

# Documenting Luyia Together: Soba Talking Wordlist

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# Background

- A part of the Masaba/Gisu language cluster
- Underdocumented language
  - Issues with long-term stability





# File Organization

- Worked with a database of audio files of a native speaker pronouncing a list of vocabulary
- Renamed and organized files to make working with them in the future easier and more efficient



109\_one\_Soba\_20180525\_OMWANA138.WAV



110\_other\_Soba\_20180525\_OMWANA139.WAV



111\_person\_Soba\_20180525\_OMWANA140.WAV



112\_to play\_Soba\_20180525\_OMWANA141.WAV



113\_to pull\_Soba\_20180525\_OMWANA142.WAV



# Data Transcription

Elicitation Order	Meaning	Transcription
132	to sew	xu:naβa
133	sharp	xuxwotʃi:a
134	short	buwi:mbi
135	to sing	xuxwi:mba
136	to sit	xuxwi:xala

- Transcribed in the international phonetic alphabet, or IPA
- Recording data this way allows it to be interpreted the same way by any reader since each symbol corresponds to one sound



# Future Plans

- Creating a phonemic inventory
- Identifying and cataloguing affixes
- Morphological analysis
- Tonal analysis



# Impact

- Create a base for future projects to work with
- Contribute to long-term language stability and vitality