: **uiya**.

uka [i-ukâ] *v.* return, leave. *toka, rudi*. **uka mashoren rejea kutoka kazini**

ukaaghi [ukáághí] *n.* courage. *ujasiri*. Pl: **ukaaghi**.

ukari [ukarí] *n.* maize or cassava meal. *ugali*. Usage: plural is pejorative. Pl: **ngari**.

ukari lwa mwooko [ukarí lwá mwóókô] *n.* ugali from cassava flour. *bada*. Pl: **ngari ta mwooko / myóóookôo**.

ukasha [ukasha] *n.* misdeed, error, fault, mistake. *kosa*. Pl: **makasha**.

ukashu [ukashú] *n.* acidity, sourness. *ukakasi, uchachu*. Pl: **ukashu**.

uki [ukî] *n.* honey, nectar. *asali*. Pl: **uki**.

ukibha [ukibhá] *n.* evil, disaster, calamity, mourning, sorrow, grief, torture, bereavement. *baa, janga, kilio, majonzi, mateso, msiba*. Pl: **ukibha**.

ukiro [ukirô] *n.* salvation. *ukombozi*. Usage: esp. for religious use. *matumizi ya kidini hasa*.

ukobha [ukobhá] *n.* lightning, rainbow. *mwanga wa radi, upinde wa mvua*. Pl: **ngikobha**.

ukokua [ukókua] *n.* elbow. *kiwiko, kisugudi*. Pl: **ngokua / ngikokua**.

ukoo [ukoó] *n.* teenage. *ujana*.

ulafu

ukoro [ukorô] *n.* snuff. *ugoro*. Pl: **ngikoro**.

ukou [ukoú] *n.* yesterday. *jana*. Variant: **ukwau**. Pl: **ukou**.

uku [ukú] *n.* old age. *uzee*. Pl: **uku**.

ukunang'ari [ukunáng'ári] *n.* pretext, excuse. *kisingizio*. Pl: **ukunng'ari**.

ukundi [ukundí] *n.* love, liking. *upendo*. Pl: **ukundi**.

ukushobi [ukushóbî] *n.* vanity, boasting, pomp, bragging, conceit. *majisifu, majivuno, maringo, mbwembwe*. Variant: **ukushombi**. Pl: **ukushobi**.

ukushombi [ukushómbî] *n.* vanity, boasting, pomp, bragging, conceit. *majisifu, majivuno, maringo, mbwembwe*. Pl: **ukushombi**.

ukwa [i-ukwâ] *v.* be crazy. *fanya wazimu*.

ukwale [ukwalé] *n.* insanity, madness. *wazimu, kichaa*. Pl: **ukwale**.

ukwau [ukwaú] *n.* yesterday. *jana*. Variant: **ukou**. Pl: **ukwa**.

ukwe [ukwé] *n.* betrothal ceremony for delivering and receiving dowry. *pamvu, safari ya ukweni kwa ajili ya kutoa mahari*. Pl: **ukwe**.

ukwi [ukwí] *n.* fire wood. *ukuni*. Pl: **ngwi**.

ukya [úkyâ] *prep.* since. *kuanzia*.

ula [úlâ] *n.* entrails. *matumbo*. Pl: **maala**.

ulaalu [uláálú] *adv n.* now. *sasa*. **kitabhanu kya ulaalu** modern game *mchezo wa kisasa*

ulabhi [ulabhí] *n.* type of banana dish consisting of a mixture of bananas, meat, and milk. *uji mchanganyiko wa ndizi na nyama*. Pl: **ulabhi**.

ulafu [úláfû] *n.* body odour, stench, underarm odour. *kijusi, harufu mbaya, uvundo, kikwapa, kutuzi*. **ulafu lwa ikekele** underarm smell *harufu ya*

ulana*kwapa***ulana** [ulánâ] land, earth, world. *ardhi, dunia, ulimwengu. Pl: ulana.***ulembi** [ulembî] *n.* deceit. *udanganyifu.***ulemwa** [ulemwa] *n.* physical disability. *ulemavu. ulemwa lwa miso kio ulemavu wa macho usiku, kiwe***uluko** [úlúkô] *n.* scoop, ladle. *upawa. Pl: ngiluko.***ulumi** [ulumî] *n.* tongue. *ulimi. Pl: ngyulumi.***ulya** [úlyâ] *n.* pot belly. *kitambi. Pl: ngilya.***ulyamari** [ulyámârî] *n.* sin, harm, damage, destruction. *dhambi, dhara, uharibifu. Pl: ngyulyamari.***uma**₁ [i-umâ] *v.* lose consciousness, faint. *poteza fahamu, zimia.***uma**₂ [i-umâ] *v.* harden, dry up. *kuwa gumu, kauka.***umaale** [umáálé] *n.* effort, initiative. *juhudi, bidii, jitihada. Pl: ngyumaale.***umando** [úmándô] *n.* limit (in power). *kikomo.***umandony** [umandóny] *n.* in the end. *mwishowe. Pl: umandony.***umangi** [umangí] *n.* kingdom, reign. *eneo/ kipindi cha utawala. Pl: umangi.***umasi** [úmásî] *n.* wisdom, wealth. *busara, utajiri. Pl: umasi.***umbi** [umbí] *n.* millet. *uwele, ulezi.***umbiighi** [umbíighi] *n.* staff, stick. *fimbo. Pl: mbiighi.***umbuta** [i-úmbútâ] *v.* dismiss, expel. *fukuza.***umbuya** [umbuyá] *n.* friendship. *urafiki. Pl: umbuya.***umbya** [i-úmbya] *v.* heap up something. *lundika.***-ume** [-úmé] *adj.* barren (land), dry. *kame, -liokauka. si yume / ume na mwi ardhi kavu / iliyokaushwa na jua Variant: -umye, -umu.***unywa****umini** [uminî] *n.* scorn, contempt. *dharau. Pl: umini.***umisa** [i-umísa] *vt.* dry up. *kausha. umisa na mwi kausha kwa jua [Gram: caus. of uma]***ummba** [ummbá] *n.* matrimony. *ndoa, unyumba.***-umu** [-úmú] *adj.* barren (land), dry. *kame, -liokauka. Variant: -ume, -umye.***umumba** [i-umúmba] *v.* knead or mould e.g. clay. *finyanga.***umwi** [umwî] *n.* unity, union. *muungano, umoja.***-umye** [-úmyé] *adj.* barren (land), dry. *kame, -liokauka. Variant: -ume, -umu.***undukana** [undukaná] *n.* east-coast fever (cattle). *ndigana. Pl: undukana.***undwa** [i-úndwa] *v.* change, alter, turn over. *geuza, badilisha.***ung'anisa** [i-úng'ánísâ] *v.* trouble, bother, disturb. *ghasi.***ungwegha** [úngwéghâ] *n.* poverty. *umaskini. Pl: ungewgha.***ungyala** [ungyalâ] *n.* nail, talon, claw. *ukucha. Variant: wala /uala. Pl: ngyala.***uniini**₁ [unííni] *n.* title, rank, office, bigness in size. *ukubwa wa cheo au umbo. Pl: uniini.***uniini**₂ [úníínî] *n.* theft. *wizi. Variant: unyiinyi. Pl: uniini.***unndu** [únndû] *n.* virtue. *utu. Pl: unndu.***unun** [unún] *n.* south. *kusini. Lit: 'chini'.***unyaasi** [unyáási] *n.* fierceness, severity. *ukali. Pl: unyaasi.***unyafi** [unyafí] *n.* hatred, rage, anger. *chuki, hasira, hamaki. Pl: ngyunyafi.***unyanga** [unyangá] *n.* voice, sound, cry, shout. *sauti, kelele, mlio. Pl: ngyunyanga.***unyiinyi** [únyíínyî] *n.* theft. *wizi. Variant: uniini. Pl: unyiinyi.***unywa** [unywa] *n.* smallness. *udogo. Pl:*

ura**unywa.****ura** [i-urâ] *v.* ask (question). *uliza.***uraawe** [urááwé] *n.* episode, event, narrative, myth, riddle, story. *kitendawili, kisa, hadithi, hekaya. Pl: ngyuraawe.***uramba** [urambá] *n.* procedures. *taratibu. uramba lwa walyi taratibu za ndoa***urango** [urangó] *n.* slyness, trickery, deceit, intelligence, knowledge, cleverness. *hila, akili, maarifa, ujanja. Pl: ngyurango.***ureema** [ureemá] *n.* type of grass that folds up when touched. *aina ya majani ambayo hujikunyata yakiguswa. Pl: ureema.***urere** [ureré] *n.* rumour, lie. *uongo, umbeya, unafiki.***uresi** [úrési] *n.* cock's crest. *upanga wa jogoo. Pl: ngiresi.***ureto** [uréto] *n.* wreath. *shada. Pl: ngireto.***uringi** [uringi] *n.* antagonism, discord, mischief, betrayal. *fitina, usaliti. Pl: uringi.***urongo** [urongó] *n.* brain. *ubongo. Pl: urongo.***uroo**₁ [úróo] *n.* throat, gullet. *koromeo. Pl: ngyuroo.***uroo**₂ [úróo] *np.* bee sting. *mwiba nyuki. Pl: ngyuroo.***urubhi** [urúbhi] *n.* sheep that is yet to produce young. *kondoo ambaye hajazaa. Pl: ngyurubhi.***urundi** [urundí] *n.* service. *utumishi, huduma. Pl: urundi.***usa** [usa] *n.* pus. *usaha. Variant: usya (Siha, Ng'uni). Pl: usa.***usaaghi** [usáághí] *n.* mercy, pity, sympathy, trustworthiness. *huruma, uaminifu. Pl: usaaghi.***usaale** [usáálé] *n.* green mamba. *hongo. Pl: ngyusaale.***usaare** [usááaré] *n.* chat, small talk,**usongobhisi**story, conversation, idle chatter. *gumzo, hadithi, maongezi, porojo, sogu. Pl: usaare.***usabhi** [usabhí] *n.* witchcraft, magic. *dunga, uchawi, ulozi. Pl: usabhi.***usaka** [usaká] *n.* weed. *gugu. Pl: ngyusaka.***usangusangu** [usangusangú] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani. Pl: usangusangu.***usao** [usaô] *n.* blood for soup. *damu ya kisisio. Pl: usao.***usarabhilyi** [usarábhílyí] *n.* measles. *surua. Variant: usasabhilyi. Pl: usarabhilyi.***usari** [úsári] *n.* forgiveness. *msamaha. Pl: usari.***usasabhilyi** [usasábhílyí] *n.* measles. *surua. Variant: usarabhilyi. Pl: usasabhilyi.***usau** [usáú] *n.* termite hill. *kichuguu cha mchwa. Pl: ngyusau.***useri** [userí] *n.* fresh milk. *maziwa mabichi. Pl: useri.***usha** [ushá] *n.* pride, quality, beauty. *fahari, ubora, uzuri. Pl: usha.***ushinga** [ushingá] *n.* slavery. *utumwa. Pl: ushingá.***ushughu** [ushughú] *n.* levy, tax, rent. *kodi, ada. See: ushuru (Swahili). Pl: ushughu.***usinga** [usingá] *n.* kind of charm set to harm an enemy. *aina ya hirizi ambayo adui hutegeshewa ili airuke na kudhurika. Pl: usinga.***usisighyo** [usisíghyo] *n.* patience. *uvumilivu. Pl: usisighyo.***usoka** [usoká] *n.* spring of water. *chemchemi. Pl: ngisoka.***usokyi** [usokyí] *n.* pillage. *uporaji. Pl: usokyi. [Gram: from soka (cf: English: soccer)]***usonga** [úsóngá] *n.* prostitution. *umalaya. Pl: usonga.***usongobhisi**₁ [usongóbhísí] *n.*

usongobhisi

- meanness of spirit. *inda*. *Pl: usongobhisi*.
- usongobhisi**₂ [usongóbhísí] *n.* exactness, perfection. *hali ya kuwa sawa sawa, utimilifu*. *Pl: usongobhisi*.
- usongoghu** [usóngóghû] *n.* leadership. *uongozi*. *Pl: usongoghu*.
- usu** [usú] *n.* dagger, short sword, knife. *sime*. *Pl: ngisu*.
- usumu** [usumu] *n.* type of grass. *aina ya majani*. *Pl: usumu*.
- usuri** [usúrí] *n.* affluence, wealth, glory. *ukwasi, utajiri, utukufu*. *Pl: usuri*.
- ususu** [úsúsû] *n.* weasel. *kicheche*. *Pl: ngyususu*.
- usutu** [usutú] *n.* shame, modesty, bashfulness, disgrace. *haya, aibu, fedheha*. *Pl: usutu*.
- usya** [usyá] *n.* pus. *usaha*. *Pl: usya*.
- uta**₁ [i-utâ] *v.* settle a fight/dispute, intervene. *amua, ingilia kati*. **uta mumuyo nkasha** exorcise an evil spirit *punga shetani*
- uta**₂ [i-utá] *v.* give out. *toa (fedha, nywele, n.k.)*.
- muuta ighegho** [muutá igheghô] *np.* speaker. *msemaji*. *Pl: bhoota ighegho*. [*Gram: mtoa neno*]
- muuta shonyi** [muutá shonyí] *np.* one who flays animals. *mchunaji*. *Pl: bhoota shonyi*.
- uta fii** [i-utá fii] *v.* shave, cut hair. *nyoa*.
- utafo kofya** [i-utáfó kófyâ] *vp.* take off cap. *vua kofia*.
- uta ibheen** [i-utá ibheen] *v.* wean. *achisha ziwa*.
- uta ikwaa** [i-utá ikwáa] *v.* cough. *kohoa*. [*Gram: lit. toa kohozi*]
- uta nsu** [i-utá nsû] *v.* give out smoke. *fuka moshi*.
- uta nyura** [i-utá nyúrâ] *vp.* quench one's thirst. *kata kiu*.
- uta shonyi** [i-utá shonyí] *vp.*

uungo

- peel off skin, skin with a knife. *kemba,, chuna kwa kisu*.
- uta ubhingo** [i-utá ubhingo] *vp.* judge. *hukumu*.
- uta ubhingo** [i-utá ubhingo] *vp.* judge. *hukumu*.
- utau** [i-utáu] *v.* detach, remove. *bandua*.
- utau kibarwe** [i-utáu kibarwe] *vp.* take a bit, break a piece off. *mega*. *Lit: 'toapo kipande piece'*.
- uteeghi** [utééghí] *n.* soil, earth. *udongo, ardhi*. *Pl: ngiteeghi, teeghi*.
- utokopi** [utokópí] *n.* smartness, neatness. *utanashati, hali ya kujiweka safi*. *Pl: utokopi*.
- utore** [útórê] *n.* decoration, adornment, orderliness, care. *pambo, mpangilio, uangalifu*. *Pl: utore*.
- utumbo** [utúmbô] *n.* intestine. *utumbo*. *Pl: ngitumbo, ngyutumbo*.
- uturi** [uturî] *n.* shortfall, shortcoming. *upungufu*. *Pl: uturi*.
- utuusi** [utúúsi] *n.* adultery. *uasherati*. *Pl: utuusi*.
- uu** [-úu] *adj.* black. *-eusi*. **kitabu kyuu** black book *kitabu cheusi*
- uughu** [uughú] *n.* price. *bei*. *Pl: uughu*.
- uuka** [i-uuka] *v.* return. *rejea*.
- uuka oren** [i-uuka órén] *vp.* return from grazing. *kurejea kutoka machungani*.
- uumba** [i-uumbâ] *v.* mould, create. *finyanga, umba, create*.
- uumba** [uumbâ] *n.* infertility. *ugumba, utasa*.
- uumu** [-uumû] *adj.* severe, strict, hard, dry, difficult. *kali, gumu, kavu*. **mila shuumu / isomo lyuumu** strict customs / difficult lesson *mila ngumu / somo gumu*
- uumu kalasu** [-uumú kalasu] hard and dry, stiff. *kavu na gumu, kakamavu*. [*Gram: ideophone*]
- uungo** [úúngô] *n.* winnowing tray. *ungo*.

uura*Pl: ngyuungo.***uura** [i-úúrâ] *v.* purchase. *nunua.***uwaanga** [úwáángâ] *n.* therapy, treatment. *tiba.* *Variant: waanga.* *Pl: uwaanga.***uwe**₁ [uwe] *n.* large potsherd for drying / roasting popcorn, tobacco, coffee, etc.**weeki***kigae cha chungu kikubwa kwa ajili ya kukaangia / kukaushia bisi, tumbaku, kahawa, n.k. Pl: uwe.***uwe**₂ [uwe] *prep adj n.* above, on, over, high, top. *juu.***uya** [i-uyâ] *v.* return, come back. *rudi.***W - w****wa** [i-wâ] *v.* drop, fall. *dondoka, anguka.***waa**₁ [i-wáa] *v.* put to death, kill. *fisha, ua.***waa mogho** [i-wáá móghô] *vp.* extinguish fire/light. *zima moto / taa.***iwa taa** switch off light *zima taa***wa na mungo** [i-wa na mungo] *vp.* fall on one's back. *anguka chali.* *Lit: 'anguka na mgongo'.***waa**₂ [wáa] *n.* fairness of skin complexion. *weupe wa ngozi, rangi ya maji ya kunde. mwaa peru / pya (Machame) mweupe pee***waabhi** [waabhí] *n.* share. *mgao.* *Pl: waabhi.***waafu**₁ [waaafú] *n.* greed for food. *choyo ya chakula.***waafu**₂ [wááfu] *n.* net. *wavu.* *Pl: ngyaafu.***waallyo** [wááallyô] *n.* carefulness. *uangalifu.* *Pl: waallyo.***waanga** [wáángâ] *n.* amulet, charm, talisman. *talasimu, hirizi, uganga.* *See: mwaanga. Variant: uwaanga. Pl: waanga.***waare** [wáárê] *n.* excreta of person with diarrhea. *kinyesi cha mtu anayeharisha.* *Variant: ware. Pl: waare.***waasha** [waashá] *n.* distance, length, height. *umbali, urefu, kimo.* *Pl: waasha.***waaya** [wááya] *n.* wire. *waya.* *Pl:***ngyaaya.****wagha** [i-waghâ] *v.* seize, catch. *kamata.***wagha mmbwa** [i-waghá mmbwa] *vp.* sneeze. *piga chafya.* [*Gram: lit. kamata pua*]**wagha nghe** [i-wághá n'ghe] *vp.* catch grasshoppers. *kamata panzi.***waghi** [wághî] *n.* beer, local brew. *pombe, mbege.* *Usage: general for alcoholic beverages but not spirits. Pl: waghi.***waghi nnyaasi** [waghi nnyáási] *np.* hard liquor. *pombe kali.***waghi ubhabha** [waghi ubhábhâ] *np.* sour beer. *pombe chungu.***waghi ughola** [waghi ughólâ] *np.* sweet beer. *pombe tamu.***waghya** [i-wághya] *vp.***waghya nisha** [i-wághya nishá] *vp.* do someone a favour, be kind to. *fanya hisani, poka vizuri.***wala** [walâ] *n.* nail, talon, claw. *kikwaru, ukucha wa mtu au mnyama.* *Variant: ungyala, uala. Pl: ngyala.***walyi** [walýi] *n.* wedding. *harusi. Pl: walyi.***ware** [wárê] *n.* excreta of person with diarrhea. *kinyesi cha mtu anayeharisha.* *Variant: waare. Pl: ware.***we** [wé] *pro. s/he. yeye.***weeki** [wéékî] *n.* aid, help. *msaada. Pl: weeki.*

weele

- weele**₁ [weelé] *n.* a shout, scream, cry e.g. for help. *yowe*. *Pl:* **weele**.
- weele**₂ [weelé] *n.* holiness. *utakatifu*. *Pl:* **weele**.
- weesi** [wéési] *n.* payment, salary, income. *malipo, mshahara, mapato*. *Pl:* **weesi**.
- welwa** [wélwâ] *n.* whiteness. *weupe*. **mwelwa firu (Siha, Ng'uni, Masama)** very white *mweupe pee* *Pl:* **welwa**.
- wembe**₁ [wémbe] *n.* razor blade. *wembe*. *Pl:* **ngyembe**.
- wembe**₂ [wémbé] *n.* horn of animal, bugle. *pembe, mbiu*. *Pl:* **mbembe**.
- wende** [wéndé] *n.* wonder, miracle. *ajabu, muujiza*. *Pl:* **wende**.
- weni** [wéní] *pro.* themselves. *wenyewe*. *Variant:* **bheni**.
- werei** [weréi] *n.* fear, apprehension, fright, cowardice. *hofu, woga*. *Pl:* **werei**.
- wiidimi** [wiidími] *n.* ability. *uwezo*. *Pl:* **wiidimi**.
- wiindi** [wíindí] *n.* honour, respect, dignity. *heshima, adabu*. *Pl:* **wiindi**.
- wiitanu** [wiitánu] *n.* cooperation. *ushirikiano, usikilizano*. *Pl:* **wiitanu**.
- winani** [winaní] *n.* equality. *usawa*. *Pl:* **winani**.
- wingi** [wíngi] *n.* abundance, plenty. *wingi*. *Pl:* **wingi**.
- wo**₁ [wó] *pro.* they, them. *wao*.
- wo**₂ [wô] *det.* per, each, every. *kila*.
- wo nkonu** [wó nkonû] *np.* daily, always. *kila siku*.
- woe** [woe] *n.* large potsherd for drying / roasting popcorn, tobacco, coffee, etc. *kigae cha chungu kikubwa kwa ajili ya kukaangia / kukaushia bisi, tumbaku, kahawa, n.k.* *Pl:* **woe**.
- woko** [wokô] *n.* arm, hand. *mkono*. *Pl:* **maako**.
- woko umiso** [wókó umisó] *np.* left-hand. *mkono wa kushoto*. *Pl:*

wuya

- maako mamiso**.
- woko usha** [wókó ushá] *np.* right-hand. *mkono wa kulia*. *Pl:* **maako masha**.
- wolowolo** [wolowolo] *adv.* slack. *kilegevu*. **nndu akee wolowolo** person with a slack disposition *mtu aliyekaa kilegevu*
- wombe** [wómbé] *n.* loud public announcement. *kibirikizi, mbiu*. *Pl:* **mbembe**. [*Gram:* cf. *wembe* (Swahili)]
- wona** [i-wonâ] *v.* bear child, give birth. *zaa*. *Usage:* polite usage. *Variant:* **iona**.
- wona mbusha** [i-wonâ mbúshâ] *v.* get or derive pleasure or enjoyment from. *faidi*.
- wonika ningi** [i-woníka ningí] *vp.* be reborn. *zaliwa upya / tena*.
- wonnya** [i-wónnya] *v.* oppress. *onea*.
- wooghu** [wooghú] *n.* loneliness, isolation. *upweke*. *Pl:* **wooghu**.
- woye** [wóyê] *n.* scabies. *ukurutu, upele*. *Variant:* **uoye**. *Pl:* **woye**.
- woyi** [woyî] *n.* slap. *kofi*. *Pl:* **ngyoyi**.
- wugha** [i-wúgha] *v.* be full. *shiba*.
- wughisa** [i-wúghisa] *v.* satiate. *shibisha*. [*Gram:* caus.]
- wuiya** [i-wúiya] *v.* do again, recur. *rudia, chamka, radidi*. **wuiyawuiya maghegho** repeat words *kariri, rudiarudia maneno*
- wuiya** [i-wúiya] *v.* present charges / accusations. *shitaki kwa, pelekea shitaka*.
- wutisa** [i-wútisa] *v.* satiate. *shibisha*. *Variant:* **wughisa**.
- wuu** [wúu] *n.* blackness. *weusi*. *Pl:* **wuu**.
- wuumu** [wuumû] *n.* hardness, state of being dry, stinginess. *ugumu, ukame, unyimi*. *Pl:* **wuumu**.
- wuya** [i-wuyâ] *v.* go back, return. *rejea*.

Y - y

- ya** [i-yá] v. become cooked / hot, burn. *iva, pata moto, ungua.*
- yaabha** [í-yáábhâ] v. divide, distribute, split. *gawa, gawanya.*
- yaabhya** [í-yáábhyâ] v. allocate, distribute. *gawia.*
- yaafi** [yaafí] n. faeces, excrement, dung. *mavi. Pl: maafi.*
- yaaghe** [yaaghe] n. saliva, spittle. *mate. Usage: singular is rare. Pl: maaghe.*
- yaaghu** [yáághû] n. wing. *bawa. Pl: maaghu.*
- yaaghwí** [yaaghwí] n. ear. *sikio. Pl: maaghwí.*
- yaambya** [i-yáámbya] v. daub. *siriba.*
- yaambya** [í-yáámbyâ] v. go to meet visitor. *enda kupokea mgeni.*
- yaanga** [yaangá] n. cracks in feet or dry earth. *ufa katika miguu au ardhi kavu, nyungunyungu. Variant: yanga. Pl: maanga.*
- yaangashi** [yáángáshî] n. palm-tree. *mkindu. Pl: mangashi, yangashi.*
- yaanghi** [yaanghî] n. ewe. *kondoo jike. Pl: maanghi.*
- yaaraki** [yaaráki] beans. *maharage. Pl: maaraki.*
- yaiya** [i-yáíya] v. sweep. *fagia. Variant: iya, aiya.*
- yanga** [yangá] n. ulcerous cracks or sores on feet. *nyungunyungu. Pl: manga.*
- yangashi** [yángáshî] n. palm-tree. *mkindu. Pl: mangashi.*
- yaya** [i-yayâ] v. scrape off burnt part. *parua kitu kilichookwa. Variant: iaya.*
- yee** [yeé] adv. yes. *ndiyo.*
- yeebha** [yéébhâ] n. shoulder blade. *kombe la mkono, bega. Pl: meebha.*
- yeemba** [yeembâ] n. maize plant / cob. *mhindi. Pl: meemba.*
- yeiyo** [yéíyo] n. grandmother. *bibi. Usage: archaic. neno la kale. Pl: bhayeiyoy.*
- yekena** [yekéna] n. arithmetic, account. *hesabu. Pl: meekena.*
- yen** [yén] pro. I, me / us. *mimi / sisi. Pl: ise.*
- yeyee** [yeyéé] intj. that's it! *ewaa!*
- yoghia₁** [yóghía] n. saliva that dries on lips during sleep. *mate au udenda ukaukiao midomoni mtu awapo usingizini. Pl: mwoghia / moghia.*
- yoghia₂** [yóghía] n. vision, dream. *njozi, ndoto. Pl: mwoghia / moghia.*
- yoo kweni** [yóó kweni] adv. on the spot, right there and then. *hapohapo.*
- yooche** [yooghê] boil. *jipu. Variant: iyoghe, yuoghe. Pl: mooghe.*
- yuoghe** [yuoghê] n. boil. *jipu. Variant: yooche. Pl: mwooghe.*
- yuumba** [yuumbâ] n. form, shape. *umbo. Pl: myuumba.*
- yuundu** [yuundú] n. cheek bone. *kitefute. Pl: myuundu.*