

## **Module 6: Identifying One's Strengths and Weaknesses**

### **Topic 1 Content: Ibo Vocabulary List**

Agadi-nwayi - old woman

Agbala - woman; also used for a man who has not taken any titles

Chi - the personal god with whom all Ibo believe they are born with

Egwugwu - a person in costume who impersonates one of the ancestral spirits of the village

Ekw - a type of drum made from wood

Eneke-nti-oba - a kind of bird

Eze-agadi-nwayi - the teeth of an old woman

Iba - fever

Ilo - the village green used for sports, discussions, etc.

Inyanga - showing off; bragging

Iyi-uwa - a special kind of stone which forms the link between an ogbanje and the spirit world; only the destruction of the iyi-uwa can break the link and save the child

Jigida - a string of waist beads

Kotma - court messenger

Kwenu - a shout of approval and greeting

Ndichie - elders

Nno-welcome

Nso-ani - a sin or religious offense against the Earth that is abhorred by the Ibo tribe

Nza - a very small bird

Obi - the large living quarters of the head of the family

Ochu - murder; manslaughter

Ogbanje - a child who repeatedly dies and returns to his or her mother to be reborn; it is almost impossible for an ogbanje child to reach maturity before dying unless the iyi-uwa is first found and destroyed

Ogene - a kind of gong

Osu - an outcast; a person who is ostracized from society and not allowed to mix with the freeborn in any way

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Oye - the name of one of the four market days

Ozo - the name of one of the titles or ranks

Tufia - a curse

Udu - a type of drum made from pottery

Uli - a dye used by women for drawing patterns on their skin

Umuada - a family gathering of daughters for which the female kinsfolk return to their village of origin

Umunna - a wide group of kinsmen

Uri - part of the wedding process in which the dowry is paid