

## Nnyocha mmebemusoro aha ebe n' Owerre-Ezukala Igbo

**Ekejiuba, G. U., Ahamefula, N. O.**

*Ngalaba Lingwistiiks, Igbo na Asusu Naijiria Ndị Ozo,*

*Mahadum Naijiria, Nsuka*

*ndubuisi.ahamefula@unn.edu.ng*

&

**Ezemoka, Augustina**

*Ngalaba Igbo Koleji Edukeshon Federal Kapital Teritori, Zuba, Abuja*

### **Umị**

Nchọcha a lebara anya n'aha ebe n'olu ndị Owerre-Ezukala Igbo site n'igbado ukwu na mmebemusoro. O nyochara aha ebe n'olu ndị Owerre-Ezukala iji kpebite na nghota aha ebe n'asusu na-esite na mmetuta mmebe okwu, usoro okwu na echiche n'ebe o di ukwu. Atumatu onomastik metutara omumu aha aka na aha ebe. Ufodu aha ebe n'olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo na-esite n'usoro a haziri ahazi iji chekwaa nghota ya. Nchocha ji atumatu nkenudi aha ebe Tent & Blair ruo oru iji nyochaa ndoko mmebe okwu na usoro okwu ufodu aha ebe. E ji usoro sampul tumbom tumbom wee nweta data site n'ajuju onu. Di ka okwe si gbaa, a choputara na ntucha mmebe okwu ufodu aha ebe n'olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo nwere ike ibu otu mofim di ka 'ozu' (ugbo/ubi), ama di ka 'Ishiaho' (isi ahia), mgbakwunye utu asusu di ka 'Umundam' na myiabuo di ka 'Ishishi' (onye kachasi mee okenye). Nchocha choputakwara na ufodu aha ebe di ka Obunagu, Ogbanelu, Umuerum, n'ogo ahiri okwu nwere ike iru oru di ka ahiri nkwusa, ajuju na ntimiwu. Oru a kwadoro atumatu nke kwuru na e nwere ike igbaso usoro mmebemusoro muo aha iji gosi aha ebe, akuko gbasara ha na ntucha kelingwistiiks.

**Okpurukpu okwu:** *aha ebe, onomastiks, mmebemusoro, mofim mfe, aha ebe nha, mgbakwunye utu asusu, myiabuo,*

### **Abstract**

The paper studies toponyms in Owerre-Ezukala lect of Igbo from a morphosyntactic perspective. It examine place names in Owerre-Ezukala lect of Igbo to establish the facts that some toponyms are given in a particular language whose morphology, syntax and semantics inform their meaning to a great extent. Given that Onomastic framework involves the study of personal names and place names. Some toponyms in Owerre-Ezukala lect of Igbo are formed through systematic processes to preserve their meaning. The paper adopts the theoretical framework of Tent and Blair's toponymic typology to examine the morphological and syntactic structures of some place names. Random sampling technique is employed to gather data through interviews. The results reveal that morphological analysis of some place names in Owerre-Ezukala lect of Igbo can be single root morpheme like 'ozu' (farmstead), compound like 'Ishiaho' (head of the market), inflection like 'Umundam' (children of Ndam), and reduplication like 'Ishishi' (eldest). The study also ascertains that some place names such as 'Obunagu', 'Ogbanelu', 'Umuerum' at the sentential level can function as statements, interrogatives, and imperatives. The work supports the theory that names can be studied through morphosyntactic perspective to show place names, their history and linguistic analysis.

**Keywords:** *Toponymy, onomastics, morphosyntactic, single root morphemes, compound toponyms*

### **Mkpolite**

E nwere udiri uwa ato: uwa a na-ahu anya, uwa echiche, na uwa ndina echiche, nke gunyere mmeputa mmuo mmadu nke asusu so n'ime ya. Inye ihe aha so n'ihe mejuputara mmadu. Ihe di itunanya bu na otutu ndi mmadu nwere ikike iji asusu n'uzo di mma, nye ebe aha, nyekwa ndi mmadu na ihe aha, n'agbanyeghi na ha amaghi iwu usoro okwu ma o bu nghota. Etu mmadu si enye mmiri, ugu, ndagwurugwu, obodo na gburugburu ya

aha na-arutụ aka etu o si eche echiche na etu o si ebi ndụ tinyekwara ihe mmuọ ya na akonuche ya na-emeputa di ka o na-ahuta nghota di n'emereme, ihe anaghi ahụ anya na mmekorita di n'etiti ihe ndi a. Igu aha abughi naani inye ihe aha nke ndi osu asusu na-eji amata ihe ha na-arutụ aka n'uwa mmadu ma o bu omenanro. O bu akuku di oke mkpa nke odo akparamagwa asusu obodo o bula.

Toponimi bngalaba onomastiks nke metutara okpurukpu ihe ato: akuko ala, odidi ala (jiografi) na asusu. Toponimi bu omumu aha ebe. O na-ekpughe njirimara ndi, akuko ala ha, na ihe gbasara ochichi ha. Toponimi na-ewete usoro nrutu aka odidi ala kachasina n'uwa. Nke a na-enye aka ihu na enweghi nghotahie n'imata ebe. Ebumnuche nchocha a bu inyocha aha ebe n'olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo. Nchocha a na-achokwa ichoputa usoro okwu aha ebe ndi a site na ndoko.

Owerre-Ezukala bu olu ndi a na-asu n'okpuru ochichi ndida ugwu Orumba, Steeti Anambra, Najirija. Igbo so n'asusu Niger-Congo a na-akpo ezinulo Kwa. Di ka akuko si koo, Ogbambiaka, nna Owerre, si n'Owerri di na steeti Imo bata. Nwa nwoke ya mbu bu Ezukala. Owerre-Ezukala di ka obodo no n'oke owuwa anyanwu Awlaw na oke odida anyanwu Umaku n'okpuru ochichi Umunneochi na steeti Abia. Onu ogu ndi bi n'Owerre-Ezukala di ihe ruru puku iri ato. Owerre-Ezukala nwere ogbe asato ndi gunyere; Oghohota (nke tocharanu ebe Ishishi di), ndi ozo na-esote ya bu Okpu, Ihie, Iyiaho, Ishiaho, Ogwuada, Leete, na Mkputu. E ji ugwu, osimiri na ogba di ka Ogbaukwu (otu n'ime ogba di na steeti Anambra) wee gozie Owerre-Ezukala.

### **Ntuleghari agumagu okpurukpu okwu**

Toponimi metutara omumu nsiripuru na mputara aha ebe (Cano, 2008). Cresswell (2004) kwuru na mgbe mmadu na-atunye nghota n'obere ohere biazie mee ka ihe ahụ na nghota ahụ nokota (otu uzo e si agu aha) o na-abu ebe. Di ka Radding & Western (2010) si kwuo, a na-ama uma enwe aha ebe iji nye nghota: ha bu ihe a na-echemi uche ma o buru ihe a na-ahuta nke oma di ka 'akara' maka na ha nwere udidi nghota kariri mkpuru okwu nkiti. Klugah (2013) nyochara aha ebe di ka akorongwa e ji echekwa akuko ala maka otu ndi mmadu, ya bu imu aha ebe gunyere inwa iza ajuju ndina (wh question) di ka kedu ihe a na-agu aha? Kedu ebe o no? Onye guru ya aha? Kedu mgbe a guru ya aha? Gini kwa kpata e jiri nye ya udi aha ahụ?

E nwere ike isi na udidi aha ebe malitere na ngwucha 1970 site n'oru Stewart (1975), Baker & Carmony (1975), Glaser (1994), Smith (1998) na ndi ozo. Oru ndi a tinyekwuru ihe na nchocha bu ha uzo di ka Tent & Slatyer (2009) siri kwuo. Nkenudi Baker & Carmony (1975) bu ntowanye oru Stewart. Ha webatara udidi/nkenudi ohuru ato ndi na-adighi n'usoro Stewart. Nkenudi Baker & Carmony gunyere aha mmadu, , aha ebe ndi ozo; aha onodu, aha nkowa, aha njali mmuo, aha otomochi, aha ndi India na nke yitere ya, aha si n'asusu ozo beluso Bekee, aha emereme, nsiripuru akuko ifo, aha a kpuru akpu, aha mmehie, aha odogwu. A katoola oru Baker & Carmony (1975) maka na ha ji okwu na-edochaghi anya nke na-eme ka e nwee nkenudi na-aputa ihe ebe nkenudi ozo no; otu na mperi a choputara na mputa ihe di n'etiti nkenudi ndi a bu (i) aha nkowa (ii) aha ndi India na nke yitere ya (iii) aha si n'asusu ozo beluso Bekee. Mperi a choputara ebe a bu na nkenudi ato ndi a niile nwere ike ihu nke nkowa n'udi nke na-enye ohere ka o kwe omume ime ka otu aha ebe sonye na nkenudi ato n'otu oge. Nke a na-eme ka o hia ahụ ikpebi mgbe otu nkenudi na-enye aka ikowa otu udi aha ebe. N'ihie nke a, nkenudi Baker & Carmony (1975) siri rie mperi n'ikewa n'uzo doro anya nkenudi ndi a. Akatokwaala

nkenụdị ndị ọzọ maka na ha na-arụtụ otu akụkụ aka kpomkwem ma ọ bụkwanụ na ha tinyere anya naanị n'otu ụdị aha ebe ma ọ bụ na ihe mgbagharii dī na ha buru ibu.

Cresswell (2004) chopụtara ogo ọzọ na ntucha ndokọ aha ebe nke ọ kpọrọ ntucha okwu – mmebe okwu. Na ntucha a, aha na mmebere aha ka a na-eji akụkụ nke ngosiputa kelingwistiiks dī ha n'ime wee mee nnyocha. Dī ka o si kwuo, ikowa usoro aha ebe putara inyocha adimụmfe etu e si enweta nkenụdị nru ọrụ-nghota site n'uzọ okwu na mmebe okwu. Isi sekpu ntị na ntucha okwu-mmebeokwu bụ mmebere aha; nke nwere ike ibụ mgbakwunye nsirimmebe na nsirinweta ndị na-eso emebe aha. Klugah (2013) nyere ntucha nke akomakọ nkweghari Asogli. Nchọcha ya chopụtara na aha ebe bụ akorongwa e ji echekwa akukọ ala, ebe ọ bụ na a na-eji ha enye ụfọdụ emereme dī mkpa n'uzọ nkweghari akara. Usoro lingwistiiks o ji gosiri na aha ebe akomakọ nkweghari Asogli ewetala otutu ndokọ usoro okwu ọrụ site n'usoro nnyakọ. Nchocha ahụ ji usoro toponimi Tent & Blair wee nnweta ozi gbasara akukọ ala nke sayensi aha ebe dī ka o si dī n'akomakọ nkweghari Asogli nke ogbe Volta.

Usoro Tent & Blair (2011) bụ usoro kacha dī ọhuru nke nkenụdị aha ebe dī ka otutu ndị mmụta si hụ ya. Nke a bụ maka na ikike usoro ya dabeere n'akparamagwa odido anya ya na ike itinye ya n'ebe ọ bụla. Nke a gosiri na Tent & Blair (2011) na-agba mbọ ime ka usoro ha buru ozurumbaonu nke e nwere ike iji tuchaa aha ebe otutu ndị mmadu na omenaala dī iche iche. Ha mara usoro dību adī aka n'ihī na ha emezughi ihe abuo dī oke mkpa. Nke mbu bụ dī ka o si metuta Baker na Carmony (1975) dī ka e si kwuputa n'elu, Tent & Blair na-enwe mmetuta na usoro dību adī enweghi odido anya n'ihe gbasara itinye aha ebe n'ebe ọ bụla.

Atumatu Tent & Blair gbadoro ntucha aha ebe ha ukwu n'ogo atọ gbara okpurukpu ndi gunyere udidī, usoro ngumaha na mbutere aha. Udidī metutara mmebere nhanoha (jenerik) aha ebe. Kwa mgbe agwara odidī ala na-aputa ihe na-emetuta mmebere nhanoha (Tent & Blair, 2011:2). Omuma atu, aha ebe dī ka Osimiri Murray, 'Osimiri' na-arū ọrū dī ka mmebere nhanoha n'aha ebe. Ogo nke abuo bụ usoro ngumaha nke gunyere okpurukpu sayensi asusu dī n'aha ebe, nke na-atule mmebere mmebe okwu, usoro okwu, nghota n'aha ebe. Ogo nke atọ na-ahū maka njali mmuo kpasuru aha ebe nke metutara mmebere aha ebe kpomkwem. Ogo na-etinye ntucha na mmuo oguu aha ma chee banyere nsiputa na uru aha ahū na oguu aha. Dī ka o si dī ebe a, ihe kpatara e ji guo Osimiri Murray nwere ike ibu na onye a na-akpo Murray biketere Osimiri ahū, ọ bụ ya butere aha a. Site n'ogo ntucha, Tent & Blair kwenyere na mmadu nwere ike imebe nkenudī dī ire naanī site n'iwete ndi-iche n'etiti otu mmebere na mmebere nhanole na ichoputa ndina lingwistiiks (mmebe okwu, usoro okwu, na nghota) nke nkenudī dī ka uzọ na-achikwa igu aha (Klugah 2013). Mmekota onu nke ogo atọ ndi a, Tent na Blair kwesiri imita ezigbo mkpuru na ntucha aha ebe na ezigbo nkewasi aha ebe.

### **Nchọcha e merela gbasara aha**

Maduagwu (2010) gbadoro ukwu na mmebe okwu nghota nke aha aka n'asusu Igbo. Ebe e nwetere data bụ n'olu ndi Ogbahu Igbo. Nchọcha chopụtara na aha aka Igbo gunyere ma okwu mfe ma nke nsirimmebe ọ kachasi aha nha nke na-adikari nnukwu. Nchọcha gosiri mmalite ọrū e mere n'aha aka Igbo nakwa mmetuta mmebe okwu, fonoloji, okwu asusu, usoro okwu na nghota. Nchoputa gosiri na aha aka abughi naanī ihe e ji amata ihe; ha gunyere ogo aha nha puru iche, e nwetere na mbiakota onu mkpuru okwu nke nwere o

pekata mpe mmebere abụọ. Aha ndị ahụ abụghị naanị mmekọta okwu ọny; ha nwere mpụtara omenala na obodo, na nghọta dị n'ime ha.

Udoe & Ufoegbu (2011) lebanwere anya n'aha aka ndị Oka site n'igbado ụkwu n'etu ha si emebe aha. Ha gbadoro ụkwu n'aha dịrị Chukwu ma chọputa na aha Oka ndị a metụtara Chukwu na-amụba n'ụfọdụ ọdụ. Agbo (2014) tūlere agwara mmebemusoro na usoro mmebe aha nke aha aka Igbo iji tinyere uru mmanye n'odinala na omenala Igbo. Dị ka o si kwuo, aha Igbo nwere mofim mmanye n'udidi aha mkpuru okwu ha. Mofim ndi a gunere funa, gbo, gbu, na, me, kwu, na kwe. Ha na-egosi nghota mmanye mgbe a gbakwunyere ya n'aha ma o bu nkebi ahiri. Mmebe aha nke aha aka Igbo e mekotara onu nwere nghota mmanye na nkowa ndinoru na omenala Igbo.

Iwundu (1994) chọputara na nghota juputara n'aha maka na aha n'omenala mba uwa so n'omenala na asusu rijuru afo. Dị ka Iwundu (1994) siri kwuo, a na-enwe aha maka ngosiputa obodo, ha bu nziputa obi anuri ndi mmadu ebe ha bu akorongwa e mere nke oma nke na o na-asu ndi mmadu iji ya n'uzo di iche iche mgbe a na-asu asusu.

Okoye (2013) kwuputara na aha aka so n'otu mpaghara izugbe asusu dotarala mmadu di ka ndi omumu omenala na asusu. Nchocha ya gosiri na amumamu omenala Igbo na ndi China, anaghi enye aha na nkiti. N'agbanyeghi na mmebere mmebe okwu aha di iche n'asusu n'asusu, ha na-enye ezigbo nkowa gbasara ihe mere mgbe a muru mmadu, akuko gbasara ezinulo, ihe oma meere ndi nne na nna dgz. Igu aha so n'isi sekpu nti n'omumu omenala. Nchocha chikotara odinala ngumaha n'etiti ndi Igbo na ndi China yitere ma a tlee ha n'usoro omenala, asusu na nkwenye.

Owu-Ewie (2014) tūlere ndoko mmebe okwu na usoro okwu aha ebe obibi Fante ruru otu nari na iri ise. Ntucha kemmebe okwu gosiri na aha ebe obibi Fante nwere ike ibu nha otu ogwe na myiabu ma rukwaa oru di ka nkwasara, nju ajuju, na ntimiwu n'ogo ahiri okwu.

Site n'ihe niile e kwuru n'elu, nchocha a na-achi ime ntucha mmebemusoro aha ebe n'olundi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo ebe o bu na e nweghi oru di otu a e merela n'olu ndi Igbo a.

### **Atumatu e ji ruo oru**

Nchocha a ji nkenudi aha ebe Tent & Blair (2011) were ruo oru. Atumatu a tuputara usoro nkenudi itoolu maka ikewa aha ebe. Usoro nkenudi itoolu a gunyere:

- i. Udidi nkowa
- ii. Mmekorita
- iii. Omume
- iv. Ntule
- v. Nhapu
- vi. Ama ala
- vii. Abamaha ihe (eponymous)
- viii. Lingwistiiks kenkeputa
- ix. Ezighi ezi

Nchocha gbadoro ụkwu na nkenudi nke asato nke metutara nhazighari okwu na ntomochi naanị na-etinyeghi anya n'usoro nhazighari asusu ndi ozo. Nhazighari asusu gunyere usoro mmebe okwu di iche iche asusu si emeputa mkpuru okwu o ji aru oru, ya mere udiri usoro a gunyere; nchabi, mmenha ma o bu nnyako na mbite (Klugah 2013). N'ihu usoro ndi a, uru alo Tent & Blair na-atunye di na nkenudi na-asopuru asusu niile

n’ihi na ha na-emeputa okwu. O bu n’ihi nsopuru ozurumbaonu maka agwara kemmeputa asusu mere o ji ditu mma na nti iru uka na aha ebe n’asusu di n’iche n’iche (Radding & Western 2010). Nke a putara na ndoko fonoloji, morfoloji na usoro okwu asusu o bu nwere ike ikpebite udiri aha ebe ya. Ya mere, ntucha aha ebe o bu ga-amata ndoko ndina lingwistiiks asusu n’ebe aha ebe ahụ siri puta. N’agbanyeghi na nchocha a ji nkenudi nke asato ruo oru na ntucha ya, nkenudi a nwere ufo du ihe mkpobi ukwu maka na nkenudi na-akowa ngwakoma, nhazighari okwu na otomochi di ka mmebere ya na-akowaghi etu o si zuo mba onu di ka o si na-ekwu (Klugah 2013). Ya mere, nkenudi nke asato Tent & Blair kwesiri ka e tinye omuma atu ndi ozo iji gosi adimire nhanoha ya kari aha ebe ndi Australia.

### **Usoro Nchocha**

Usoro nchocha bu nke nkowa nke gunyere ntucha mmebemusoro aha ebe n’olundi Owerre-Ezukala. Data e ji mee nchocha bu nke praimari na sekondiri. Usoro nchocha sampul tumbom tumbom ka e ji iji hu na otu njimee nchocha o bu nwere ohere ibu nke a horo. A gbara Ichie Godson Chukwujiuba onye gbara ihe di ka afo iri asaa na ise ajuju onu, o nyekwara ochocha akwukwo ebiputaghi ebiputa o wetara na 1982 site n’ajuju onu o gbara ndi okenye ato; Mz. Ernest Nwankwo, Ichie N. O. Ibe, na Simon Maduakor (ndi larala mmuo). Ichie Chukwujiuba bu onye Iyiaho. E nwere ajuju onu a gbara Nze Okey Ajaebo n’ekwentu onye gbara afo iri ise na ato ma si n’obodo Leete; onye nke ikpe azu bu Malachi Njama onye gbara afo iri anu ma si n’obodo Ihie. Ajuju onu ndi a nyere aka ikpokota akuko ala gbasara aha ebe n’Owerre-Ezukala. Usoro nchocha bu nke nkowa ebe ntucha mmebemusoro bu nke e ji ruo oru na nchocha iji choputa ndoko ndinokpuru mmebe okwu na usoro okwu aha ebe ndi a. O putara na n’ighota aha ebe, mmadu ga-elebanye anya nke oma na ndoko ndinime mkpuru okwu nakwa ndoko usoro okwu nke mebere aha ahụ ewezuga ngalaba asusu na obodo, obodo na omenala, akuko ala na asusu na omenala.

Nchocha a jikwa usoro njiko mkpebi na ekereuche maka ntucha data iji kewaa ma deko aha ebe n’okpuru nkenudi mmebe okwu na usoro okwu di ka e si huta n’Owu-Ewie (2014) ebe aha ebe obibi Fante ka a tulere n’ogo mmebere mmebe okwu na usoro okwu. Mmebere mmebe okwu na-ahụ maka ndoko ndinime mofim o bu mebere aha. Nke a nyere aka ichoputa usoro mmebe okwu putara ihe. N’aka nke ozo, mmebere usoro okwu na-ahụ maka udiri oru na ndoko aha ebe obibi Fante n’ogo ahiri okwu. Ya bu, igosiputa aha ebe obibi kpomkwem nke bu nkwsa, nju ajuju, mfe, nha ma o bu ahiri mgbagwo.

### **Ntucha Data**

O di mkpa ibu uzo kewaputa nkenudi gbadoro ukwu na otu mmebere na nke nhanoha na mmebere lingwistiiks (d.k morfoloji, usoro okwu na amumechiche) aha ebe na usoro kpatara e ji guo aha maka ezigbo aha ebe n’olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala site n’ilebanye anya na mmebere mmebe okwu na usoro okwu. Mmebere mmebe okwu na-ahụ maka ndoko ndinime mofim o bu mebere aha ahụ. Nke a nyere aka ichoputa usoro mmebe okwu e ji ruo oru. Mmebere usorookwu okwu metutara udiri oru na ndoko aha ebe Owerre-Ezukala n’ogo ahiri okwu. O na-egosi ma otu aha ebe o na-aru oru di ka ahirimfe ka o bu ahiri nha.

**Ntucha mmebe okwu aha ebe Owerre-Ezukala**

A tuchara aha ebe n’usoro mmebe okwu n’okpuru mmebere ndi a: mofim mfe, nha na mgbakwunye nsonazu

**Mofim mfe**

- i. da - ime obodo
- ii. Òzù - ubi, oke ohia
- iii. Íkpā - oke ohia
- iv. s - aha osimiri
- v. Òbòdò - ama obodo
- vi. hr - ubi, oke ohia
- vii. gbt - aha ime obodo
- viii. kp - aha ime obodo
- ix. Úpátá - aha osimiri
- x. zz - umunna
- xi. tár - okwu arusi

N’iji atumatu Tent & Blair (2011), ogo mbu na-atunye alo na e kwesiri ichoputa mmebere aha ebe. Aha ebe (i-xi) no n’elu na-egosi na ihe mejuputara nke o bua bu otu mmebere ebe ogo nke abuo na-ahu maka mmebere lingwistiiks aha ebe nke putara mmebe okwu, usoro okwu, na nghota aha ebe. Aha ebe ndi di n’elu bucha aha nwere nghota nke aka ha. Ogo nke ato Tent & Blair (2011) bu mkpatara aha. Data di n’elu na-arutu aka na ufodu aha ebe bu aha mfe nke e nwere ike inye nnoo ebe na-aza ha. Ihe mejuputara ha bu otu mofim nwere nghota puru iche. Agaghi ekewadanwu aha ndi a. Nkewada ha ga-ewepu nghota mkpuru okwu.

**Aha ebe nha**

On	Aha ebe	Ntucha mmebeokwu	Nkwa na Bekee	Nkwa n’Igbo Izugbe
1.	Íyíàh	Íyí + àh	Stream + market day	Osimiri noketere ahia
2.	Íshíàh	Íshí+ àh	Head + market day	Isi ahia
3.	Ìshíshí	Ìshí+ íshí	Head + head	Onye isi ma o bu onye kachasi mee okenye
4.	Èkéfádá	Èké + fádá	Market day + catholic church	Ahia noketere uka ndi katolik
5.	Úgwúlètó	Úgwú + lètó	Hill + personal name	Ugwu Lètó
6.	Úgwúàùlá	Úgwú + àùlá	Hill + personal name	Ugwu noketere ulo Àùlá
7.	Úgwú Léētē	Úgwú +Lé + ētē	Hill + personal name	Ugwu di n’obodo Leete
8.	gbàúkwú	gbà+ úkwú	Cave + big	Nnukwu ogba
9.	Ógúmèyī	Ógúmè + íyī	Village + stream	Mmiri Ógúmè
10.	Òwérré-Ézúkálà	Òwérré-Ézú+ ká+ àlà	Path way + lake + big + land	Uzo na ezu kariji ala
11	Égbéág	Égbé + ág	Eagle + forest	Ndi bi n’ohia
12	Úgwúósú	Úgwú+ ósú	Hill + Stream	Ugwu no tupu mmiri
13	Úgwúgírī	Úgwú + gírī	Hill + stream	Ugwu no tupu mmiri

14	mírítar	mírí + tar	Stream + shrine	Mmiri nọ n’ime okwu arụsị
15	Íyír	Íyí+ r	Stream + clay	Iyi urọ
16	Ìnyíhìè	Ìnyí + ìhìè	Town + village	Agburu Inyi(obodo dị n’Oji-River) b́jara biri n’obodo Ihie
17	Íyígba	Íyí + gba	Stream + cave	Mmiri si n’ogba asoputa
18	Íyíókóró	Íyí + ókóró	Stream + boy	Iyi maka umu nwoke naani
19	Úgwúòzù	Úgwú + òzù	Hill + farmstead	Ugwu nọketere ubi
20	Òbùlòzù	Òzù + bù+ lò+òzù	People + live + in + farmstead	Ndị bi n’akuku ubi

Ogo nke mbu Tent & Blair (2011) na data nọ n’elu gosiri na otutu aha ebe nha nwere mmebere nke e nwere ike ikewa di ka o si di na kolum nke ato na ntucha mmebe okwu beluso omuma atu nke asaa nke nwere mmebere ato ebe nke iri na nke iri abuo nwere mmebere ano. Ogo nke abuo na data di n’elu gosiri na ufodu aha ebe Owerre-Ezukala nwere mmeha nke nwere ogwe abuo ma o bu ato. Nke a kwadoro nkenudi asato n’ime nkenudi itoolu Tent & Blair tuputara nke gbadoro ukwu na ngwakoma, nhazighari na ntomochi naani ewezuga usoro nhazighari asusu ndi ozo. Nhazighari asusu a metutara usoro mmebe okwu di iche iche e si enwete mkporu okwu asusu ji aru oru. Usoro a gunyere nchabi, mmenha, ma o bu nnyako na mbite. Nkenudi e ji ruo oru na nchocha a bu ikewa mmenha ebe otutu aha ebe bu aha ndi nwere nghota nke aka ha mejuputara ha. Udiri nkenudi ndi a nwere udiri ngwako ndi a iji mebe mmenha; aha + aha; nkowa aha + aha; na aha + ngwaa + mbu uzo + aha. Omuma atu gunyere:

- i. Èkéfádá ⇒ aha + aha
- ii. gbàúkwú ⇒ nkowa aha + aha
- iii. Òbùlòzù ⇒ aha + ngwaa + mbu uzo + aha
- iv. Iyiurọ nkowa aha + aha
- v. Ishishi ngwaa + nkwuwa

Ogo nke ato: nke na-akowa mputara aha ebe na ihe butere igu aha ebe ndi a . Data nọ n’elu na-egosi na omuma atu 5, 6, 7, 16 bu aha ebe ndi nwere aha ndi guzobere ya. Ugwuleto malitere n’ihi nwoke a na-akpo Leto bi n’ugwu ahụ, o bu ya mere e ji baa ugwu ahụ aha ya; etu ahụ ka o dikwa Anula n’Ugwuanula. Ekefada malitere n’ihi na mgbe uka katolik b́jara n’Owerre-Ezukala, e nyere ha otu ala n’akuku ahia Eke; o bu ya mere e ji nye ya aha Ekefada ruo taa n’ihi uka ahụ chere ahia ahụ ihu. Inyihie bu agburu obodo Inyi n’Oji River ndi kwaghari birizie n’obodo Inyi. Di ka o si metuta Ogbaukwu, ogba ahụ buru ibu nke kpatara e ji nye ya aha ahụ; etu ahukwa ka o di Iyiurọ nke bu mmiri di uru uru.

### **Mgbakwunye uoto asusu**

Mgbakwunye bu usoro e ji etinye mofim mgbakwunye uoto asusu na mkporu okwu nke na-enye nghota grama (omuma atu; keesi, onu ugu, pesin, onwunwe, jenda, olu, muud, tensi, na mma ahụ.) Mgbakwunye uoto asusu na-aru oru na mmebe mkporu okwu. O nwere ike ibu nke mmebennweta na mgbakwunye uoto asusu.

QN	Aha ebe	Ntucha mmebe okwu	Mmebere	Nkowa n'Igbo
A	Úmùèrúm	Úmù + èrú + m	Onụ ọgụ + aha + aha	Ụmụ eruola m
B	Úmúdàm	Úmú + dàm	Onụ ọgụ + aha	Ụmụ dàm
CH	Nwágèlèkpútù	Nwá + ngèlè +kpútù	Onwunwe + aha	Obere mmiri dị na kpútù
D	Nwágèlèiyèlè	Nwá + gèlè + iyèlè	Onwunwe + aha	Obere mmiri dị n'iyèlè
E	Nwágèlèhrgà	Nwá + gèlè + hr + gà	Onwunwe + aha	Obere mmiri dị n'akụkụ ugbo
F	Ímōgwúádá	Ímò + ògwúàdà	Onwunwe + aha	Mmiri Imo n'obodo Ògwúàdà
G	Ímòíhè	Ímò+íhè	Onwunwe + aha	Mmiri Imo n'obodo Ihie
GB	Ímòléété	Ímò +lé + été	Onwunwe + aha	Mmiri Imo dị n'obodo Léété

Ogo nke mbụ n'ebe a gosiri na aha ebe nwere mmebere atọ ma ọ bụ anọ nke e nwere ike ikewa dị ka o si dị na kolum nke atọ na ntucha mmebe okwu nọ n'elu. Ogo nke abụọ Tent & Blair gosiputara usoro mgbakwunye uto asusu na mmebe okwu. A na-agbakwunye nganihu "umụ", "nwangele", "Imo" iji gosi onụ ọgụ, onwunwe ma ọ bụ pesin dị ka o si dị na data dị n'elu. Ogo nke atọ bụ ihe mere e ji guo ebe aha dị ka o si dị na data nọ n'elu site n'enyemaka nganihu mgbakwunye uto asusu "nwangele" iji gosi na ime obodo ndi a nwere obere mmiri ebe 'Imo' bụ osimiri di n'obodo atọ nke na o nweghi obodo ga-asị na ọ bụ ha nwe 'Imo' na-ebughi uzo kwuo obodo ebe ọ di.

### Myiabuo

Myiabuo bu usoro nkunwo mgbe udiri nganihu/nsonazu na-enwe agwara fonoloji isi mkpuru okwu. N'aha ebe Owerre-Ezukala, o doro anya na e nwere nkunwotu na nkunwozu nke isi mkpuru okwu.

Q/N	Aha ebe	Ntucha mofoloji	Bekee	Nkwa n'Igbo izugbe
1	Òtápámpám	Òtá + pámp + pámp	Coming otu + slow+slow	Mmiri na-aso nwayo nwayo
2.	syáyá	s + yá + yá	Rushing otu + noise+ noise	Mmiri na-eme mkpotu
3.	sgwòdógwò	s+gwò+dó+gwò	Rushing otu+speed+speed	Mmiri na-asosi ike
4	Ìshsh	Ìsh + sh	Head + head	Onye kachasi mee okenye

Ogo nke mbu: E nwere ihe mgba ama na e nwere ike ikewa data nọ n'elu n'uzo atọ ma ọ bụ anọ. Mmebere kelingwistiiks nke bu ogo nke abuo nwere agwara myiabuo n'isi ufodu mkpuru okwu. Ogo nke atọ na-ekwu na aha ebe ndi a sitere n'onodu/udidi ebe ahụ; omuma atụ, "otapampam" bu osimiri na-aso nwayo nwayo, "osongwodongwo" bu osimiri na-asosi ike ebe "osuyaya" na-eme oke mkpotu.



**Ntucha keusoro okwu**

Ọdidi/ndokọ olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo bu isi ahiri + ngwaa + nnara. Data e nwetere gosiri na ufodu ebe bu ahiri okwu zuru ezu. Ufodu bu nke nkwusa, nju ajuju ma o bu ntimiwi n’odidi.

Ogo nke mbu: e nwere mmebere ato ma o bu ano na data no n’elu. Ogo nke abuo na-egosi na e nwere ufodu aha ebe bu ahiri okwu zuru oke nke gunyere nkwusa, nju ajuju, ma o bu

Q/N	Aha	Ndokọ	Udiri ahiri okwu
1	Òbùlòzù (o bi n’ubi)	Ò bù ló òzù A(Isi ahiri) (ngwaa) aha (Nn)	Nkwusa
2	Òbùnàg O bi n’agu	Ò bù nà ág A(isi ahiri) ngwaa aha(Nn)	Nkwusa
3	Ògbánélū O si n’elu agba	Ògbá n’élū Ngwaa aha	Ntimiwi
4	Úmùèrúm Umụ eruola m?	Úmù èrú mu A(isi ahiri) ngwaa nnochi aha	Nju ajuju

ntimiwi n’odidi. Ogo nke ato: ihe kpatara e ji guo aha nokwa na nghota ha. “Obulozu” bu ndi ha umunna ha ebiketeghi n’ihi na ha biketere ugbo ha nso. Ebe “Ogbanelu” bu mmiri na-esi n’elu awudata di ka aha ya siri di.

**Nchikota na mmechi**

Nchocha a tuchara aha ebe n’olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo site n’akuku mmebemusoro nke gbadoro ukwu n’atumatu Tent & Blair (2011). E si n’uzo praimari na sekondiri nweta data ndi e ji ruo oru na nchocha. Mmebere na-aputa ihe n’olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo so n’otutu nkeji asusu di ka aha, nkowa aha na mbu uzo. Ntucha kemmebe okwu gosiri na aha ebe ndi a siteren’okwu nha, ntinye nganihu ma o bu myjabuo. Nchocha a choputakwara na aha ebe ndi di n’olu ndi Owerre-Ezukala Igbo n’ogo ahiri okwu nwere ike iru oru di ka nkwusa, nju ajuju, ma o bu ntimiwi. Aha ebe ndi a nwekwara ndoko mfe.

Na nchikota, mmadu nwere ike iji agumagu onu na ihe mgbe ochie di ka uzo e si amata akuko ala, ma uzo ozo e nwere ike imata nke a bu site na ntucha kelingwistiiks di ka o si metuta aha ebe. Oru a mepeere nchocha a ga-eme n’odinihu uzo ilebanye anya n’aha ebe Owerre-Ezukala n’ihi na ndi ochocha kwenyere na e nwere akuku ndi ozo nek olu ndi a e kwesiri ilebnaye anya na ha ma detuo n’akwukwo.

**Nrumaka**

Agbo, M.S. (2014). Causativity in Igbo personal names. *Journal of universal language* 15 (2),1-33.  
 Baker, R. & Carmony, M. (1975). *Indiana place names*. Bloomington; Indian University Press.  
 Cano, L.R. (2008). *Toponymic analysis of lienzos*. Mixtechlowlands: Oaxaca.  
 Cresswell, T. (2004). *Place: a short introduction*. Melbourne: Blackwell.  
 Ekejiuba, G. U. (1995). Suprasegmental of Owerre-Ezukala dialect of Igbo and English: A contrastive analysis. BA project. University of Nigeria, Nsukka.  
 Glaser, R. (1998). Australian toponym in the light of socio-onomastics. Nicolaisen, W.F.H.(ed) *Scope, perspectives and methods of Onomastics*, 2. Aberdeen: University of Aberdeen 133-140.  
 Iwudu, M.C. (1994). Name and naming: a theoretical overview. *The muse: literary Journal of the English association at Nsukka*. (24), Enugu: Magnet Sunrise.  
 Klugah, M.A. (2013). Recounting history through linguistics: A toponymic analysis of Asogli migration narratives. *African journal of history and culture* 5, 151 – 159

- Maduagwu, G.O. (2009). Igbo personal names: A morpho-semantic study language matters. *Studies in the languages of African*, 41(2), 315-324.
- Okoye, C.L. (2013). Igbo and Chinese personal names: A socio-semantic analysis. Ph.D Seminar Paper, Department of Linguistics, Igbo & Other Nigerian Languages, Univeersity of Nigeria, Nsukka
- Owu-Ewie, C.(2014), A morphosyntactic analysis of some Fante habitation names (econym). *International journal of humanities and social studies* 2, 232-243.
- Radding, L. & Western, J. (2010). What's in a name? Linguistics, geography and toponyms. *Geographical review, American geographical society*. New York. 394-412
- Smith, G. (1996). American place name: a typology based on naming and form. *Onomastica Canadiana* 78, 53-54.
- Spencer, A. (1991). *Morphological theory*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Stewart, G.R. (1975). *Names on the globe*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Tent, J. & Slatyer, H. (2009). Naming places on the sotuh land: European place – naming Practices from 1606 to 1803. *Australian historical studies*. 40; (1):5-31.
- Tent, T. & Blair, D. (2011). Motivations in naming the development of a toponymic typology for Australian place names. *Names* 59: 67-87.
- Udoye, I. & Ofoegbu, C. (2011). A morphological analysis of Awka personal names. *Journal of arts and contemporary studies*, 3: 85-89.