

Chart of condition 1: Using the Right Language

Topic	Questions:
<p>Unity vs Understanding</p>	<p>Are pastors selected from inside or outside the language group or both? Which language(s) do pastors speak? In which language(s) do pastors receive their theological education? How long are pastors assigned to an area especially if they are from outside the language area? What language(s) are spoken by those who attend church services? What is their estimated level of comprehension of the language(s) used in church (very weak, weak, middle, strong, or very strong)? What language or mix of languages would best communicate the Scriptures in a church service? Who makes the decisions about language use within the church – the pastor, local leaders, regional denominational leaders? What languages are used for church sub-domains: announcements _____, (spoken) Bible readings _____, liturgy _____, sermon _____, prayer _____, songs _____, Bible studies _____, prayer meetings _____, youth meetings _____, Sunday School _____, listening groups _____, storying groups _____, personal devotions _____, artistic expressions _____, evangelism _____, song books _____, prayer books _____, written notices _____, testimonies _____</p>

<p>Don't forget the women and children</p>	<p>What language(s) are used by each of the following groups and what is each of their level of proficiency (very weak, weak, middle, strong, or very strong). By men? By women? By children? By the elderly?</p>
<p>I want to use all my languages</p>	<p>Where do people use more than one language at the same time? Describe what this looks like</p>
<p>Which language for church planting</p>	<p>What language(s) are used for the following domains: high religion traditional religion</p>
<p>You want to use that dialect here?</p>	<p>What are the dialect issues in this language group?</p>
<p>Alphabet problems</p>	<p>Are there orthographic issues in your situation? If yes, please describe them.</p>
<p>Are we losing our language?</p>	<p>Are all parents teaching the language to their children? What is the youngest generation that has some proficient speakers?</p> <p>Does the language seem to be becoming more vigorous, maintaining, shifting gradually, or shifting rapidly? What language(s) are used for the following domains:</p> <p>government _____, media _____,</p> <p>education _____, trade _____,</p> <p>literature _____, home _____,</p>

rituals _____, arts _____, high

religion _____, traditional religion _____,

conversations with friends _____ ?

**Is the local language gaining domains, maintaining, or losing domains?
How do people view their language in relation to the national language or trade
language?**

**(positively or negatively)
How do those outside the language group view the vernacular in comparison to the
national or
trade language(s)?**