**CLAUSE TYPES**

**Simple clauses**

*Ú-pìì má ú-pījábó.*

cl.sg-sheep give.birth cl-ram.lamb

‘The sheep has given birth to a ram lamb.’

*Ú-bó gèèn*

cl.sg-child sleep

‘The child is asleep.’

*Ú-bó* ***gèèn ń-géén***.

cl.sg-child sleep cl-sleep

‘The child has slept.’ Lit. ‘The child has slept sleep.’

**The identity/equative copula clause**

*Bī-báá* ***yé*** *bī-wákɔ́ɔ́-b, bī-kēn tún ú-kánljá*

c.pl-some cop.ident cl.pl-seller-cl.pl cl.pl-other work cl.sg-government

*áá-tún-l.*

poss-work-

‘Some are traders, others work for government.’

*Nààlɔ́tííb lē* ***yé*** *tīmì.*

name.clan foc cop.ident 1pl.emph

‘We’re the Nalɔtiib (people).’

**The existential/locative copula clause**

*Ḿ-bī-m* ***bī*** *lī-nàmpá-l.*

cl.pl-chils-cl.pl cop.loc cl.sg-home-cl.sg

‘The children are home.’

*Bī* ***bī*** *tī-móó-r nī*

3pl cop.loc cl.pl.bush.cl.pl in

‘They are in the bush.’

**Possessive copula clauses**

*Jágēr* ***kpá*** *í-lí-k pám.*

name have cl.pl-money-cl.pl very

‘Jager is very rich.’

*Jágēr* ***yé*** *ú-nàà.*

name own cl.sg-cow

‘Jager owns the cow/The cow belongs to Jager.’

**Co-ordinate clauses**

**Conjunctive co-ordination**

*Ū ŋáán ŋī-tùùn* ***lē*** *ū nī* *ḿ-bī-m ŋmán.*

3sg boil cl-beans and 3sg and cl.pl-child-cl.pl chew

‘S/he cooked beans and she and the children ate.’

*Ú-píí ńgbààn ŋàà í-múúl* ***kī*** *kɔ́ɔ́.*

cl.sg-woman dist boil cl-rice-cl sm sell

‘That woman cooks rice and sells (i.e., She sells the cooked rice).’

*Í-nàà pō sī* ***lē kī*** *lákr tī-tán ńgbààn* ***lē kī*** *ŋmɔ́.*

cl-cow dp stand and sm leak cl-sand dist and sm chew

‘Cattle go to grace on that soil (on a particular spot of land).’

**Disjunctive co-ordination**

*Ū yé NDC (áán)* ***béé*** *NPP?*

3sg cop.ident NDC (emph) or NPP

‘Does s/he belong to the NDC (party) or the NPP (party)?’

*Í-lík* ***béé*** *kī-nyáá-ŋ* ***béé*** *ḿ-púàn lē ū kpá jér mì*?

cl-money or cl-beauty-cl or cl-strength foc 3sg have pass 1sg.obj

‘Is it money or beauty/handsomeness or strength that s/he has more than I do?’

**Adversative co-ordination**

***Àmáá*** *ū dán wáá nán kán kán, lī-wóyɔ́-l gā chúú ù.*

but 3sg come 3sg.neg vent see cond cl-discouragement-cl fut catch 3sg

‘But if s/he comes and doesn’t get it, s/he will be discouraged.’

*Táábíí áá bá búèn kī-sáá-k,* ***àmáá*** *ū búèn kī-nyá-ŋ lá.*

name neg hod go cl.sg-farm-cl.sg but 3sg go cl-market-cl foc

‘Taabii didn’t go to the farm, but he went to the market.’