Woubikan: Queering Language, Public Health, and NGO Networks in Côte d'Ivoire

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Queer Ivorians

Woubikan [Wubikã]

- •Queer speech
- •Delicate situations
- •With other queer people

Interviews

- 2 Focus Groups
- 20 Free Lists
- 22 Semi-Structured
- Focused Life-History Interviews
- 46 Informal Interviews

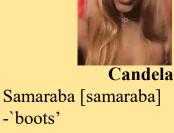
Gérer busy [3eßebizi]

Taking care of business' - sex work

Djaba [dzaba]

- 'onion'
- sex worker

Chat [fa] -`cat' - client



- police

Abstract: My ethnographic project explores links between language and survival in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. Queer Ivorians have developed their own way of speaking to protect themselves from trans- and homophobia. They call this lexicon Woubikan: woubi means 'queer', and kan means 'language'.

Grants





Famu pas mon modèle [Famupamomodel]

Yan & Katia's Stories



Yan Katia Negotiates the boundary of one being out.

Final Reflections:



WOUIKAN : •Monitor their identities •Manage delicate situations •Express themselves •Lexicon: 165 Words, 30 Expressions

Oueer shelter's Oueer Clinic Simon (Gav)

= Recruited Queer community members + testing and education prevention

