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EWE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: A SOCIO-LINGUISTIC SURVEY OF GHANA'S CENTRAL VOLTA REGION

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Preface

This study of the language communities of the central Volta Region— their use of Ewe (their Major Regional Language) and factors relating to its use— was carried out under a co-operative agreement between the Institute of Linguistics and the Institute of African Studies of the University of Ghana at Legon, affiliate organizations.

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All errors or inaccuracies in the text presented remain my own responsibility.

An introduction to the survey aims, language communities and methods (Section 1) begins the text. The main body is then broken into a section on comprehension tests (Section 2) and one on the sociolinguistic questionnaires (Section 3). Each of these two sections begins with a presentation of the methods and materials used, is followed by a summary of the results obtained, and ends with conclusions which can be drawn from the results of each section. The text ends with a discussion of the implications of the results from the entire study. Footnotes and Bibliography appear following the text.

This study is intended as an aid to educators, government officials, church and community leaders as well as others concerned with communication in the Central Volta Region. We hope to provide information that proper authorities can refer to as they face issues involving language planning decisions.

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