

Organised Phonology Data

Moikodi (Moixodi, Doriri) Language [DOI] Oro Province

Trans New Guinea Phylum; *Central and Southeastern Stock; Yareban Family*

Population census: 600 (1981)

Major villages: Moikodi, Ariari, Bubudi, Liamu, Maioki, Bedira

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Phonemic and Orthographic Inventory

ɑ b d e f g i k m n o r s u w j
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Consonants

	Bilab	LabDen	Dental	Alveo	Postalv	Retro	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyn	Glottal
Plosive	b		d					k g			
Nasal	m		n								
Trill			r								
Tap/Flap											
Fricative		f		s							
Lateral Fricative											
Approx							j				
Lateral Approx											
Ejective Stop											
Implos											

/w/ voiced labial-velar approximant

b	bana	'talk'		d	daaba	'path'
	ibo	'nose'			adua	'water'
m	meana	'tongue'		n	nio	'tooth'
	buma	'drum'			ana	'tree'
f	fuya naku	'short'		r		
	yafawere	'long'			aru	'fat'
w	wana	'arm'		s	sisu	'breast'
	owa	'dog'			isaki	'he eats'

g	goso	'cloud'	j	yauraki	'he sits'
	gugu	'boiling'		faya	'neck'
x	kuku	'stick'			
	wake	'mouth'			

Vowels

i		u			
e		o			
		ɑ			
i	iba	'because'	ɑ	amae	'mother'
	gasira	'bird'		kaka	'brother'
	anaxi	'he walks'		mina	'taro'
	arie	'sad'		naa	'vine'
e	eba	'hle'	ei		
	daiwere	'big'			
	eme	'man'	eu	keuwere	'many'
	abeabe	'how many'			
u	uba	'liver'	oi	kokoi	'green'
	ifuru	'ashes'			
	sisu	'breast'	ou	dofou	'wet'
	adua	'water'			
o	ome	'ear'	ɑi	demudai	'one'
	goso	'cloud'			
	beforo	'forehead'	ɑu	bauwaka	'old (man)'
	oora	'house'			
/ei/		/eu/			
/ɑi/		/ɑu/			
/oi/		/ou/			

Suprasegmentals (tone, stress, length)

Syllable Patterns

Conventions: Phonological

Contiguous vowels are usually separated by a glottal stop which is not written : *aaruma* [ɑʔaruma] 'boy'.

Conventions: Orthographic

The glottal plosive occurring between two similar vowels is not written: *aaraki* [ɑʔaraxi] 'he comes'.

This orthography is tentative .

Transcription of a recorded passage

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noi odo na goiro ibada amae babaeini nanu nabuenakujaiini dobaro anoike uruna raorao munoike owere anada nanu noi nabuenakuma wewori kaka gasirabake anefena weworiro nono amaema wewori ane awa gasirabake weworiro anoike ferema noi gasira erorike wewori || nama gebiroma uroero ferema mune wouroriro enarebe moikodimina noi gasira erorike weworiro gebiroma nono uruero moik odimina mune wouroriro goiro ane marakoike ena gasira ubuke isoike wewoi amaejo wewoiro amae wo wewori || emama wewoi uwadeije kaka gasira ure makakiro ubuke isisu wewoiro emanu amaema wewoi iraua weworiro feremai moikodimi emua roro ukoike wewoi uwanu kaka faithful wewoi || wewoi noi kakaku uwa unu me wewoike awoena goiro ibana na arie weada ibiwi sinua goiro /

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One day when I was staying in the village, my mother and father, I and my two little brothers went to the garden house and gathered up some food. We turned around and were coming back when my one little brother said, "Elder brother lets go after some birds." Then mother said, "You two go after birds, " and so we went. We went and Ferema saw a bird and told me, and I killed it with a stone and he went and got it. We were walking along and then Moixodimi saw a bird and told me, and again I killed it with a stone. Moikodimi went and got it and we all went to the village. After we got there, the two little fellows roasted the birds and ate them and said, "Mother" . Mother answered them and they said' "Our elder brother killed some birds and gave them to us and we roasted them and ate them." Their mother answered them and said, "That's good." Then Ferema and Moikodimi were very happy and they said, "Our elder brother Faithful is just the greatest and we don't need any other brothers." And now they are staying in the village of Sinua and are feeling very sad for me.

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