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Nziputa Nsonaazu Nju Ghi N'igbo Izugbe: Ntule Myiri na Ndiche N'olu Mbanaasaa

(Contrastive Realization of the Standard Igbo Negative Suffix – *ghi* in Mbanaasaa Dialect)

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Ụmị

Nchọcha a tulerere nziacuteputa nsonaazu nju ghi n'Igbo izugbe na olundị Mbanaasaa. Ebe a na-enwetakarị myiri na ndiche n'olundị na Igbo izugbe gunyere utoasusu, uda, mmebeokwu, nghotaokwu na usorookwu. Agbanyeghi, e nwebeghi nchọcha kpomkwem gbasara mgbakwunye nsonaazu nju ghi n'olu Mbanaasaa. Nchọcha a ji atutu nnyocha ndimiche nke Lado (1957) – dika usoro ntule – wee kwaa usoro mmebe na onodu nke akara nju n'udi abuo ahụ. E nwetara data olundị Mbanaasaa site n'aka ndi na-asu ya dika asusu mbu [tinye onuogugu ndi nyere ozi, obodo – Akokwa, Akpulu, Obodoukwu, Osina, Umualoma, Urualla, Uzii – na usoro mkpokota: ndeputa ahirjokwu, ndeko olu, 20XX], e tinyekwara ihe sitere n'akwukwo, jonai na intanet. A choputara na Igbo izugbe na-iji udi na-adigide adigide ghi egosi nsonaazu nju n'azu ngwaa (dika nwe + ghi → nweghi; ri + ghi → righi), ebe olundị Mbanaasaa na-iji udi nsonaazu -hV ebe V na-adakorita n'udaume ikpeazu nke ngwaa: -ha, -he, -hi, -hi, -ho, -ho, -hu, -hu. Ndiche a anaghi eweta mgbanwe na nghota; o bu ndiche n'ogo udaasusu na mmebeokwu. Nchọcha a na-atunye utu n'omumu olundị, Igbo izugbe na utoasusu, ma na-akwado na olundị bu isi iyi e si emejuputa Igbo izugbe.

Okwu gbara okpurukpu: Asusu Igbo, ghi, Igbo izugbe, mgbakwunye, ndakorita udaume, Mbanaasaa

Abstract

This study contrasts the Standard Igbo negative suffix -ghi with its Mbanaasaa dialect equivalents. While similarities and differences between dialects and Standard Igbo occur in phonology, morphology, semantics and syntax, no prior study has focused on the negative suffix ghi in Mbanaasaa. Using Lado's (1957) contrastive procedure as an organizing framework, supplemented by vowel-harmony analysis, the study describes the form and position of the negative marker in both systems. Mbanaasaa data were obtained from first-language speakers [to be completed: number of consultants, towns, elicitation list, recording, date], supplemented by books, journals and online sources. Findings show Standard Igbo uses invariant -ghi after the verb, while Mbanaasaa uses a suffix -hV where V harmonizes with the final vowel of the verb stem: -ha, -he, -hi, -hi, -ho, -ho, -hu, -hu. The difference is phonological and morphological; it does not change sentential meaning. The study contributes to dialect studies, Standard Igbo and grammar, and supports the view that dialects enrich Standard Igbo.

Keywords: Igbo language, ghi, Standard Igbo, affixation, vowel harmony, Mbanaasaa

Mmalite

Ghi bụ otu n'ime mgbakwūnye nsonaazụ e ji egosi n'ụ n'Igbo izugbe (Emenanjo, 1991; Ezeomeke, 2004; Okere et al., 2019). Nkejasusụ bụ ọrụ dị iche iche mkpuruokwu na-arụ dika ọnọdụ ya, ụda na nghọta ya si dị n'ahiriokwu (Ihezuonu, 2014). Ọnọdụ na ọrụ mkpuruokwu na-egosi nkejasusụ ọ bụ.

Mgbakwūnye bụ mkpuruasusụ maobu irighiri okwu n'enweghi ike inwe nghọta zuru oke ma ọ dabereghi n'okwu (Egwuonwu-Chimezie, 2017). N'asusụ Igbo, a na-etinye mgbakwūnye n'ihu, n'etiti maobu n'azu ngwaa maobu isingwaa iji weputa nghọta a choro (Emenanjo, 1991; Ezeomeke, 2004; Akidi, 2021). Ụda na mkpuruokwu e ji eme mgbakwūnye gunyere a, e, i, i, o, ọ, u, ụ, m, n, ta, la, ghi, na ndi ozọ. E nwere nganiihu, nnonetiti na nsonaazụ (O'Grady et al., 2015; Haspelmath & Sims, 2012).

Mgbakwūnye nsonaazụ n'ụ ghi kachasi aputa ihe mgbe a na-egosi na e meghe ihe, na a naghị eme ihe, maobu na agaghị eme ihe. N'Igbo izugbe, a na-etinye ghi n'azu ngwaa mgbe niile, e deekota ya onu na ngwaa ọ na-eso. N'olundi Mbanaasaa, a hutara na e nweghi udi ghi na-adigide adigide; kama a na-eji -ha, -he, -hi, -hi, -ho, -ho, -hu na -hu, site n'igbaso iwu ndakorita ụdaume nke ụdaume ikpeazu di na ngwaa (lee §5).

Mbunuche nchocha a bụ: (i) ikowa etu ghi si aru ọrụ n'Igbo izugbe; (ii) inyocha usoro Mbanaasaa si egosi nsonaazụ n'ụ ghi na ọnọdụ ya n'azu ngwaa; (iii) itule myiri na ndiche di n'etiti usoro abuo ahụ. E meela nchocha di iche iche n'olundi na Igbo izugbe (Okere et al., 2019; Kanu, 2021; Akidi et al., 2021), mana e nwebeghi nchocha kpomkwem na mgbakwūnye nsonaazụ n'ụ ghi n'olu Mbanaasaa. Nke a mere nchocha a ji baa uru: ọ ga-abawanye nchocha e merela n'olundi, nyere aka n'omumu, odide na ogugu asusụ Igbo, ma gosi na e si n'olundi enweta Igbo izugbe (Kanu, 2021).

Nnyocha Edemede

Mgbakwūnye n'asusụ Igbo

Mgbakwūnye so n'otu uzọ e si emeputa okwu ọhuru n'Igbo: igbakwūnye irighiri okwu n'ihu, n'ime maobu n'azu okwu (Uwasomba, 2004; Akidi, 2021). Emenanjo (1991) kowara mgbakwūnye dika umu irighiri okwu a na-agbakwūnye na ngwaa maobu isingwaa; Uwasomba (2004) gbasara ya ruo n'igbakwūnye n'okwu iji mebe okwu ozọ. Nchocha a na-ewere ọnọdụ na mgbakwūnye n'ụ ghi na-abu nsonaazụ: ọ na-eso ogwe okwu (Haspelmath & Sims, 2012; Akmajian et al., 2012). Omumaatu: nwe + ghi → nweghi; ri + ghi → righi; hu + ghi → hughu.

Nsonaazụ nwere ike ibu otu ụdaume, otu nkejiokwu maobu karia (Okere et al., 2019): ra + a → raa; me + e → mee; pu + ọ → puo; bu + pu → bupu; si + te → site; ga + ghi → gaghi. Egwuonwu-Chimezie (2017) na Okere et al. (2019) kewara nsonaazụ uzọ abuo: nsonaazụ mgbanwe (na-agbanwe aspekiti/odidi ngwaa) na nsonaazụ mgbatị (na-agbatị nghota). Ezeomeke (2004) kporo ghi, ghi na la nsonaazụ n'ụ. Uka na Emenike (2022) kwusiri ike na Igbo bụ asusụ ngwaa, ya mere mgbakwūnye na-emetutakari mkpuruokwu ngwaa n'enweghi igbanwe nkejasusụ ya.

Nsonaazụ n'ụ ghi

E nwere otutu nsonaazụ e ji egosi n'ụ: ghi, ghi, la, gha, ju, efu (Okafo & Ewelukwa, 2004; Ezeomeke, 2004; Nwagbo, 2017). Anyanwu na Osuagwu (2017) gosiri na ngwaa Igbo n'olundi di iche iche na-eji ghi egosi nsonaazụ n'ụ n'azu isingwaa. Dika Ezeomeke (2004) si

kwuo, ka ọ dị ugbo a a na-edezi naanị ghi na la n'asoghi ndakorita udaume n'Igbo izugbe: o righi nri; o nweghi ego; o loghi ogwu. Nke a putara na ọ buru na a gbasoro iwu ndakorita udaume nke oma, ufodu udi ghi kwesiri ibu ghi (uda mfe) — mana mgbakọ izugbe dere ghi n'ebe niile. Okere et al. (2019) kwadoro Ezeomeke: ihe mejuputara nsonaazu nju a bu nju ghi, e deekota ya onu na ngwaa.

Olundi na Igbo izugbe

Olundi bu etu mpaghara di iche iche si asu asusu; ọ na-aputa ihe n'uda, mmebeokwu na usorookwu (Chinagorom, 2024; Ogwudile, 2016). Omumaatu olundi Igbo: Nsuka, Oni, Udi, Arọchukwu, Owere, Ikwere (Ezema, 2012). Na nkewa, Ikekeonwu (2001) tinyere Mbanaasaa n'Igbo ime owuwaanyanwu; Nwaozuzu (2008) tinyere ya n'otu nnonetiti-owuwaanyanwu (East-Central). Oweleke (2020) kwusiri ike na olundi Igbo kariri akari.

Mbanaasaa bu obodo asaa mebere ochichi ime obodo Ideato North, Imo State: Akokwa, Akpulu, Obodoukwu, Osina, Umualaoma, Urualla na Uzii; e si n'Akpulu kewapu Isiokpo dika obodo kwuru onwe ya (Akidi et al., 2021). Olu obodo ndi a bu otu, so Akokwa nwere obere ndiche — a chorọ nchocha ozọ iche maka Akokwa (lee §4, §6). Ezigbo aha ochichi ahu kwesiri ibu Mbanaasaa Local Government.

Igbo izugbe bu asusu e mekbara site n'olundi di iche iche iji mee ka nghota, nkuzi, mgbasaa ozi na agumakwukwo di mfe (Mbata & Akidi, 2016; Demson, 2005; Ofomata, 2015). Ọ bu asusu nwaafọ Igbo obula na-aghota (Uka & Emenike, 2022). Emenanjo (2015) kwuru na ndi na-asu Igbo kariri nde iri, ya mere ọ di mkpa inwe olu a nabatara. Asusu di oke mkpa n'obibi ndu mmadu (Umeodinka & Ogwudile, 2017). Nchocha a na-egosi na Mbanaasaa na-edebe iwu ndakorita udaume nke Igbo izugbe hapuru n'ide ghi.

Atutu Nchocha

Atutu e ji mee nchocha a bu atutu nnyocha ndimiche nke Lado (1957), dika usoro itule usoro asusu abuo iji mata myiri na ndiche. Na mbu, Lado lekwasiri anya n'asusu mbu na asusu mbiamambia na nramahu mmuta: ndiche na-eweta nramahu, myiri na-eme ka mmuta di mfe (Obadan, 2016; Akidi, 2019). Nchocha a na-ewere Igbo izugbe na olu Mbanaasaa dika usoro abuo zuru oke ma jiri usoro Lado tule ha n'ogo uda, mmebeokwu na usorookwu — ọ bughị ikọ nramahu mmuta, kama ikowa ndiche n'usoro. Ya mere, a gbakwunyere nyocha ndakorita udaume (ATR/harmony) iji kowaa mgbanwe gh → h + udaume harmonized. Nke a dabara: udi abuo ahu bu nkejiokwu abuo (mgbochiume + udaume), otu nghota nju, di iche n'udaume ikpeazu.

Usoro Nchocha

Nchocha a bu nkowa na ntule. E jiri atutu Lado (1957) mee mgbakwasa ukwu. Onye nchocha dika onye maara olundi Mbanaasaa nke oma chikotara otutu omumaatu etu ndi Mbanaasaa si emebe nsonaazu nju, e tinyekwara ihe sitere na jonal, akwukwo na intanet. E nyochara uda, mmebeokwu na usorookwu dabere na mkpurukwu nju. [Maka mbiputa: tinye nkowa zuru oke — onugugu ndi nyere ozi (atu: 8–12), nhoro obodo, afọ/okike, ndeputa ahiriokwu a juru, ma e dekoru olu, ubochi, na nkwenye. Kewapu Akokwa ma ọ di mkpa.] Ebumnuuche bu ikowa usoro n'otu n'otu ma tule ha iji choputa myiri na ndiche.

Nsonaazụ na Ntule

Nsonaazụ nju ghi n'Igbo izugbe

N'Igbo izugbe, ghi na-arụ ọrụ dika nsonaazụ nju e tinyere n'azụ ngwaa; nkejiasusu ya ka na-abụ ngwaa. Ọ na-egosi ihe emeghi, ihe na-eme ugbo a emeghi, maobu ihe agaghi eme. A na-edekota ghi onu na ngwaa, o naghị akwuru onwe ya. Omumaatu:

- Obi erighi nri.
- Eze abighi ahia.
- Nkechi agaghi Aba.
- Mmiri ezoghi n'onwa gara aga.
- Ngozi agaghi ekwe.
- Ola agbaghi egwu.
- Ike azutaghi akwukwo unyahu.
- Chioma ataghi atu.
- Uzọ alughi ọgụ.
- Uche eloghi ọgwu.
- Nze anaghi eri nri a.
- O sighi asi.
- Oku anaghi enwu ugbo a.
- O righi elu.
- Nneka agboghi agbo.
- Ewu ahụ agaghi anwu.
- Nne ya alaghi ala.
- Nna gi ekweghi.
- Egodi amaghi na o ga-abia.
- Ibe agaghi abia echi.
- O meghi ihe ahụ i na-ekwu.
- Mmiri agaghi ezo.
- O nweghi ego ma ncha.

Omumaatu ndi a gosiri na ghi na-anogide ghi mgbe niile n'Igbo izugbe, n'agbanyeghi ma udaume ngwaa bu udamfe maobu udaaro – ya bu, e deghi ya site n'igbaso ndakorita udaume (Ezeomeke, 2004). [Mara: maka mbiputa ikpeazu, tinye akara uda na nkewa mofim, dika o-ri-ghi.]

Nsonaazụ nju n'olu Mbanaasaa

Mbanaasaa na-eji -ha, -he, -hi, -hi, -ho, -ho, -hu na -hu egosi nju ghi. A na-ewepu gh were h dochie ya, ma tinye udaume dakoritara n'udaume ikpeazu nke ngwaa -h na-eso, n'azu ngwaa (o bughi n'ihu). H e ji edochi gh na-abia dika uda gh mana o bughi ya. Omumaatu ahoputara:

- Amaka agaha ahia.
- Eze emehe ihe a si ya mee.
- Uche ehihi aka n'anya.
- Obi eyihi akwa ahụ.
- Ike eloho akpu.
- Agbanọ ahụ alọhọ alọ.
- Ogechi ahuhụ ya.
- Nkita ahụ efuhu efu.

- Nne ya efoho akpụ ya.
- Eze erihi nri.
- Nnenna ataha anụ.
- Ibe alụhụ ọgụ.
- Ada arihi elu.
- Nwa ahụ agbọhọ agbọ.
- Ọ maha ama mee ya.
- O luhu ya n'ala.
- Amaha m.
- Uju amaha mma.
- O nwehe ihe m mere ya.
- Amaha m ihe ọ na-ekwu.
- Nze anaha eri nri ahụ.
- Ọkụ anaha enwu.
- Nri esihi n'ọkụ ugbo a.
- Mmiri agaha ezo.
- Ibe agaha abia.
- Ewu ahụ agaha anwụ.
- Agbanọ ahụ agaha alọ alọ.
- Uche agaha ehi aka n'anya.

Ha kacha apụta ihe mgbe a na-egosi ihe na-eme ugbo a na ihe ga-eme; mana e nweghi ebe Mbanaasaa na-eji ghi n'udi obula. Usoro -hV na-egosi ihe merela eme, ihe na-eme ugbo a na ihe ga-eme, dika Igbo izugbe.

Ntule: Igbo izugbe vs. Mbanaasaa

Igbo izugbe na-eji so ghi mgbe niile; Mbanaasaa na-ewepu gh were h dochie ya ma tinye udaume kwusiri ngwaa, site n'idebe iwu ndakorita udaume. Tebul 1–8 na-egosi ntule n'otu n'otu; Tebul 9 na-achikota iwu.

Tebul 1. -ha (a-final)

ghi n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Uche amaghi onye o bu	Uche amaha onye o bu
Agadi nwaanyi anaghi aka nka	Agadi nwaanyi anaha aka nka
Ike amaghi ihe	Ike amaha ihe
Ada agaghi ahia	Ada agaha ahia
Chioma ataghi anu	Chioma ataha anu

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Tebul 2. -he (e-final)

ghi n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Eze emeghi ya	Eze emehe ya
O nweghi ihe o mere	O nwehe ihe o mere
O beghi akwa	O behe akwa
Nkechi eleghi anya n'azu	Nkechi elehe anya n'azu
O meghe ya	O mehe ya

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Tebụl 3. -hi (i-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Ada esighị nri	Ada esihi nri
Ọla erighị ji	Ọla erihi ji
Uche ehighị aka n'anya	Uche ehihi aka n'anya
O tighị mkpu	O tihi mkpu
Ọkụkọ ahụ eyighị akwa	Ọkụkọ ahụ eyihi akwa

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Tebụl 4. -hi (i-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Alighị m ihe ọma i meere m	Alịhi m ihe ọma i meere m
Ụzọ asighị na ọ dị mma	Ụzọ asịhi na ọ dị mma
Ibe arighị elu	Ibe arihi elu
Ube ha amighị n'afọ a	Ube ha amịhi n'afọ a
Uche ahighị akwa ahụ	Uche ahịhi akwa ahụ
Ike atighị ncha n'ime mmiri	Ike atịhi ncha n'ime mmiri

Isi mmalite: Data ubi ndị edemede, 2026.

Tebụl 5. -ho (o-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Mmiri ezoghị taa	Mmiri ezoho taa
Ọla eloghị ọgwụ ha	Ọla eloho ọgwụ ha
Nne ya efoghị akpu ya	Nne ya efoho akpu ya
Uju etoghị maka ihe o mere	Uju etoho maka ihe o mere
Ibe eboghị Chima mmiri	Ibe eboho Chima mmiri

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Tebụl 6. -họ (o-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
A ghoghị udara ahụ	A ghọhọ udara ahụ
Ọ kwoghị aka tupu rie nri	Ọ kwọhọ aka tupu rie nri
Eze ahoghị agwa ahụ	Eze ahọhọ agwa ahụ
Ada achoghị nsogbu	Ada achọhọ nsogbu
Ike aloghị maka nzukọ ahụ	Ike alọhọ maka nzukọ ahụ

Isi mmalite: Data ubi ndị edemede, 2026.

Tebụl 7. -hu (u-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
Ube ahụ epughị	Ube ahụ epuhu
Ọla ehughị ya ike	Ọla ehuhu ya ike
E lughị nwa ahụ n'ala	E luhu nwa ahụ n'ala
Ada ebughị ibu	Ada ebuhu ibu
Ike echughị mmiri taa	Ike echuhu mmiri taa

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Tebụl 8. -hụ (ụ-final)

ghị n'Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa (-hV)
A hụghị m Uche ebe a	A hụhụ m Uche ebe a
Ọ lụghị di	Ọ lụhụ di
Nkechi agụghị akwụkwọ	Nkechi agụhụ akwụkwọ
Nkịta achụghị ya ọsọ	Nkịta achụhụ ya ọsọ
Chioma apụghị apụ taa	Chioma apụhụ apụ taa

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Tebụl 9. Nchịkọta iwu ndakọrịta ụdaume

Ụdaume ikpeazụ nke ngwaa	Igbo izugbe	Mbanaasaa
A	-ghị	-ha
E	-ghị	-he
I	-ghị	-hi
ị	-ghị	-hị
O	-ghị	-ho
ọ	-ghị	-họ
U	-ghị	-hu
ụ	-ghị	-hụ

Tebụl 9 gosiri na ghị nwere nkeji abụọ (mgbochiume + ụdaume); otu ahụ ka -hV dị. Ghị na-abụ ghị mgbe niile n'Igbo izugbe, mana Mbanaasaa na-eji h edochi gh mgbe niile ma tinye ụdaume dakọrịta. Ya mere, nsonaazụ ghị na -hV bụ otu ihe; ndịiche sitere sọ n'ụda.

Nchịkọta, Mmechi na Alo

Nchịkọta

Nchọcha a kọwara usoro nsonaazụ njụ ghị n'Igbo izugbe na Mbanaasaa ma tọlee ha. Igbo izugbe ji ụdị na-adigide adigide ghị; Mbanaasaa ji usoro bara ụba -hV dabere n'iwu ndakọrịta ụdaume. Myiri: ọnọdụ n'azụ ngwaa, nkeji abụọ, otu nghọta njụ. Ndịiche: gh vs h + mgbanwe ụdaume.

Mmechi

Nchọpụta gosiri na ndịiche a abụghị nsụjọ asụsụ kama ndịiche n'ogo ụdaasụsụ, mmebeokwu na usoro olundị vs. Igbo izugbe; ha anaghị eweta mgbanwe na nghọta (dịka ọ naghị eri → ọ naha; ọ ribeghị → ọ ribehe; Eze ahụghị ya → Eze ahụhụ ya). Olu Mbanaasaa bụ asụsụ zuru oke, ọ tinyekwara ezi ihe na Igbo izugbe n'ihi ọ na-edebe iwu ndakọrịta ụdaume. Asụsụ Igbo abụghị otu ihe n'ebe niile; nsonaazụ njụ buru ibu karịa etu Igbo izugbe si egosi ya.

Alo

1. Ka a ghara ile olundị anya dika Igbo n'ezighi ezi; kama a kwadobe olundị ma si na ya mejuputa Igbo izugbe. 2. Ka e mekwuo nchọcha gbasara ghị n'olu mba ndị ọzọ dị n'asụsụ Igbo, gụnyere Akọkwa dika ọmụmụ iche. 3. Ka ndị na-ahazi asụsụ tọlee idebe ndakọrịta ụdaume (-ha...-hụ / -ghi/-ghị) n'itule mmezigharị orthography, na ikuzi ndịiche a n'ụlọ akwụkwọ. 4. Ka e dekwọ ma chekwaa data olu Mbanaasaa maka ọmụmụ ọzọ.

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