**Impact Interview transcription Family 11**

Interviewee: Cleophas Nyukuri [CN]

Interviewer: Michiel Smits [MS]

Observer: Beata Duda [BD]

Social worker: Geoffrey Ngeywo [GN]

*[Beginning of the interview 27:40 of the video file, 28:12]*

MS: I am going to conduct an interview with you to get to know your new housing situation, which is where we are seated today. You are Nyukuri family, you are living in the village of Sokomjinge and for the purpose of our research you have been given number 11, because you applied as number 11.

This interview is voluntary, will take approximately 1.5 hours and you can stop it at all time. If you have any questions or uncertainties you are welcome to address them during the interview. I have written the questions down and printed them to be precise, the reason I’m doing that is to compare, to make sure that I ask exactly the same questions to the other families that were involved in this project. I am sorry if it feels a little bit impersonal, because I have to read *[from]* the paper, but it’s just to be precise.

Your family has applied for the rural housing studio project, which has helped you to build a new house for your family. By signing the contract you had committed your family to the project and were you able to abandon the project at all time. This project is a part of my research at the Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands that aims at helping rural families to build houses, which would increase the level of self-reliance – the independence from us. Although we have helped you to construct a new house, we intended to make you independent from external labour and help. In this way you would be able to maintain, extend or replicate your house by yourself. This interview is meant to understand how did you build your house, to what extent did you do it yourself, with the help of the community or with hired labour. We are curious if you are more self-reliant with regard to your housing situation after the team has left.

Do you have any questions before we start?

CN: I don’t have any questions.

*Opening questions*

MS: We start with some general opening questions and then we’ll talk about your new house. How do you think the project went?

CN: Hm. I went not bad. But the problem is that when we started this project the problem comes. Because when you that bricks you see very smart *[pointing at the earth pressed blocks made by the team],* but it’s not good to build. Because I need a permanent house, it might take some years, so how we they are made, how they are mixed made me worried.

MS: So the bricks that were introduced by the team you had doubt if they would last long enough?

CN: Yes.

MS: Are you happy with the help you’ve got from Jackson and Maud?

CN: Through the project there is no, any objection. But only that material. That makes me worried.

MS: And were you happy with the team?

CN: Yes.

MS: Could you explain a little bit why?

*[Everybody’s laughing at the short response]*

You had a Kenyan architect, so that was convenient I guess.

CN: The team had some experience to build maybe your own house, they are coming.

MS: Was the project what you have expected?

CN: Hmm… *[Phone call interrupts, Cleophas picks up]*

MS: Lost?

CN: Yeah.

MS: Was the project what you’ve expected?

CN: Hm. I’ve expected to live in a new house, yeah.

MS: So, not really? You expected to have a new house. What other expectations did you have?

CN: My own experience from the project.

MS: And what kind of experience do you mean?

CN: Like now to maybe I need to have another house. Then I can make it myself.

**Question 1&2,** MS: OK. All the next questions are about this house, the new house. Do you have a new house?

CN: Right now? Yes, but it’s not completed.

*[Everybody is laughing]*

**Question 2a,** MS: So you answered two questions at once.

Why isn’t it finished, Cleophas? Why isn’t it finished, in your point of view?

CN: The problem was that I introduced my material. Maybe the team don’t want this material.

MS: OK.

CN: So it makes my project too big.

MS: How much time do you need to finish this house?

CN: From now? It’s only my fundi, who ends the home and bad luck, he’s lost his father.

MS: I’m sorry about that.

CN: Burial was yesterday. So, maybe from this Saturday we will continue.

**Question 2b,** MS: And how many weeks up to roof and finishes? Just estimation.

CN: it can be maybe 2 weeks.

MS: 2 weeks?

CN: 2-3

MS: 2 to 3 weeks.

CN: When all material is ready.

**Question 2c,** MS: Do you have the knowledge/skills to finish it by yourself?

CN: No.

**Question 2c1,** MS: Will you need to hire labour?

CN: Yes.

**Question 2c2,** MS: Will you receive help from the community?

CN: Yes

**Question 2d,** MS: Do you have the means to finish the house? So: materials, money...

CN: Yes.

MS: So, it’s there?

CN: Yes.

**Question 2e,** MS: Are you going to finish the house?

CN: Yes.

*[Everybody laughs]*

**Question 3,** MS: Did you keep your old house?

CN: What?

MS: Did you keep your old house?

CN: Maybe it will be there.

MS: You’ll keep it?

CN: Yeah.

**Question 4,** MS: What is the size of the new house?

CN: the size?

MS: Mhm

CN: When I look on the map, the plan, I don’t have it now.

MS: You don’t know?

CN: No.

**Question 5,** MS: Sawa. How many rooms will the new house have?

CN: 5

MS: And which rooms are there, those 5 rooms? Could you list which rooms they are?

CN: Yeah: store, 2 bedrooms, and one room for my child

MS: And a living room?

CN: This one.

MS: Kitchen?

CN: It’s here.

MS: Outside?

CN: Yeah.

**Question 6,** MS: Sawa. Is the house large enough for your entire family?

CN: Yes.

**Question 7,** MS: How did you finance your house - savings, loans or both?

CN: Loans.

MS: Is it saving or? How did you pay for the house?

CN: Oh, that’s my savings.

**Question 8,** MS: Savings, OK.

What type of the house was built? How would you describe this house?

CN: Permanent.

MS: And if you describe the material, how would you describe the house. So, it’s a permanent house made out of?

CN: Blocks.

**Question 9,** MS: Who decided to build this type of house?

CN: Myself.

**Question 10,** MS: Why?

CN: I need a house that I will use for long.

MS: So durable, lasts long. And that contradicted what the team found?

CN: Team?

MS: Because you said: “I decided to build this house” and you said already that the team had another idea. That material *[pointing at the compressed earth bricks].* And you’ve already said you were afraid it wouldn’t last long. So you decided to build this house, because the team had a less permanent idea on the house?

CN: Yes

**Question 11,** MS: We would like to know what materials you’re going to build this house from. We would like to start from the foundation all the way up to the roof and finishes.

So the foundations, what is it made out of?

CN: Foundation?

MS: Any material that you can list. So from the moment you excavated?

CN: Concrete

MS: Is there any maram that was poured inside?

CN: No.

MS: So, concrete- that’s ballast, cement, sand?

CN: Yes, yes.

MS: Is there any reinforcement?

CN: No.

MS: So on top of this slab? That was the slab right, you started the courses of these stones? *[Pointing at the stone blocks]*

CN: Yes.

MS: So this is cut quarry stone?

CN: Yes.

MS: The mortar, what is it made out of?

CN: Sand with cement

MS: Sawa. Then you have... Is that a half slab?

CN: Half-slab.

MS: And what is it made out of?

CN: Concrete, sand cement.

MS: OK. And on top of that you have dam-line? The plastic?

CN: Yes.

MS: Then you continue the same way with the walls?

CN: Yes.

MS: Is there going to be... On top of the walls, are you going to put up a ring beam, or not?

CN: Concrete beam.

MS: And the roof, what it will be made out of?

CN: Timber

MS: What type of timber? I see lovely trees here...

CN: Blue gum.

MS: So it’s going to last a long time. And what about the roof itself, the finish?

CN: Iron.

MS: Iron sheets. OK. And the doors and the windows? Is it going to be wood or steel?

CN: Steel.

MS: All? Also the inside doors?

CN: Yes.

BD: And the floor?

MS: Sorry. And the floor? What material are you going to make the floor?

CN: The floor concrete. Sand and cement

MS: So the concrete floor slab?

CN: Yes.

MS: Any reinforcement in the floor? Is there going to be any steel?

CN: Just the way fundi will.

MS: OK.

The finishes? Are you going to finish these blocks?

CN: Inside.

MS: Inside, with?

CN: Sand and cement.

**Question 12,** MS: Mortar. Sawa.

Who decided to use these materials?

CN: Myself.

**Question 13,** MS: Why was it decided to use these materials?

CN: Takes long time. For some years.

**Question 14,** MS: OK.

Are those materials locally available? So can you get them in walking distance or you need to transport?

CN: Transport

MS: That count for all? So when you talk about the sand, is it locally available or you need to transport it?

CN: ?

MS: You need to transport it or can you get it here?

CN: Transport.

MS: Cement:

CN: Transport.

MS: Stone.

CN: Transport.

MS: Ballast:

CN: All.

MS: Timber.

CN: Timber we have here.

MS: That the one that you’ve got here, he?

MS: And the irons sheet?

CN: Also needs transport.

MS: And the windows and the doors?

CN: Apart from timber, all things are from Kitale *[a town some 45km away].*

MS: OK. So it’s only the timber that you can get locally.

CN: Yes.

MS: Sawa.

**Question 14a,** BD: Did you have to pay for the materials apart from timber?

CN: Yes.

**Question 16,** MS: We would like to understand how expensive or cheap the materials are. So, we are going to go through the different materials, and you can state if they are very cheap, cheap, affordable, expensive or very expensive in your point of view.

CN: You know there is something expensive – but in short time.

*[Everybody chuckles]*

MS: Yeah, I understand. So, the sand. Where would you list it? Very cheap, cheap, affordable, expensive or very expensive?

CN: Sand?

MS: Sand that you used in mixing the mortar and the concrete.

CN: I will not say it is cheap, because you need transport. There are some payments there.

MS: So is it affordable, expensive or very expensive?

CN: Affordable.

MS: The cement?

CN: Expensive

MS: Ballast?

CN: It’s also expensive.

MS: Stone.

CN: It’s expensive.

MS: Timber?

CN: Not expensive.

MS: The iron sheet?

CN: Very expensive.

BD: And damp proof.

MS: Ah, yeah, the damp proof, the plastic? Very cheap, cheap, affordable...

CN *[interrupts]*: Cheap.

MS: It’s cheap. The iron windows and doors?

Steel, sorry. Steel doors and windows.

CN: It depends on your customer.

*[Chuckles]*

MS: But where would you kind of rate this?

CN: Maybe a lot

MS: I know, that’s why I’m asking.

Do you consider it to be expensive, very expensive, and affordable?

CN: I don’t know *[chuckles]*

MS: It’s up to you, you have to list it – 10 000 shillings, it’s just that we understand...

CN *[interrupting]*: Affordable.

**Question 17,** MS: It’s affordable.

Were you at the construction site every day?

CN: No. There were other times I couldn’t come.

**Question 17a,** MS: Were there other family members at the site every day?

CN: Yes.

MS: Who?

CN: Jacob.

B: Sorry, for the purpose of recording: Who is Jacob?

CN: My son.

**Question 18,** MS: What phases of the building were you directly involved in? Please explain what you did per construction phase? So we will just go through them if you could state what your responsibilities were. So ordering materials, were you involved in that?

CN: Yes.

MS: And how? What were your responsibilities, how would you describe that? What did you do?

We kind of know, but we have to state it for the record. So when it comes to materials, did you order some or did you order all? If you look at...

CN: By now, we used, what was in store. With sand and cement, when you go to another step, then you have to buy next.

MS: But you are responsible for organising that?

CN: Yes

MS: And would you say you were responsible for ordering all the materials?

CN: Yes.

MS: In the foundation, did you build anything in the foundation work? So did you to the excavating, did you do the mixing of the concrete or the pouring of the concrete, laying the blocks?

CN: No.

From the foundation slab?

MS: Yes. Were you involved there?

CN: Yes.

MS: And what did you do?

CN: It was mortar, then stones.

MS: So you were mixing mortar and laying stones?

CN: Yes.

MS: OK. The floor is not in yet, the walls are you building those walls? Are you involved?

CN: Yes.

MS: And what exactly did you do with making the walls?

CN: Stone with mortar.

MS: But did you do this?

BD: Or fundi?

CN: Fundi.

MS: And what about the foundation? Was it fundi or you?

CN: Fundi.

MS: And the slab?

CN: Slab?

MS: Was it fundi or you?

CN: No, Jameson, fundi.

MS: When we talk about the roof – who is going to build the roof?

CN: Also fundi.

MS: And doors and windows?

CN: Hmm, I will cut the timber and then fundi.

MS: And the finishing of the inside? Who’s doing that?

CN: Also fundi.

**Question 19,** MS: Do you think you were involved enough in the project, in building the project?

CN: What?

MS: Do you think you were involved enough; you were here enough, during building of the house?

CN:Yes

**Question 20,** MS: What phases were your family members involved in? So besides you in ordering material, were there any other family member involved in organising materials, or not?

CN: No. Only me. But when *[everything?]* would be here on the side, family will be here assist?

MS: So in the foundation phase was there anybody who assisted of the family?

CN: Yes.

MS: And who was that?

CN: Jacob.

MS: And in the walls?

CN: Also.

**Question 21,** MS: Did you have help from other family, friends or the community?

CN: Yes.

**Question 21a,** MS: Could you explain who helped you?

CN: One.

MS: Any, if you would list the people who helped you, so not the fundis, but community members, friends.

CN: OK. Moses,

MS: Anybody else?

CN: Rogers and Wandemo.

MS: And are they friends? Or community members? How would you describe your relationship?

CN: Moses?

MS: Moses – is he a friend of yours?

CN: Yes.

MS: What about the others? Also friends?

CN: This is my neighbour.

**Question 21b,** MS: What did they help you with? Please list per phase.

CN: Like now, Rodgers helps me to make. *[Pointing at the cement]*

MS: So the mortar and concrete. And Moses?

CN: Moses helps me to assist fundi with the stones and collect water.

What was the third one?

CN: Jacob.

MS: Ahh, that was his surname?

GN: Wandemo.

**Question 21c,** MS: Ahh, sorry. Was it small or substantial help? Was it a small help or do you consider it big help?

CN: Oh, big.

**Question 21c1,** MS: If you look at the people that helped you, were these skilled or unskilled tasks?

CN: By now, these were skilled.

MS: So you consider mixing concrete, mixing mortar, and fetching water skilled or unskilled labour?

CN: Skilled.

MS: That’s skilled labour?

CN: Yes.

**Question 21c2,** MS: Did the team teach the community members new skills?

CN: Yes.

**Question 21c3,** MS: Did the community members help for free or were they compensated? Did you pay them?

CN: Both.

MS: So you’ve got Moses.

CN: That’s free. Rogers and Jacob, they were trying to see then we must have something.

**Question 213a,** MS: And what is this ‘something’?

*[CN is laughing]*

MS: Is it food, or is it some money?

CN: Money.

**Question 21d,** MS: Did you hire any labour for building this house? Did you hire labour? Fundi?

CN: Yes.

**Question 21d1,** MS: Were the workers for all or some of the work?

CN: Fundis?

MS: Yes. If you look at when the house is finished and you look at how many times you hired a fundi.

Would it be for little or for most of the building?

CN: Oh, time we spend here?

MS: Do you consider fundis that are going to build your house small or most of the house?

*[CN still is not answering, GN is translating]*

MS: The amount of time the fundi is here...

CN: Few

**Question 21d2,** MS: Few. Is skilled or unskilled labour?

CN: Skilled

**Question 21d3,** MS: Why did or will you hire this labour?

CN: Fundi?

MS: Mhm, why?

CN: Teach me.

**Question 21d4,** MS: Haha, to teach you.

Did the team offered that missing knowledge to you or your family members?

So this teaching that you are talking about, did they team offer you also to teach you how to build?

CN: Not really.

**Question 22,** MS: To what extent do you have the knowledge to build in this way? So there are -

*[BD interrupting]*

BD: From 0 to 5, 0- you have no knowledge, 5 – you know exactly what to do. Let’s start from the foundations.

CN: Some, 4 at least.

MS: And the floor?

CN: Floor?

MS: So where would you rank yourself with the floor? From 0 to 5

CN: ?

MS: 0 is ‘I don’t know how to build’

*[GN is explaining the scale]*

MS: You can just stick to the numbers: 0 is I do not know, 5 I know everything I do not need a fundi, I know how to do it. So when you look at the floor, how would you rank yourself?

CN: 3.

MS: The walls?

CN: 3

MS: The roof?

CN: Ah, no.

MS: 0 or 1?

CN: Yeah. *[Chuckles]*

MS: And the doors and the windows, putting those in?

CN: 4.

BD: And plastering, the finish?

MS: Inside finish?

CN: Maybe 3.

**Question 23,** MS: Did the team train you or family members to build this way?

CN: Yeah.

**Question 23a,** MS: Can you please specify what they taught you?

CN: Who?

MS: The team, my team.

CN: Like what?

MS: When you talk about the foundation, what did they teach you about foundation?

CN: When we start, first you have to measure. From measurement, you start digging. From there you can just start.

MS: Did they teach you how to make this slab?

CN: Yeah.

MS: How? What did they teach you in making the slab?

CN: Mixing.

MS: OK. Anything else?

CN: Measurement of the slab.

MS: OK. The thickness.

What about the walls? Did they teach you anything about the walls?

CN: The slab. In the ground?

MS: Yes, I’m talking about the underground. Did they teach you something, how to do that?

CN: No.

**Question 24,** MS: Do you know how to repair your house, when it’s finished?

CN: Now?

MS: No, when it’s finished.

CN: Yeah.

MS: Yeah? So when the foundation fails, you know how to repair it?

CN: Yes.

MS: And with a crack in the floor, the walls? If your roof is leaking, you know how to repair it?

CN: Yes.

**Question 24a,** MS: Could you still afford the repairs if your income got smaller? If you don’t have saving. Do you think you can still make repairs? So if the roof leaks, and your income gets smaller, can you repair it?

CN: Not so much, because... *[Chuckles]*

MS: But do you think you can?

CN: Yes.

**Question 25,** MS: Could you extend or duplicate this house by yourself so without a fundi?

CN: By now? So if you need to add later on a kitchen, could you do this by yourself, or would you still rely on fundi?

CN: I’m still.

MS: With a fundi?

CN: Yes. Some maybe one, two, maybe for a period of 3 months. Then I maybe get everything.

**Question 25a,** MS: So if you would need to make an extension to your house, could you explain what you couldn’t do yourself?

CN: Extension?

MS: Extend the house; what you could you do yourself. Or making a new house, a second one, what do you need a fundi for?

CN: Maybe to measure.

MS: Anything else? How the foundation is made or...

CN: Yes, yes.

MS: You would need help from fundi also there?

CN: Yes.

**Question 26,** MS: Are you satisfied with this new house?

CN: Yes.

**Question 26a,** MS: Could you explain why? Why you are satisfied with this house?

Because you can see that it’s not finished.

*[Everybody chuckles]*

MS: But why are you satisfied with this house?

CN: Because I’m from the old one, so this is a new house and it’s a permanent house.

MS: OK. What do you really like about the house? If you would need to just point anything out, what do you really like?

CN: Now, It’s a permanent house. Second, it’s now a new generation. We need difference from the old one.

**Question 26b,** BD: So what makes this house special?

MS: What makes it different then? Besides it being permanent. Why? Why is this a special house for you? New generation. How does this house makes this new generation?

CN: Maybe the way...

*[CN asking GN in Kiswahili]*

MS *[to GN]*: What makes this house special for him?

*[GN explaining in Kiswahili]*

GN: Multiple rooms.

**Question 27,** MS: OK.

What does your house have in common with other houses in the community?

So what is the same if you compare it to other houses in the community?

*[GN is translating]*

CN: Stone.

MS: So it’s made out of stone?

CN: Yeah.

MS: Anything else, that is comparable, when it’s finished?

*[GN is translating]*

CN: The mabati.

MS: OK.

CN: Iron, stones and maybe the doors.

**Question 28,** MS: When the whole house is finished, the doors, roof, finish inside, floor, how much do you think the whole house could cost? Just an estimation.

CN: Around 3.

MS: 300 000?

CN: or 4. 3,80 or 4.

**Question 29,** MS: Looking back at the project and the realized house could you have realized this house without the help of the team?

So did you need the team to realize this house?

CN: Yes.

MS: Yes? You think so? Could you explain a little bit why you needed the team?

CN: Your team?

MS: Yes.

CN: Maybe they have another experience apart from us.

MS: That’s another question, we will get to that. But if you look at the project and the team that was trying to help you, do you this, looking back at the project, you needed their help? So from Jackson, Ayoub and Maud?

CN: Yes.

MS: You needed them?

CN: Yeah.

MS: And why did you need them? For what? Why did you need their help?

CN: Because they are the first to start this project.

MS: And what did they start, what did they do?

CN: Measurement, slab.

MS: But did they do anything else to help you that you think: ‘OK, I really needed that?’

*[GN is explaining in Kiswahili]*

CN: They teach us and show the way we build.

MS: And how did they show you the way they build? So when there was nothing here, how did they show you?

CN: First, they come to measure the house then combine to make this one.

MS: So that’s in the building, but before that?

They took some moths talking to you, did they produced anything that helped in realising your house? So in that period before you started, was there anything that you considered as help in that period?

CN: Yes.

MS: And what would you say?

CN: First, they have a plan before you start building.

MS: So you consider them making the plan helpful?

CN: Yes.

**Question 30,** MS: OK.

Would you like to have a different house to the one that is being built here? Would you like it differently? So if you think about what is here now and when it’s finished – is this the house that you desire, or would you build it differently?

CN: No.

*[MS consulting which question to ask next]*

MS: So there is nothing that you would have preferred to build differently on this house, when it’s finished?

CN: No.

*[MS consulting which is the next question]*

MS: So the following part of the interview will be about the team and the research. The team will not be notified about any of your answers. So whatever you have to say about the team is private, between us. So I can understand how you look at the team – Jackson, Ayoub and Maud. OK?

CN: Sawa.

**Question 45,** MS: How would you describe the communication with your team? So talking, phone. How would you describe this communication?

CN: Not bad.

**Question 46,** MS: Did you like the ideas the team presented to you?

CN: Yes.

**Question 47,** MS: Did the team incorporate your ideas into the design of the house?

CN: Yes.

MS: Which ones, would you say?

CN: To design?

MS: Yes. So which ideas, that you or the family gave to the team, which ones did they incorporate? Which ones, did they put into the design?

CN: It’s mine, because my family decides to design one and myself decides to design one. But it comes near to be the same.

MS: So those two designs that you made, you feel that they were mixed, blended into what is *[being built]?*

CN: Yes.

**Question 48,** MS: Who was mainly making final decisions about the new house? So who was making the final decisions?

CN: Me.

**Question 49,** MS: Do you feel you were forced into any decisions?

CN: No, no.

**Question 50,** MS: Did you force any decision on the team?

CN: No.

**Question 51,** MS: Do you believe that the team had substantial influence in making decisions or were they mainly advising you?

CN: They were some advising me and something I giving them.

MS: And do you think they had a lot of influence on you or a little? In your decisions?

CN: No?

MS: Do you think in the decisions that you’ve made in the house, they had a small part in that or a large part?

CN: Large.

**Question 52,** MS: Do you think the team would have preferred to build the house differently?

CN: No.

**Question 55,** MS: Were you feeling comfortable talking to the team members about your wishes and ideas?

CN: Yes.

**Question 56,** MS: Were there any conflicts between you and the team?

CN: No.

**Question 57,** MS: What types of buildings the team proposed to you? So right now you have a block house, how would you describe the types of buildings that the team proposed to you?

CN: They proposed to use bricks.

MS: How would you describe those bricks?

CN: I don’t know. It’s what we call ‘mud bricks’, but...

MS: Interlocking earth bricks.

*[MS explains the term]*

Were there any other ideas that they propose to you? So this about the design, the research period, and the propositions, the ideas they came up with. Were there any other ideas they shared with you?

CN: Yes.

MS: Could you explain which ones they were? Apart from this one *[pointing at the blocks]*

CN: Apart from this one?

MS: Mhm.

CN: There is another, bricks, two typed of bricks?

MS: Do you remember which type it was?

Was it burnt brick..? Was it something else? Adobe brick?

CN: I don’t know the name of this brick.

MS: OK. But they basically proposed two types of bricks?

CN: Yeah.

MS: And this was one of them?

CN: Yeah.

MS: And another one?

CN: Yeah.

M **Question 60,** S: Did the team explain why they advised you on these types of bricks?

CN: Yes.

MS: Could you say which arguments they had? When they explained why they were proposing that brick and the other one, what did they tell you? What were the reasons?

CN: For me, about this brick. First, I’m the one who made it. Look like something, which is good, but problem, is only mixing.

MS: But we are now not talking about the bricks that were made. But in the design, in the research. When they were talking to you *[the team].* They came up with this brick and another one, right?

CN: Yes.

MS: So they were explaining to you why you should use this brick. So what reasons did they give you? Do you remember?

CN: First, he tells me it’s cheaper.

MS: Anything else, besides cheap?

CN: And the one we mix from here, so maybe transport, no transport. And you will have to make your own, and that is a part of experiencing [meaning: learning], so...

MS: Do you also think that how these walls are made in comparison to the blocks that you have here, is there a difference there?

CN: Yeah.

MS: And what is the difference?

CN: Because we use no mortar.

MS: So you just stack those?

CN: Yeah. So only the problem is mixing.

MS: And what was the problem in mixing?

CN: I don’t know. Cause I’m not engineer.

*[Everybody chuckles]*

MS: But from your point of view, because I was here when there was an argument and mainly the argument was about the cost of the brick.

CN: Yes.

MS: So besides the cost, any other arguments?

CN: No, it’s not. Arguments of what? The cost of what?

MS: Of that brick. When I was here, there was an argument that initial calculation was 12 shillings per block it was becoming more. And it had to do with the ratio: cement sand, soil, right?

CN: Yeah.

MS: As I understood at that moment that was one of the main concerns in the ratio, in mixing.

CN: For me, we are only to become amount of one brick. Maybe, I was expecting today maybe 7 shilling.

MS: That was what the team told you or was that your expectation?

CN: No, no, not the team.

MS: OK. So that was your expectation, around 7 shillings per block?

CN: Yes. So that, when you calculate all material is mine, so the problem is that how it comes for me to pay 12.

MS: Yeah. I can understand.

CN: For we started to have argument there.

MS: On the cost.

CN: Yeah.

**Question 61,** MS: Sawa. Do you think the team is happy with the result of the project?

CN: Yes.

**Question 62,** MS: OK. Some open questions. Those are the last questions that I have. Do you have any regrets about the project? Anything that you regret?

CN: Like what?

MS: Anything. *[Chuckles]* It can be like a... a size of the house it can be the materials, it can be the shape of the roof... Anything if you look back over the past 5 months. Is there anything that you regret, any decision? Or anything that had happened on the project. It can be anything.

CN: I don’t know. *[Chuckles]*

**Question 63,** MS: Is there anything that you would you have done differently on the project, looking back?

CN: No.

**Question 64,** MS: Do you believe that this project, like us being here... Our presence here, the researchers and the team, do you believe that the entire project, the entire 5 months has influenced the wellbeing/composition of your family?

CN: Yes.

MS: And how? Could you explain?

CN: *[chuckles]*

*[Neighbour is leaving]*

MS: Sorry, so how did us being here influence the wellbeing of your family?

GN: Should I translate?

MS: Sure.

*[GN is translating into Kiswahili]*

GN: No.

**Question 65,** MS: I didn’t influence the composition or the wellbeing of the family?

Did the project influence your position within the community? So you, building this project, being a part of the Rural Housing Studio, did it change how the community looks at you? Or did it change your position it the community?

CN: Yes.

**Question 65a,** MS: Could you explain why?

CN: Because when you look at the village it is the first house come around here.

MS: And how does that change your position? What does it change?

*[CN is laughing]*

MS: OK, So you own a permanent house, one of the first ones in the community. How does that change your position? How would you describe that?

CN: I don’t know how to describe that...

BD: Is it good or bad?

CN: Good.

**Question 66,** MS: OK.

Did your relation with friends/community members changed due to the project?

CN: No.

**Question 67,** MS: Did the project benefit the community, do you think?

CN: Yes.

**Question 67a,** MS: Why and how and who?

CN: My community?

MS: Yeah, the community. People around. How does this benefit the community?

*[CN speaks in Kiswahili]*

GN: He is getting the house, from the old one.

MS: OK. And is there any other way the community is benefiting besides that?

For instance, are the community members free to live in your house, are they allowed to use your house? Is there any other benefit for them?

*[CN speaking in Kiswahili]*

GN: If a neighbour has visitors, you are bit honoured. You can come a have a night.

**Question 68,** MS: How would you describe the current state of the team; are they happy or disappointed?

CN: Which one?

MS: Jackson and Maud.

CN: I don’t know because we didn’t meet, and you know...

MS: So you don’t know.

CN: Yeah. But for me, I don’t have anything *[no bad blood]*

**Question 69,** MS: Would you advise other community members to participate in this project? So if we are going to do this again, would you advise other community members to be involved in the project?

CN: Maybe. Me, to advise them.

MS: You will?

CN: Yeah.

MS: And why would you advice them?

CN: By now?

MS: Yeah. Like, you convince somebody in the community, like: “Hey, you should also subscribe.” And then he or she asks you “Why? Why should I join?” What would you say?

*[CN is laughing]*

CN: I don’t know.

**Question 70,** MS: Last question:

Would you help another community member with building their house in a future? If another community member needs your help, would you go and help them?

CN: Yes.

MS: That’s it!

C: Yes.

*[End of recording]*