Proposal for Encoding the Mwangwego Script in the UCS

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General Overview:

This is a revised proposal to encode the Mwangwego script into the Unicode Standard. It supersedes the following documents:

- L2/12-251: "Preliminary proposal to encode the Mwangwego script in the UCS"
- L2/12-311: "Proposal to encode the Mwangwego script in the UCS"

This version differs from the most recent version, L2/12-311, due to the following reasons and updates:

- Confirmed and up to date statistics of current learnings and past learners.
- Addition of several technical terms for all graphemes/letters, vowel modifiers, consonant modifiers/marks, etc.
- Several example words for Mituyo stacks missing from previous proposal.
- Several pictures of evidence of use from teachers, students, personal daily use.
- Collation (ordering) of every aspect of the entire script.
- Link to keyboard.

I Background

The Mwangwego script was first devised in 1979 by Nolence Moses Mwangwego of Malawi, and is designed for writing the languages of Malawi. Some of these languages include the following, along with their *ISO 639 code* and speaker count: Chewa (*nya*, 2 million), Lomwe (*ngl*, 2.5 million), Sena (*swk* in Malawi, *seh* in Mozambican, *bwg* for the divergent Barwe dialect; 2.9 million), Tonga (*tog*, 170,000), Tumbuka (*tum*, 2.3 million), Yao (*yao*, 3.1 million), Nyakyusa (*nyy*, 1.4 million). The majority of these languages are also spoken in parts of nearby countries such as Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia.

Additional letters were created up until 1997. The script has not changed significantly over time and is not related to any other script. There was an official "launch" of the script in 2003 that received notable publicity, including an audience with Minister Kamangadzai Kingsley Chambalo, the Malawian Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture at the time.

The users of the community are students of the script, some of which are school-aged children. There was an initial community of 200-300 adherents of Mwangwego script in 2001. The number of people who have learned the script since 2001 is between 2,500-3,000. Many are training to be teachers themselves. The script has been continuously learned and taught since 2001 in all 3 regions of Malawi: Northern, Central and Southern Regions. The script has been taught informally since 2001. The distribution of January 2023 cohort of students is broken down as follows: 10 in Karonga, 15 in Mzuzu,

10 in the Malawian capital of Lilongwe, and 5 in Blantyre. The script is also included in primers and learning exercise materials for students. As of mid-2024, another cohort of teachers are being trained.

There has only been 1 full book published in the script, by the creator, as cost is a major obstacle for the majority of past and current learners. There is no government support for the script. There are at least 2 fonts: one made by Andrij Rovenchak, and one by Jana Reddemann and Jenna Leich, the latter of which is used in this proposal. Under consultation with the script creator, the authors have developed a keyboard that applies the character model described in this proposal. The keyboard has been developed with the well-known "Keyman" software and a Microsoft Windows executable is available here: https://bit.ly/4e11h3D.

There are no other scripts in the community competing with the Mwangwego script. There is a current project to digitize Nolence Mwangwego's Chichewa language book "ዝ ዊኒਓ፤ ኔና ፊኒ?" (transliteration: "A Malawi Tili Pati?"; translation: "Malawians, where are we?"), which was written in the Mwangwego script.

II Script Name

The proposed script name is "MWANGWEGO", which is named after the creator, Nolence Mwangwego. This is the name used by the script community.

On 3 April 2024, Nolence Mwangwego stated on Facebook that the script "in Malawian languages is called 'musitu wa Mwangwego'. The word 'musitu' comes from three parts of the script: musisi, siri, mutuyo. Mwangwego script was invented in April 1979 and was inaugurated on April 7, 1997. These are dates to remember" (see Reference 6 in Section VII).

III Structure

The Mwangwego script is an abugida written left-to-right in horizontal lines, from the top to the bottom of a page. The basic grapheme inventory accounts for 31 consonants and 5 vowels – /a/, $/\epsilon/$, /i/, / /, and /u/. Each basic grapheme represents a syllable composed of a consonant and a vowel (CV), or a vowel (V) by itself. Students first learn the graphemes that have an inherent /a/ vowel (e.g., /a/, /ba/, /t/a/, etc.). These inherent /a/ vowel graphemes, as shown in the chart below under the column labeled (a/a). Any single one of these graphemes is called a **Musisi**. All Musisi (i.e., the plural) is collectively called **Misisi**. Misisi can be slightly altered in 1 of 4 graphically consistent ways to change the grapheme's vowel from an inherent /a/ to $/\epsilon/$, /i/, / /, or /u/. Any single one of these 4 vowel modifiers is called a **Siri**. All Siri (i.e., the plural) is collectively called **Masiri**. Attaching Masiri to Misisi will yield a total of 160 basic V or CV syllabic graphemes. Any single one of these new graphemes with a vocalic value of $/\epsilon/$, /i/, / /, or /u/ is called a **Musiri**. All Musiri (i.e., the plural) is collectively called **Misiri**.

IPA	/a/	/ε/	/i/	/ɔ/	/u/
/vowel/	Я	Я	开	股	开
/b/	U	α	Ш	<u></u>	៤
/ʧ/	9	2	<i>§</i> 1	ઝ	<i>§</i> r
/d/	3	3	31	35	3
/f/	2	1	ጔ	ኌ	ጉ
/g/	D	T	Ф	Φ	Ф
/ɣ/	Н	Н	Ю	Ю	Ю
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/p/	٩	٩	q	ዋ	Ф
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/v/	A	A	А	Ъ	fb
/w/	٤	Б	Б	Б	ਿਲ
/j/	ď	ď	Ø	δ	б
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Table 1. Inventory of the basic V and CV syllabic graphemes in the Mwangwego script.

To change the inherent /a/ vowel of Misisi to ϵ /, /i/, /ɔ/, or /u/, you fuse Masiri (vowel modifiers) to the bottom-right of Misisi:

Emwa: \bigcirc Example: \bigcirc (ba) $+ \bigcirc$ (- ϵ) = \bigcirc (be)

Ima: \bigcirc Example: \bigcirc (ba) $+ \bigcirc$ (-i) = \bigcirc (bi)

Ota: \bigcirc Example: \bigcirc (ba) $+ \bigcirc$ (-o) = \bigcirc (bb)

Uyu: \bigcirc Example: \bigcirc (ba) $+ \bigcirc$ (-u) = \bigcirc (bu)

Mutuyo & Mituyo:

In addition to these vowel modifiers, some consonant (or tone) modifiers appear to the left (spacing) of the basic grapheme, or above or below (non-spacing) the basic grapheme. These can also be used in combination with one another to further extend the repertoire of consonant onsets or, in one case, to mark high-tone to distinguish between homographs. Not all of these modifiers can be used with all basic graphemes. Section X show which marks are possible for the Misisi. All valid possibilities are possible for the Misiri counterparts.

Any one of these marks is called **Mutuyo**. You can attach multiple Mutuyo onto a single basic grapheme. The plural of Mutuyo is *Mituyo*. Some Mituyo configurations produce more complex spacing characters.

The script's previous proposal (Section 4, L2/12-311) proposed to encode all spacing Mituyo configurations due to the constraints of ligation at the time. For compound consonant modifiers one could use the 'rlig' or 'ccmp' OpenType features to replace a sequent of modifiers with a precomposed stacked version. 'ccmp' would be the most reliable across platforms. Therefore, we propose to only encode the standalone modifiers (i.e., Mutuyo). The set of combinations (i.e., Mituyo) is finite, as is the order in which combinations are combined. It is never correct (i.e., legible) to string them horizontally, and making them "ligatures" may easily fail in many rendering environments, which is unnecessary and undesirable. Readers do not parse the stacks per se, but read the whole cluster as a whole.

1. **MUTUYO** (spacing):

1.1 WAYA. - labializes consonants. There is a unique, non-spacing counterpart of Waya that appears under a letter instead of to the left; see Mutuyo 2.1 below.

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Examples of use:
- (waya) + U (ba) = -U (bwa) - (waya) + Q (ma) = -Q (mwa)
Example words:
ປ୍ଦ (bwato) ପ୍ରି (mwala)
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"3ይ (ndati) , "፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟ "Bull (n'gona) , "ዓፈይ (nsapato) , "ንも (nchalo)

1.2 NI. " is primarily used for homorganic palatalization (which may not be reflected in the transliterated romanization).

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Examples of use:
"(ni) + 3(da)
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= "3 (nda) – tip of the tongue touches the front part of the palate
"(ni) + \( (ta)
                  = "5 (nta)
"(ni) + \int (tsa) = "\int (ntsa)
"(ni) + f(dza) = "f(ndza)
= "出 (ng'a/n'ga) – rear of the tongue touches the palate
"(ni) + \mathbb{Q} (ga) = "\mathbb{Q} (nga)
"(ni) + 9 (cha) = "9 (ncha) – middle of the tongue touches the palate
"(ni) + & (ja)
                  = "ម (nja)
"(ni) + 9 (sa)
                  = "6 (nsa) - tongue slightly touches the palate
"(ni) + \varphi(sha) = "\varphi(nsha)
"(ni) + ጏ(fa)
                  = "\(\text{1}\) (mfa) – labiodentalization
"(ni) + 日(va)
                  = "A (mva)
Example words:
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1.3 Hl. aspirates consonants. Its use may be limited to only a few consonants.

Examples of use:

"(hi) +
$$9$$
 (cha) = " 9 (tcha), "(hi) + 2 (ka) = " 2 (kha), "(hi) + 3 (pa) = " 3 (pha) "(hi) + 4 (ta) = " 4 (tha) "(hi) + 4 (tsa) = " 4 (tsha)

Example words:

1.4 MI. "pre-nasalizes labial consonants. It is described as "used when both lips meet heavily." It is used with 2 Misisi (and of course their corresponding Misiri): U (/ba/) and d (/pa/).

Examples of use:

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" (mi) + U (ba) = "U (mba) " (mi) + U (pa) = "U (mpa)
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Example words:

1.5 MYU. 'pre-nasalizes non-labial consonants. It is described as "used when pronouncing a word which involves a slight meeting of both lips." Myu occurs with many Misisi.

Examples of use:

'(myu) +
$$\Im$$
 (cha) = \Im (mcha) '(myu) + \Im (ka) = \Im (mka) '(myu) + \Im (ma) = \Im (mda) '(myu) + \Im (ta) = \Im (mta) '(myu) + \Im (dza) = \Im (mdza)

Example words:

1.6 SISA. 'prefixes 's-' to consonants. Very few words use Sisa as it is mainly used for foreign loan words (e.g., English; see 7:16 of reference 3 in Section VII below).

Examples of use:

$$i(sisa) + 2i(ka) = i2i(ska)$$
 $i(sisa) + 2i(ma) = i2i(sma)$ $i(sisa) + 3i(ta) = i3i(sisa)$

Example words:

1.7 TUMBU. 'causes prenasalization. It is only used for Yao and Nyakyusa/Ngonde.

Examples of use:

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'(tumbu) + 3 (da) = '3 (n'da)
'(tumbu) + Y (nya) = 'Y (n'nya)
'(tumbu) + 8 (ya) = '8 (n'ya) – in Yao
'(tumbu) + 8 (wa) = '8 (n'wa)
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Example words:

- 2. MUTUYO (non-spacing):
 - 2.1 WAYA-BELOW. o adds a following y-glide (palatalization) to consonants. This is the non-spacing counterpart of WAYA in 1.1 above.

Examples of use:

$$\exists$$
 (da) $+ \bigcirc$ (waya) $= \underline{\exists}$ (dya) $\underline{\eth}$ (ma) $+ \bigcirc$ (waya) $= \underline{\eth}$ (mya)

Example words:

2.2 MURA. adds a following r-glide to consonants. This Mutuyo is also used for foreign words (e.g., English).

Examples of use:

$$U$$
 (ba) $+$ $\mathring{\circ}$ (mura) $=$ \mathring{U} (bra)
 $?$ (ka) $+$ $\mathring{\circ}$ (mura) $=$ $\mathring{?}$ (kra)
 S (ta) $+$ $\mathring{\circ}$ (mura) $=$ \mathring{S} (tra)

Example words:

2.3 MULA. `adds a following l-glide to consonants. This Mutuyo is also used for foreign words (e.g., English).

Examples of use:

$$U$$
 (ba) $+$ $\grave{}$ (mula) $=$ \grave{U} (bla) $?$ (ka) $+$ $\grave{}$ (mula) $=$ $\grave{}$ (kla) $?$ (ta) $+$ $\grave{}$ (mula) $=$ $\grave{}$ (tla)

Example word:

议"以 (translation: Blantyre)

2.4 PEWA. • serves a variety of purposes, indicating affrication and other consonant modifications. It is particularly used a lot in Tumbuka, Kyangonde (a dialect of Nyakyusa; possibly other Nyakyusa dialects as well), and Yao.

Examples of use:

$$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\cal U$}$}$ (ba) + $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}$}$ (pewa) = $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$\cal U$}$}}$ (Chichewa Latin transliteration is $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{wa}$}}$; Tumbuka Latin transliteration is ba; IPA: $$/mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}$}$} (pa.) + $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}}$ (pewa) = $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}}$ (bva) $$ (va) + $\hat{\mbox{$}$}$ (pewa) = $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}}$ (bza) $$ (fa) + $\hat{\mbox{$}$}$ (pewa) = $\hat{\mbox{$\mbox{$}$}}$ (pFa) $$ (PA: $/\theta a/)$ - in Lomwe$$

Example words:

2.5 KWANTHU. Ó marks high tone, at least on words which might otherwise be misread. It is very important in Chichewa because there are 2 tones (in contrast to a language like Tumbuka having no tones).

Examples of use:

Example words:

Σ''Φ (mtengo; translation: tree) to distinguish from ∑''Φ (mtengo; translation: price)

3. MITUYO "stacks":

As Mituyo is the plural of Mutuyo, any combination of 2 individual Mutuyo on a single grapheme can be considered a Mituyo combination. For example, " \S and \mathring{U} both combine a spacing Mutuyo (NI " and WAYA -, respectively) with a non-spacing Mutuyo (WAYA-BELOW \S and PEWA \S , respectively). These are considered Mituyo combinations. However, it is worth specifically highlighting how the *spacing* Mutuyo (described in 1.1-1.7 above) can create spacing Mituyo "stacks" that are written on the left of a grapheme. There are 16 possible Mituyo stacks:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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MYU NI	MYU HI	MYU WAYA	MI HI	MI WAYA	NI HI	NI WAYA	HI WAYA	SISA NI	TUMBU WAYA	MYU NI HI	MYU HI WAYA	MI HI WAYA	NI HI WAYA	SISA NI HI	MYU NI HI
										•				•••	WAYA

Table 2. Inventory of the 16 spacing Mituyo "stacks".

Similar to the (individual) Mutuyo, not all Mituyo are used for all languages. For example, the Mituyo stack TUMBU+WAYA (numbered 10 in Table 2) is only used in Nyakyusa/Ngonde.

3.1. MYU-NI. h

Examples of use:

⁴ MYU-NI + 3 (da) = ⁴3 (mnda)

Example words:

£"£", 6"6"£"

3.2. MYU-HI. ⁴

Examples of use:

 4 MYU-HI + 9 (cha) = 4 (mchha) 4 MYU-HI + 2 (ka) = 4 (mkha)

Example words:

D"b". 3b"

3.3. MYU-WAYA. ¹

Examples of use:

 1 MYU-WAYA + 1 (ba) = 1 (mbwa) 1 MYU-WAYA + 1 (cha) = 1 (mchwa)

Example words:

*ሜ*ት, *ህያ*, ት

3.4. MI-HI. " Examples of use: "MI-HI + d (pa) = "d (mpha) Example words: DºΒ", 3Ъ" 3.5. MI-WAYA. ⁴ Examples of use: "MI-WAYA + U (ba) = "U (mbwa) "MI-WAYA + d (pa) = "d (mpwa) Example words: ሆን, የሆ, **ሮ**ሆ 3.6. HI-WAYA. = Examples of use: = HI-WAYA + ∫ (ta) = =∫ (thwa) Example words: <u>-</u>44, -4∑ 3.7. NI-HI. " Examples of use: " NI-HI + 9 (cha) = "9 (nchha) " NI-HI + ∂ (ka) = "ʔ (nkha) Example words: **"**?"3, "2'6', "9ኌ 3.8. NI-WAYA. ⁴ Examples of use: " NI-WAYA + Ҥ (a) = "Ҥ (nwa) " NI-WAYA + 3 (da) = "3 (ndwa) Example words: ህ"**D**", ኒ**D**", ኒ**ፐ**D" 3.9. SISA-NI. 4 Examples of use: i HI-WAYA + 3 (da) = i 3 (snda) i HI-WAYA + i 4 (ga) = i 4 (snga) Example words:

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TUMBU-WAYA. 1
3.10.
Examples of use:
    ^{\perp}TUMBU-WAYA + f (gha) = ^{\perp}f (n'ghwa) ^{\perp}TUMBU-WAYA + f (ha) = ^{\perp}f (n'hwa)
Example words:
    <u>-γ</u>λ∂-
3.11.
              MYU-NI-HI. i
Examples of use:
    ! MYU-NI-HI + ∫ (ta) = ! ∫ (mntha)
Example words:
    ₽<u>"</u>24
3.12.
              MYU-HI-WAYA. 4
Example of use:
    \frac{1}{2} MYU-HI-WAYA + \frac{9}{2} (cha) = \frac{1}{2}9 (mchhwa)
Example words:
    ≗ሃኄ
3.13.
              MI-HI-WAYA. #
Examples of use:
    \frac{d}{dt} MI-HI-WAYA + \frac{d}{dt} (pa) = \frac{d}{dt} (mphwa)
Example words:
    <u> </u>45
3.14.
              NI-HI-WAYA. #
Examples of use:
    "NI-HI-WAYA + \Im (cha) = \Im (nchhwa) "NI-HI-WAYA + \Im (ka) = \Im (nkhwa)
Example words:
    <del>፤</del>፟ንዅ
              ያ።5ረ
3.15.
              SISA-NI-HI. il
Examples of use:
    \stackrel{.}{=} SISA-NI-HI + \stackrel{.}{\sim} (ka) = \stackrel{.}{=} (snkha) \stackrel{.}{=} SISA-NI-HI + \stackrel{.}{\sim} (ta) = \stackrel{.}{=} (sntha)
Example words:
    ያ
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3.16. MYU-NI-HI-WAYA.

In summary, there are 32 Misisi (inherent /a/ vowel graphemes), 4 Masiri (vowel modifiers), 12 Mutuyo (11 consonant modifiers; 1 tone modifier), and 16 Mituyo ("stacks") to encode.

• It is worth mentioning that the WAYA Mutuyo and the WAYA-BELOW Mutuyo *must* be encoded as two symbols and not only one. This is because if one were to process plain text (e.g., transliteration) one needs to be able to interpret the bytes as being "wa" (from WAYA) and "ya" (from WAYA-BELOW), which one couldn't do with a single character point as position information is lost in plain text.

Punctuation and Numerals/Digits:

There are no script-specific digits in the script; Hindu-Arabic digits (i.e., 0123456789) are used. There are no script-specific punctuation marks. Words are separated using U+0020 SPACE.

IV Character Repertoire

Table 3 presents the character names for the 32 Mwanwego Misisi (singular Musisi; inherent -/a/graphemes/letters), 4 Masiri (singular Siri; vowel marks), 12 Mutuyo (consonant/tone modifiers), and 16 Mituyo (complex Mutuyo combinations). The Chichewa language terms for the orthographic elements have been employed to clearly and distinctly identify the characters by their encoded names.

Я	U+1X000 MWANGWEGO MUSISI A
U	U+1X001 MWANGWEGO MUSISI BA
9	U+1X002 MWANGWEGO MUSISI CHA
3	U+1X003 MWANGWEGO MUSISI DA
ב	U+1X004 MWANGWEGO MUSISI FA
D	U+1X005 MWANGWEGO MUSISI GA
Н	U+1X006 MWANGWEGO MUSISI GHA
Ł	U+1X007 MWANGWEGO MUSISI HA
A	U+1X008 MWANGWEGO MUSISI JA
Ь	U+1X009 MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZHA
۲	U+1X00A MWANGWEGO MUSISI KA
ί	U+1X00B MWANGWEGO MUSISI LA
Q	U+1X00C MWANGWEGO MUSISI MA
П	U+1X00D MWANGWEGO MUSISI NA

У	U+1X00E MWANGWEGO MUSISI NYA
٩	U+1X00F MWANGWEGO MUSISI PA
a	U+1X010 MWANGWEGO MUSISI RA
6	U+1X011 MWANGWEGO MUSISI SA
б	U+1X012 MWANGWEGO MUSISI SHA
5	U+1X013 MWANGWEGO MUSISI TA
J	U+1X014 MWANGWEGO MUSISI TSA
h	U+1X015 MWANGWEGO MUSISI PSA
Ð	U+1X016 MWANGWEGO MUSISI VA
٤	U+1X017 MWANGWEGO MUSISI WA
ŏ	U+1X018 MWANGWEGO MUSISI YA
ſ	U+1X019 MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZA
f	U+1X01A MWANGWEGO MUSISI DZA
д	U+1X01B MWANGWEGO MUSISI DHLA
Ò	U+1X01C MWANGWEGO MUSISI HLA
ና	U+1X01D MWANGWEGO MUSISI XA
Ŷ	U+1X01E MWANGWEGO MUSISI QA
ſ	U+1X01F MWANGWEGO MUSISI THA
୍ର	U+1X020 MWANGWEGO SIRI EMWA
្ប	U+1X021 MWANGWEGO SIRI IMA
ാ	U+1X022 MWANGWEGO SIRI OTA
்	U+1X023 MWANGWEGO SIRI UYU
ť	U+1X024 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MYU
cc .	U+1X025 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MI
=	U+1X026 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO NI
:	U+1X027 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO HI
ı	U+1X028 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA
਼	U+1X029 MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA BELOW
,	U+1X02A MWANGWEGO MUTUYO SISA
૽	U+1X02B MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MURA
ं	U+1X02C MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MULA
ੰ	U+1X02D MWANGWEGO MUTUYO PEWA
ı	U+1X02E MWANGWEGO MUTUYO TUMBA
ं	U+1X02F MWANGWEGO MUTUYO KWANTHU
'n	U+1X030 MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI

	U+1X031 MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-HI
<u>t</u>	U+1X032 MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-WAYA
"	U+1X033 MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI
<u>u</u>	U+1X034 MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-WAYA
!!	U+1X035 MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-HI
<u>u</u>	U+1X036 MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-WAYA
=	U+1X037 MWANGWEGO MITUYO HI-WAYA
i.	U+1X038 MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI
1	U+1X039 MWANGWEGO MITUYO TUMBA-WAYA
ii.	U+1X03A MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI
<u>\$</u>	U+1X03B MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-HI-WAYA
<u>"</u>	U+1X03C MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI-WAYA
<u>"</u>	U+1X03D MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-HI-WAYA
ij	U+1X03E MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI-HI
<u>:</u>	U+1X03F MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI-WAYA

Table 3: Character Names of the Mwangwego Orthography

	1X00	1X10	1X20	1X30
0	A	9		S
0	1X000	1X010	1X020	1X030
1	U 1X001	5	1X021	1X031
				<u>c</u>
2	1X002	6	1X022	1X032
	7	2	····.	ςς
3	1X003	1X013	1X023	
	1X003	1X013		1X033
	<u>ן</u>		C	<u>«</u>
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The Mwangwego script is used for the languages of Malawi, which include Chewa (nya), Lomwe (ngl), Sena (swk in Malawi, seh in Mozambican, bwg for the divergent Barwe dialect), Tonga (tog), Tumbuka (tum), Yao (yao), Nyakyusa (nyy).

Various letters

43/000	
1X000 ㅂ	MWANGWEGO MUSISI A
1X001 U	MWANGWEGO MUSISI BA
1X002 9	MWANGWEGO MUSISI CHA
1X003 3	
	MWANGWEGO MUSISI DA
1X004 🗅	MWANGWEGO MUSISI FA
1X005 Q	MWANGWEGO MUSISI GA
1X006 H	MWANGWEGO MUSISI GHA
1X007 L	MWANGWEGO MUSISI HA
1X008 ජ	MWANGWEGO MUSISI JA
1Х009 Ь	MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZHA
1X00A 2	MWANGWEGO MUSISI KA
1X00B	MWANGWEGO MUSISI LA
1X00C ₫	MWANGWEGO MUSISI MA
1X00D L	
1X00E Y	MWANGWEGO MUSISI NYA
1X00F &	MWANGWEGO MUSISI PA
1X010 a	MWANGWEGO MUSISI RA
1X011 9	MWANGWEGO MUSISI SA
1X012 6	MWANGWEGO MUSISI SHA
1X013 S	MWANGWEGO MUSISI TA
1X014 J	MWANGWEGO MUSISI TSA
1X015 h	MWANGWEGO MUSISI PSA
1X016 A	MWANGWEGO MUSISI VA
1X017 E	MWANGWEGO MUSISI WA
1X018 ४	MWANGWEGO MUSISI YA
1X019 (MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZA
1X01A f	MWANGWEGO MUSISI DZA
1X01B J	
	MWANGWEGO MUSISI DHLA
1X01C ◊	MWANGWEGO MUSISI HLA
1X01D S	MWANGWEGO MUSISI XA
1X01E 9	MWANGWEGO MUSISI QA
1X01E r	
	MWANGWEGO MUSISI THA
1X020 ∴	
1X021 ○	ı MWANGWEGO SIRI ITA
1X022 o	MWANGWEGO SIRI OTA
1X023	
17024	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MYU
1X025 "	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MI
1X026 "	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO NI
1X027 "	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO HI
1X028 -	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA
1X029 ੁ	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA BELOW
1X02A ,	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO SISA
41/000	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MURA
1X02B	MANANGWEGO MUTUNO MUUA
1X02C	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MULA
INUZU C	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO PEWA
1X02E '	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO TUMBA
1X02F ◌́	MWANGWEGO MUTUYO KWANTHU
1X030 4	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI
1X031 ±	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-HI
1X032 🛔	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-WAYA
1X033 ⁴	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI
1X034 ±	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-WAYA
1X035 ±	
	MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-HI
1X036 "	MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-WAYA
1X037 #	MWANGWEGO MITUYO HI-WAYA
1X038 ⁴	MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI
1X030 "	
17(000	MWANGWEGO MITUYO TUMBA-WAYA
1X03A =	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI
1X03B "	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-HI-WAYA
1X03C =	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI-WAYA
1X03D 4	MWANGWEGO NI-HI-WAYA
	MWANGWEGO NITHI-WATA MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI-HI
1X03F -	MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI-WAYA

Additional information on characters

Phonetic value

The Mutuyo TUMBU' is only used for Yao, and Nyakyusa/Ngonde. The Mutuyo PEWA $\hat{}$ is mostly used in Tumbuka, Kyangonde (a dialect of Nyakyusa; possibly other Nyakyusa dialects as well), and Yao.

Joining information

Masiri (e.g., Vowel modifiers; singular: Siri) are attached to base letters as described above, but letters themselves do not join at all like they do in Arabic.

For the MUSISI BA (\mathcal{C}), and the Misiri counterparts (\mathcal{C} , \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{C}), placement of the Mutuyo PEWA \hat{C} should be above the right-side vertical line ($\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$), instead of directly above the grapheme as it is for all other graphemes (e.g., $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$). See line 3 of Figure 42 in Section IX.

Note for typographers/font designers: the placement of the Mutuyo/Mituyo in relation to the graphemes (Misisi/Misiri) should be done the same as in Figures 10-31 and 42-50 in Section IX. These images should be the reference when making basic letterforms and relative position of most Mutuyo/Mituyo to the graphemes. The following are exceptions to this based on input by the user community:

- When Mutuyo/Mituyo that appear on the left of MUSISI PA d, MUSISI TA S, MUSISI TSA I, and MUSISI DHLA d, and their Musiri counterparts (), should make use of the empty space available for these graphemes. They should "fill up"/utilize the empty space. Again, this logic extends to the Misiri counterparts for these 4 graphemes.
 - o See Figure 46 for MUSISI PA d. Same for Misiri d, d, d, d.
 - See Figures 49-50 for MUSISI TA \(\). Same for Misiri \(\), \(\), \(\).
 - O See Figure 50 for MUSISI TSA J. Same for Misiri 1, 1, 1, 1, 1.
 - o See Figure 51 for MUSISI DHLA d. Same for Misiri d, d, d, d.
- The stacked Mituyo combinations on the left of graphemes should be perfectly symmetrical as requested by the user community:
 - O Symmetrical examples:
 - The font used in Figures 42-50 doesn't have some aspects of a Mituyo stack centered, such as Mutuyo MYU
 The examples above should be the reference for this aspect of the script/future fonts.

Punctuation

Latin punctuation is used in the script. This includes the "ASCII punctuation and symbols" subheading of Basic Latin Unicode Block (U+0020 to U+002F, U+003A to U+0040, U+005B to U+0060 and U+007B to U+007E) and the "Latin-1 punctuation and symbols" subheading of the Latin-1 Supplement Unicode Block (U+00A0 to U+00BF).

Numbers

Numbers are represented with Hindu-Arabic numerals: 0123456789.

V Properties

General Category and other properties

The Mwangwego inventory in this proposal includes the Misisi syllable bases as type Letter Other, their combining Masiri and Mutuyo diacritic marks.

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1X000; MWANGWEGO MUSISI A; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X001; MWANGWEGO MUSISI BA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X002; MWANGWEGO MUSISI CHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X003; MWANGWEGO MUSISI DA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X004; MWANGWEGO MUSISI FA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X005; MWANGWEGO MUSISI GA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X006; MWANGWEGO MUSISI GHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X007; MWANGWEGO MUSISI HA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X008; MWANGWEGO MUSISI JA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X009; MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X00A; MWANGWEGO MUSISI KA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X00B; MWANGWEGO MUSISI LA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X00C; MWANGWEGO MUSISI MA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X00D; MWANGWEGO MUSISI NA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X00E; MWANGWEGO MUSISI NYA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X00F; MWANGWEGO MUSISI PA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X010; MWANGWEGO MUSISI RA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X011; MWANGWEGO MUSISI SA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X012; MWANGWEGO MUSISI SHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X013; MWANGWEGO MUSISI TA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X014; MWANGWEGO MUSISI TSA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X015; MWANGWEGO MUSISI PSA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X016; MWANGWEGO MUSISI VA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X017; MWANGWEGO MUSISI WA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X018; MWANGWEGO MUSISI YA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X019; MWANGWEGO MUSISI ZA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X01A; MWANGWEGO MUSISI DZA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X01B; MWANGWEGO MUSISI DHLA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X01C; MWANGWEGO MUSISI HLA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X01D; MWANGWEGO MUSISI XA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X01E; MWANGWEGO MUSISI QA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X01F; MWANGWEGO MUSISI THA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X020; MWANGWEGO SIRI EMWA; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X021; MWANGWEGO SIRI IMA; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X022; MWANGWEGO SIRI OTA; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;
1X023; MWANGWEGO SIRI UYU; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X024; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MYU; Lo; 224; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X025; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MI; Lo; 224; ON;;;;; N;;;;;
1X026; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO NI; Lo; 224; ON; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ; ;
1X027; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO HI; Lo; 224; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X028; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA; Lo; 224; ON; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ; ;
1X029; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO WAYA BELOW; Mc; 220; ON;;;;; N;;;;;
1X02A; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO SISA; Lo; 224; ON; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ;
1X02B; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MURA; Mc; 230; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X02C; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO MULA; Mc; 224; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X02D; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO PEWA; Mc; 230; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X02E; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO TUMBA; Lo; 224; ON; ;; ;; ;N; ;; ;;
1X02F; MWANGWEGO MUTUYO KWANTHU; Mc; 230; ON; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
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1X030; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X033; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-HI; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X035; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-WAYA; Lo; 224; ON;;;;; N;;;;;
1X036; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI; Lo; 224; ON; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1X028; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-WAYA; Lo; 224; ON;;;;; N;;;;;
1X029; MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-HI; Mc; 220; ON; ;;;; N;;;;;
1X02C; MWANGWEGO MITUYO HI-WAYA; Mc; 224; ON;;;;; N;;;;
1X02D; MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI; Mc; 230; ON; ;;;; N;;;;;
1X02F; MWANGWEGO MITUYO TUMBA-WAYA; Mc; 230; ON; ;;;; N;;;;
1X031; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1X027; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MI-HI-WAYA; Lo; 224; ON; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ;
1X02A; MWANGWEGO MITUYO NI-HI-WAYA; Lo; 224; ON; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ; ;
1X02E; MWANGWEGO MITUYO SISA-NI-HI; Lo; 224; ON;;;;; N;;;;;
1X032; MWANGWEGO MITUYO MYU-NI-HI-WAYA; Mc; 204; L;;;;; N;;;;
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Line breaking information

Line Breaking rules for the Mwangwego script are as follows:

- Words are separated with U+0020 SPACE. There are no other word separators in historical documents.
- Line breaks only occur at word boundaries.
- There is not a special mode found that allows line breaks within words at select positions, such as using a hyphen sign (U+002D HYPEHN-MINUS) that other scripts apply.
- Line breaks cannot occur within numbers. Numbers must always be kept together.
- There are no restrictions explicitly stated on line breaking before or after certain punctuation characters.

The Mwangwego script is likely to occur with the Latin script.

VI Collation

Misisi/Musiri

However, attaching Mutuyo/Mituyo to Misisi/Musiri significantly influences the ordering of said Misisi/Musiri; see directly below.

Mutuyo

When Mutuyo (i.e., a single modifying mark as defined in Section III) are attached to Misisi/Musiri the collation adheres to the following order:

MYU ' < MI " < NI " < HI " < WAYA $^- <$ WAYA BELOW $^- <$ SISA ' < MURA $^\circ <$ MULA $^\circ <$ PEWA $^\circ <$ TUMBU ' < KWANTHU $^\circ$.

As previously mentioned, not all Mutuyo/Mituyo attach to all Misisi/Musiri as some letter+modifier combinations are not linguistically attested. For example, the valid Mutuyo for the Musisi ? /ka/ are MYU ', NI ", HI ", WAYA -, WAYA BELOW $_{\circ}$, SISA ', and KWANTHU $_{\circ}$. See Section X for all valid Misisi and Mutuyo/Mituyo combinations.

As an example, if one is given the Musisi $\frac{2}{ka}$ and the Musiri $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$, and all valid Mutuyo attachments for $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$, which are $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$, $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$, $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$, and $\frac{2}{k\epsilon}$ the order of these characters would be as follows:

The basic Musisi $\frac{2}{ka}$ is ordered first, then each base- $\frac{2}{ka}$ letter is ordered according to the Mutuyo order mentioned above. Only after all letters of the same base ($\frac{2}{ka}$ in this example) are ordered, can the next vocalized letter (i.e., $\frac{2}{ka}$) be ordered.

To provide another example: if one is given the Musisi \mathcal{U} /ba/ and the Misiri \mathcal{U} /bɛ/, \mathcal{U} /bi/, \mathcal{U} /bɔ/, and \mathcal{U} /bu/. The valid Mutuyo for \mathcal{U} /ba/ (which are also *always* valid for the Misiri counterparts) are MYU ', MI ", WAYA -, WAYA BELOW \mathcal{L} , MURA \mathcal{L} , and PEWA \mathcal{L} (see Section X). If you attach all Mutuyo to Musisi \mathcal{U} /ba/ and all Misiri, the ordering of all of these characters, including the base Musisi and Misiri, would be as follows:

Mituyo

Graphemes with only one Mutuyo are ordered before any instances of a grapheme with Mituyo (i.e., multiple Mutuyo).

There are only three ways to configure a Mituyo combination around a Musisi/letter:

- 1. Left and Bottom (example: "()
- 2. **Top** and Left (example: -Ĉ)
- 3. **Top** and Bottom (example: $\hat{\zeta}$)

You cannot have a Mituyo configuration where all three positions (top, left, and bottom) are occupied by a Mutuyo (i.e., it is linguistically impossible for these languages). The Mutuyo that is written first, and therefore considered first when ordering is in **bold** above for each of the three configurations.

Furthermore, if there are multiple Mutuyo stacked on the left of a grapheme (e.g., "f', 'f') ordering of the left stack is decided by reading the individual Mutuyo from the top of the stack (first) to the bottom of the stack(second), and adhering to the general ordering of individual Mutuyo

2-part Mituyo

Below are all 19 linguistically possible 2-part Mituyo combinations. This is also their order (from left to right):

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
'n	:~	<u> </u>	្	::	<u>«</u>	ំ	:=	=1	ं	::	ं	=~	ं•	<u>ੇ</u>	ं	1-	ंं	ं

Table 4. Order of all 2-part Mituyo.

For convenience, the order of individual Mutuyo is: MYU '< MI "< NI "< HI "< WAYA -< WAYA BELOW < SISA '< MURA < PEWA < TUMBU '< KWANTHU

Therefore, we can see in Table 4 that all 2-part Mituyo that contain a MYU are ordered first before 2-part Mituyo that "start with" a MI ", etc.

Furthermore, as we can see in Table 4, the 2-part Mituyo combinations that are labeled as 1, 2, and 3 are all "stacks" that would appear on the left side of a grapheme. Stacks 1, 2, and 3 all have a MYU 'at the top of their stacks. The ordering of these 3 stacks is determined by parsing the stacks' Mutuyo components from top to bottom. They each start with MYU ', which can be ignored. The second Mutuyo in stacks 1, 2, and 3 are NI ", HI ", and WAYA ¬, respectively. As NI " comes before HI " and WAYA ¬ in the Mutuyo ordering, is ordered before ... Then, as HI " comes before WAYA ¬ in the Mutuyo ordering, is ordered before ...

Another example are the 2-part Mituyo combinations labeled under 14, 15, and 16 in Table 4 (, , , , and). They have top-left, top-left, and top-bottom configurations around a grapheme, respectively. They each begin with a PEWA . Their order is also determined by looking at the second Mutuyo in the Mityuo combination. Combination 14 has a NI ", 15 has a WAYA -, and 16 has a WAYA BELOW as their second Mutuyo (according to the order of reading their respective configurations). As NI "comes before WAYA - in the Mutuyo ordering, and WAYA - comes before WAYA BELOW , their order as . . .

3-part Mituyo

Below are the 7 linguistically possible 3-part Mituyo combinations. This is also their order (from left to right):

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<u>;</u>	<u>.:</u>	%:1	<u>ः</u>	=:1	<u>ः</u> ।	~≡:

Table 5. Order of all 3-part Mituyo

The exact same logic applies to 3-part Mituyo.

4-part Mituyo

There is only one linguistically possible 4-part Mituyo combination. It is ordered after 3-part Mituyo combinations.



Table 6. The sole 4-part Mituyo combination.

The exact same logic applies to 4-part Mituyo.

Complete collation example

- 1. A basic grapheme (Misisi) is ordered first.
 - a. Example: 2 /ka/
- 2. Then all valid Mutuyo for that basic grapheme are ordered.
 - a. Example: 'ʔ ''ʔ -ʔ -ʔ ʔ ት ት ት
- 3. Then all valid 2-part Mutuyo for that basic grapheme are ordered.
- 4. Then all valid 3-part Mituyo for that basic grapheme are ordered.
 - a. Example: ኯ፟ኯ፟ኯ፟
- 5. Then all valid 4-part Mituo for that basic grapheme are ordered.
 - a. Example: 护
- 6. Then the next vocalization for that basic grapheme is ordered.
 - a. Example: 2 /ke/
- 7. Then the ordering continues for all the same Mutuyo, and 2/3/4-part Mituyo for that new vocalized grapheme.
- 8. Then the next basic grapheme (Misisi) continues the entire cycle.

Section X shows every possible Mutuyo/Mituyo combination attached to the Misisi (i.e., all inherent /a/syllabic graphemes).

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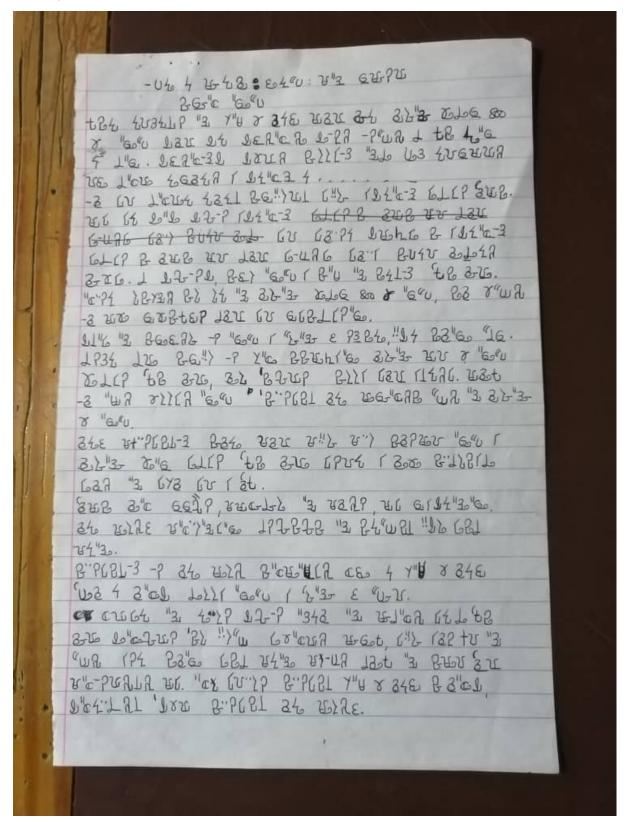


Figure 1. Handwritten material from a Malawian user.

B-6-10 183 9 666 . 604°0: 84 136"W इस्टि पडा १५७ एडिस्डिए एक र सन्ति ह एडि नि 8-60E -P 183 1 6Eb. "3. L D-P I A-64, 443 884" LA BL1 -135 4-PWA 1 626 44°C BUREL & 1848 BLIN & 1961 ELGI 1671 1843 "31 24"66 P1"63 "31 3"1-"670 (Eb. 3" L" (26 43" BB" C-3 "3" "YUT 83" 50 3" L"GRE BY R FAR RES"[7. [87 3"c "6"L "45, "36, 4744, "B"U, 32 "WA (32-WP 123 66) TUGO v. 23 6"6 81 62"3 - ww Lob"(27 9831 443 "31 16"6 44 "3 LEP REAL BB"(64 ") PE RIV. ") & HE 258"[] " The E Wet "31 36" C "31 KIND JAU WET "3 35"U 1394 66-53 -P"WA. B3"Go 17-WP 22"K271 36"C & It "3 370. 370 2-1770 F37 (89 2) RST 33) E 35 25 63 462 645 946 9 66 13 68 6 866-106 340 EV V3-13 E J3"C Bb V+6-10-3 J 6676. " LL E Ht " 3 36" C EEL " C-3 LEV WIT & FE CX "U B2160 26 C 3010 V 65 68 3 CULT PLY 6 34-8 36"C V'L+ V65"C-3 24 V-WV V6VV8LT1. 16V484 334 "6"47 6618 82"6 46P "UE VEVGE"1. 332 KI KINS 840 88 2,87 498 A 848 RETUS FIRST BY RE " TE TO THE PE ARE 13 P.C. 19 1 183 (187) (2")"31 "47 66 TUGTU 3°C 16A) "3 116"C46 23"60 (PP 831 "3 183 83"60 687 130-11-3 PLU 60 BP3 4014 8"1"Go BG41-3. TAR 9,8 ASK 759, 554 807 (81,0 COAROL 45,000 "3 LEE P4 DB" 122 2-PWA BL IP IN 25325 75 121 UV L 878 E 6EYO. TS. 870 A TS. 5 2 8 5 4 3 A . F. T TT. " JA. 2 13 8 JEBS - P"UR LILL JO" BY BY"9- RESTER 126 & GUV "1" V 8686.

Figure 2. Handwritten material from a Malawian user.

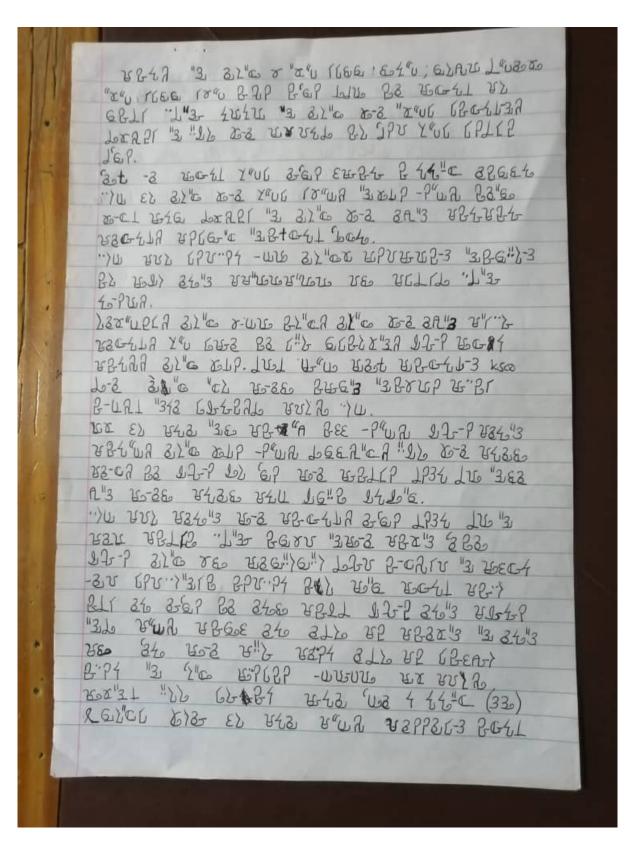


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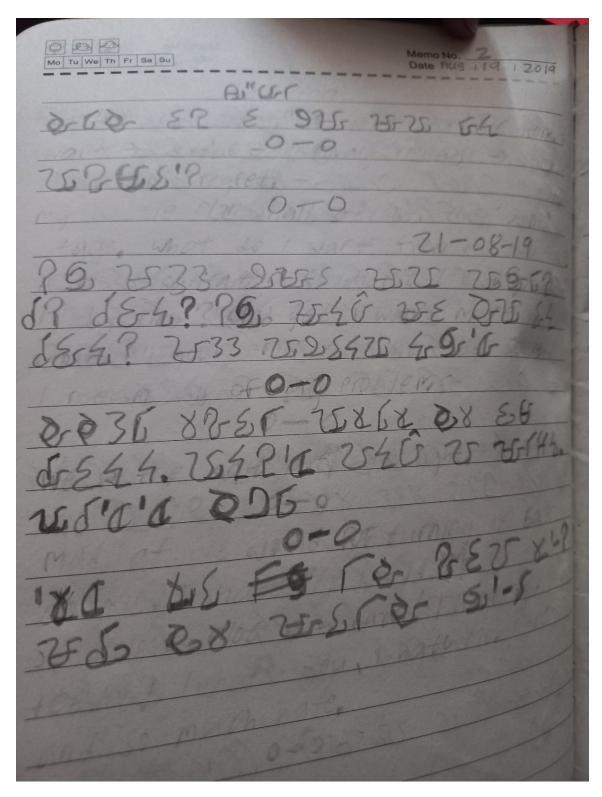


Figure 4. August 19, 2019 Tumbuka-language journal entry from a Malawian user.

Please note, the last word on this image, <code>QLY</code>, has the Mituyo stack deconstructed, with the Tumbu Mutuyo incorrectly written on the left of the Waya Mutuyo, instead of properly placing it on top of the latter. This is an error the student made, which is part of the learning curve. There are several instances of the user *correctly* constructing this same Mituyo in these journal entries in Figure 4.6 (twice in paragraph 3; again in paragraph 4).

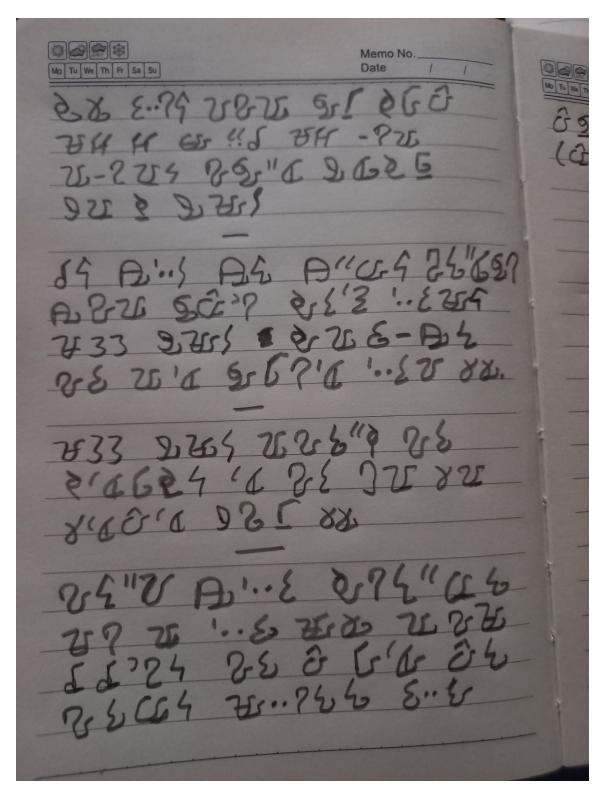


Figure 5. Tumbuka-language journal entry from a Malawian user.

Please note, the Mituyo sequence of TUMBU $^{\prime}$ HI $^{\cdot}$, as seen in paragraphs 2 and 4 in Figure 4.1, is *not* possible. This was a mistake by the learner.

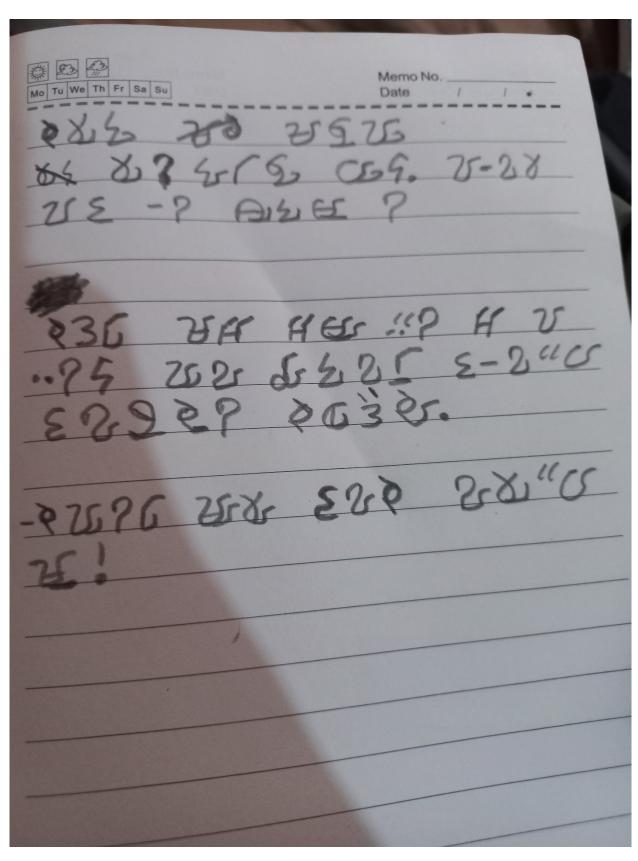


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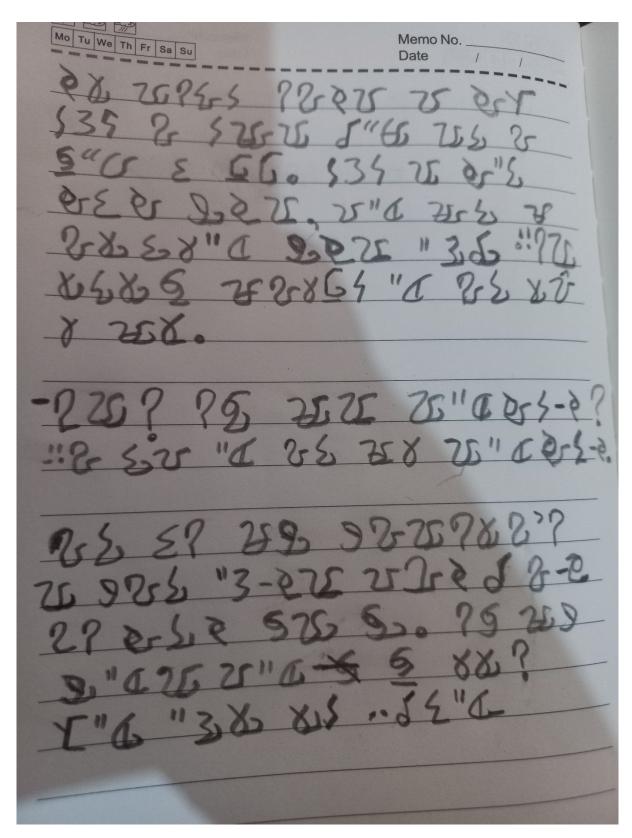


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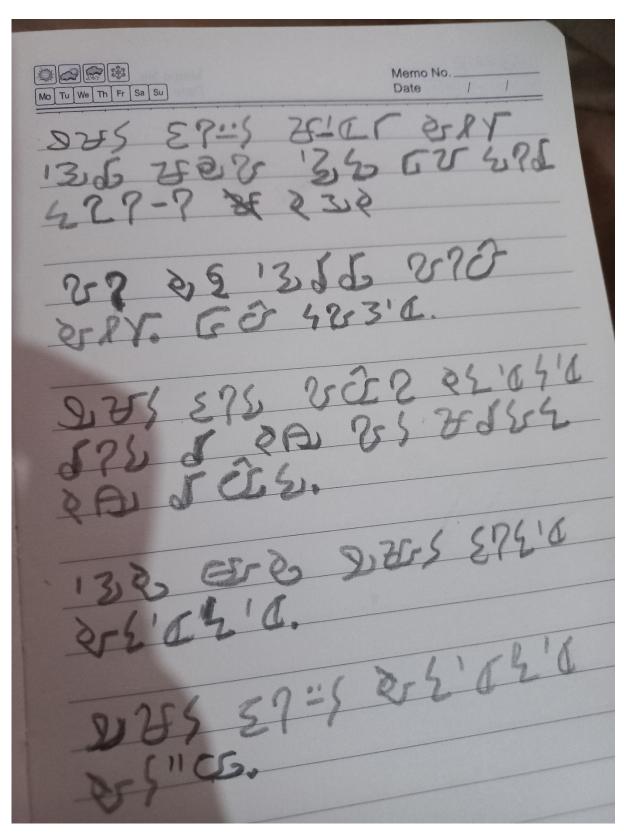


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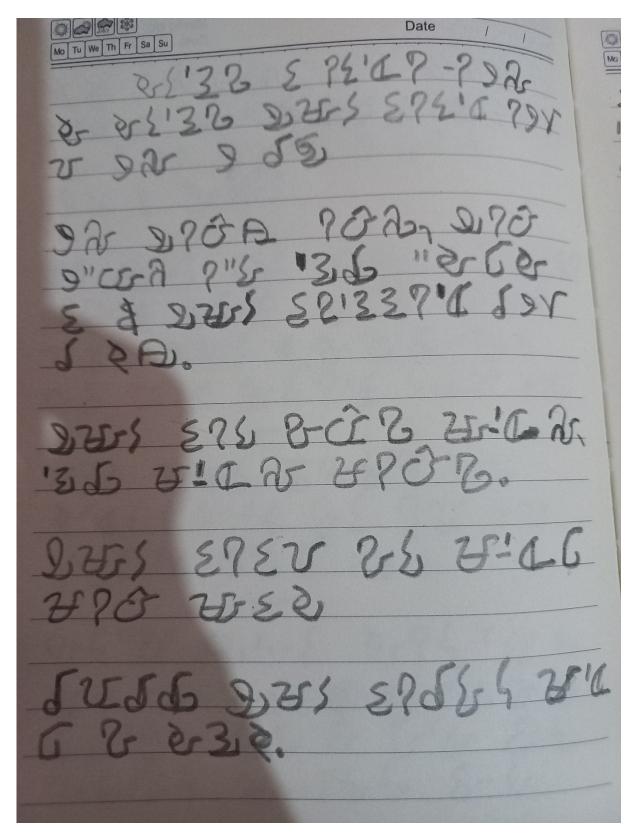


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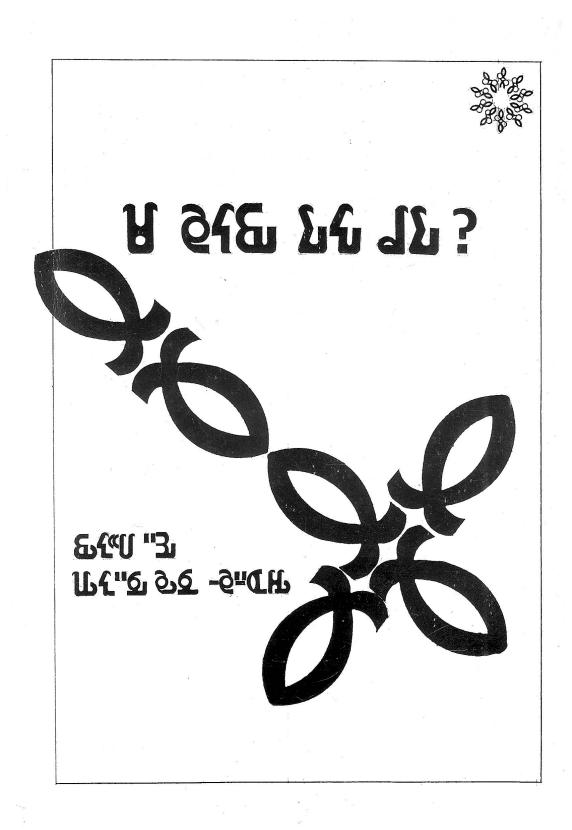


Figure 10. Cover page of the Chichewa language book "남 والحديث (transliteration: "A Malawi Tili Pati"; translation: "Malawians, where are we?")

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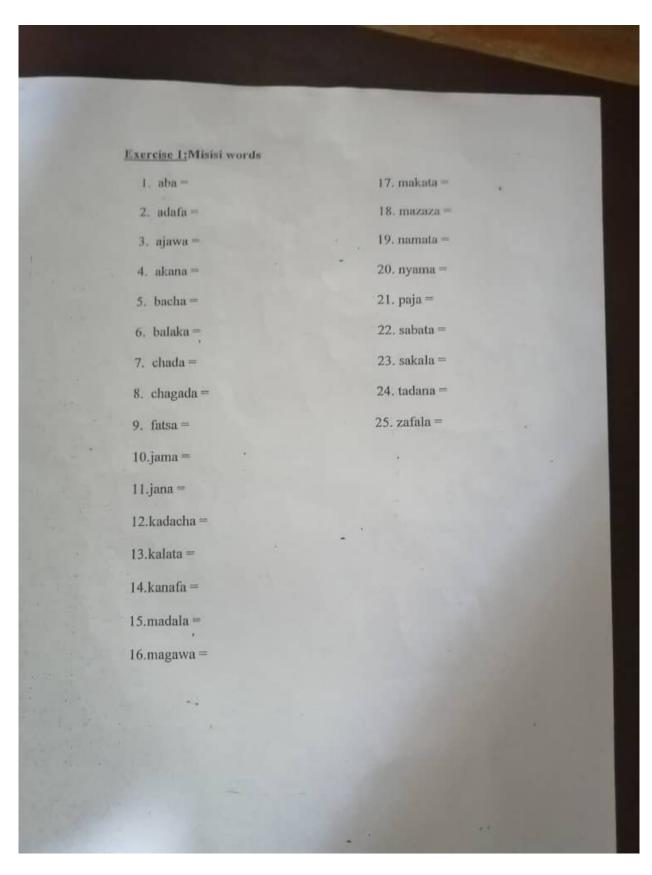


Figure 32. Exercise material of Misisi words for students to transliterate into the Mwangwego script.

Exercise 2: Misiri words 1. bekete = 17. malamulo = 2. beseni = 18. masewera = 3. bokosi = 19. musiyeni = 4. chasowadi = 20. namadzi = 5. chidani = 21. petulo = 6. chikoka = 22. sekani = 7. chilole = 23. sizikukoma = 8. chimenechi = 24. timalima = 9. chipatala = 25. tisamalire = 10. chuma = 11. galimoto = 12. ganizani = 13. kenaka = 14. kulakatula = 15. litsiro = 16. madzi =

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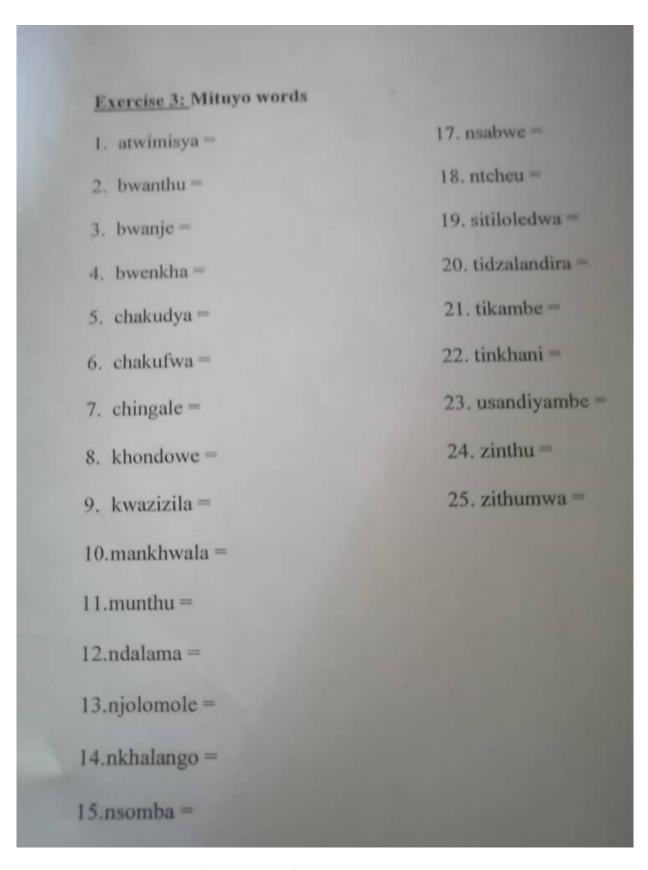


Figure 34. Exercise material of Mituyo words for students to transliterate into the Mwangwego script.

LESSON 3 2 B) Same more examples of the uses of Mituyo How to use Hi ("), Ni ("), Mi (cc) and Myu (c) (1) Ni (") is used in the following cases a) When the tip of the tongue touches the front part of the palate Ndza "+ Ntsa "1 Nta "> Nda "3 b) When the rear part of the tongue touches the palate. Ng'a "H Nga "C c) When the middle part of the tongue touches the palate. Ncha "9 Nia "U d) When the tongue slightly touches the palate. Nsha "6 Nsa "6 · e) When teeth of the upper jaw touch the lower lip: Mfa "J Mva "A) is used when both lips meet "heavily" (2) Mi (Mba CU Mpa 4) is used when pronouncing a word which involves slight meeting (3) Myu (of both lips. Mkaka Mtima Mkanda Mchenga. 5,6 2116 * Although NYA (y) has got its own symbol originally, it can also be written (") in some languages.

Figure 35. More exercise material for students to learn how to transliterate Mituyo words into the Mwangwego script.

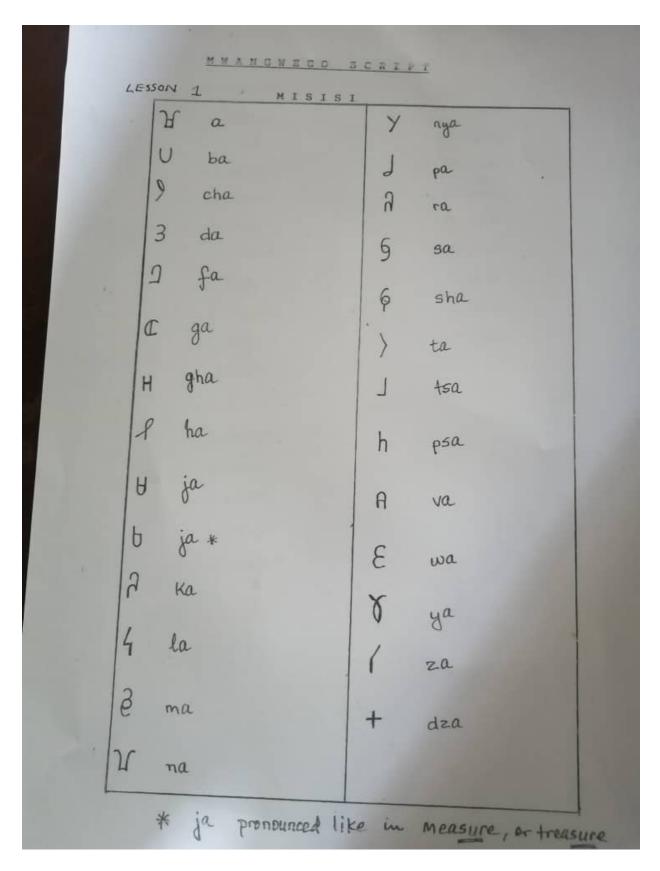


Figure 36. Educational material for Misisi (lesson 1).

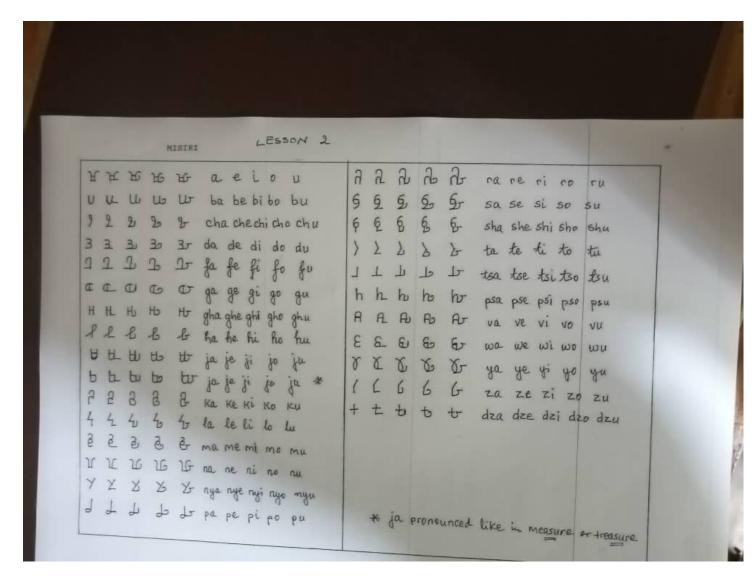


Figure 37. Educational material for Misiri (lesson 2).

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Figure 38. Educational material for Mituyo (lesson 3).

LESSON 3 3 (4) Hi (..) is used with the following symbols: tcha ..9 kha -2 tha ..> pha 3 thsa ... (5) In cases where several mituyo have to be used same time, the following the order: (i) nkha "? khwa 2 nkhwa #2 nkya "? khya "? nkhya "? (ii) mnka \$? mkha . ? mkwa -2 mkha . ? mnkhwa 12 (iii) mbwa ≝U mbya "U mpha 🖺 mpwa 🗒 phwa =1 mphwa 🖺 phya "J mphya " (iv) snkha 122 NOTE: Waya (-) cannot be used with & and & . It can however be used with "H like in **"**Y (ng'wa). H 848)"ALG 166 ይ"ት ይህ ዜጋ ኦርቶ ሙሪስ "3 ዓፁህ የኒሌ, አፍ"ው म्रे. एग्र कड़ार काए क मग्रुध इंडडड क्रान्तार-इ रे.स «ጡሃ ላም՝ ጹኧ-ወ⁴ ጺ።ዮ ጹኇ3 ኇ ጹፓዓ "ኇ፪<mark>%</mark>ም እ።A ያ ዚያላ_"አያ ያግን ሊም ያ ቀ<mark>ያ ላ ደ</mark>ቜ፟ነታ ሊ_"ዮ ሊያ3ε K"78-346-3 3-07 226 68.3 1.6.1 3. 1.97. ያም-5 87 ሊ። ጉደ ፅ.. 54.. 39 ዓለግም ንያን ጹሊና ጽ५ሞ?

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Figure 39. More educational material for Mituyo (lesson 3) and a reinforcement reading exercise.

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Figure 40. Educational material of paragraphs used for reading practice.

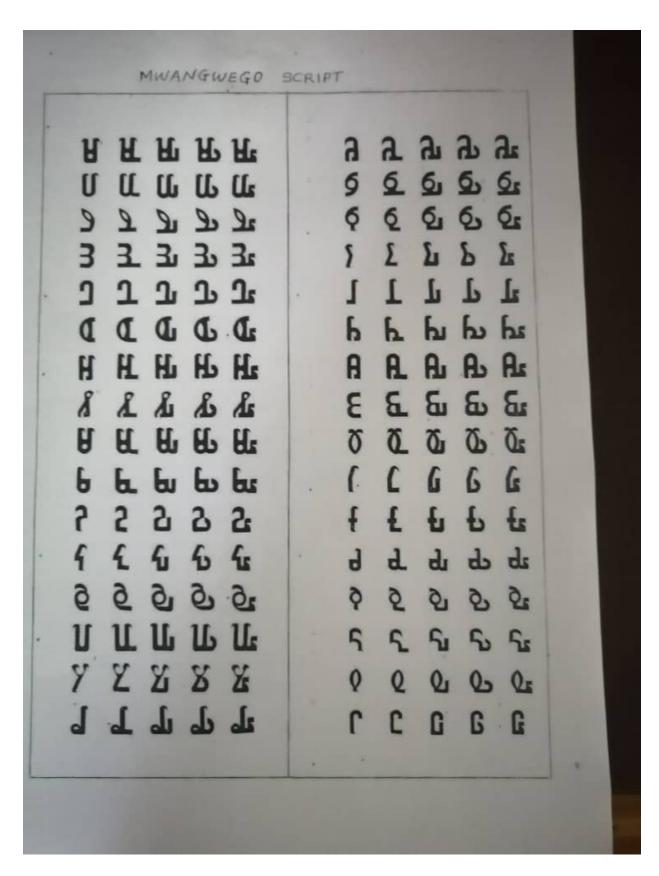


Figure 41. Educational material used to teach the basic syllabic graphemes of the Mwangwego script.



Figure 42. Most of the possible Mutuyo & Mituyo attachments onto Misisi (not according to collation/ordering).

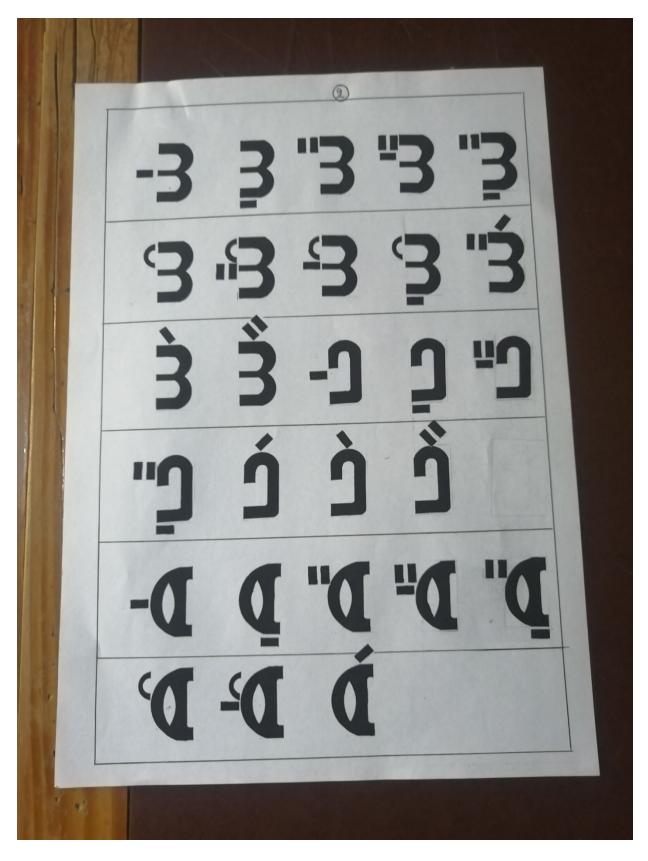


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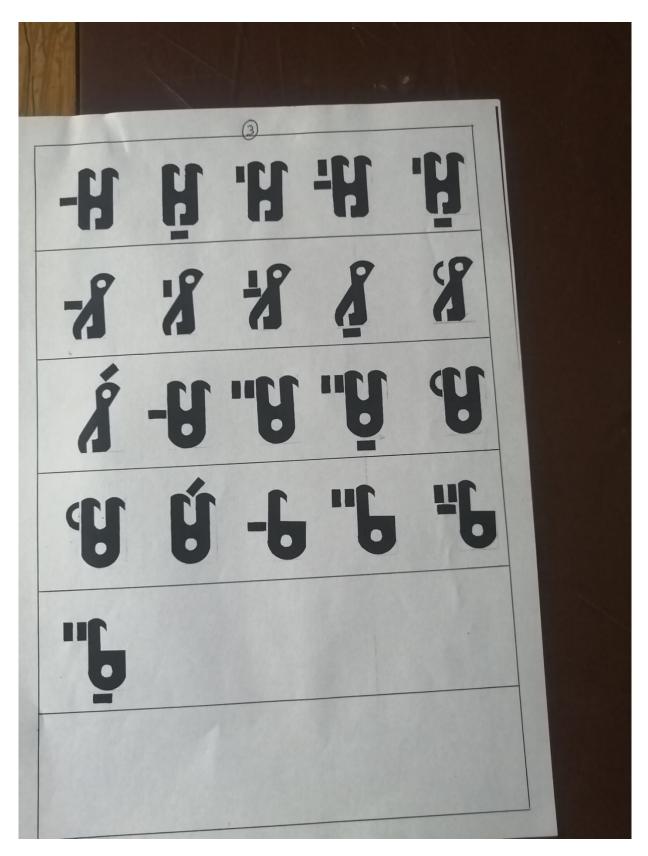


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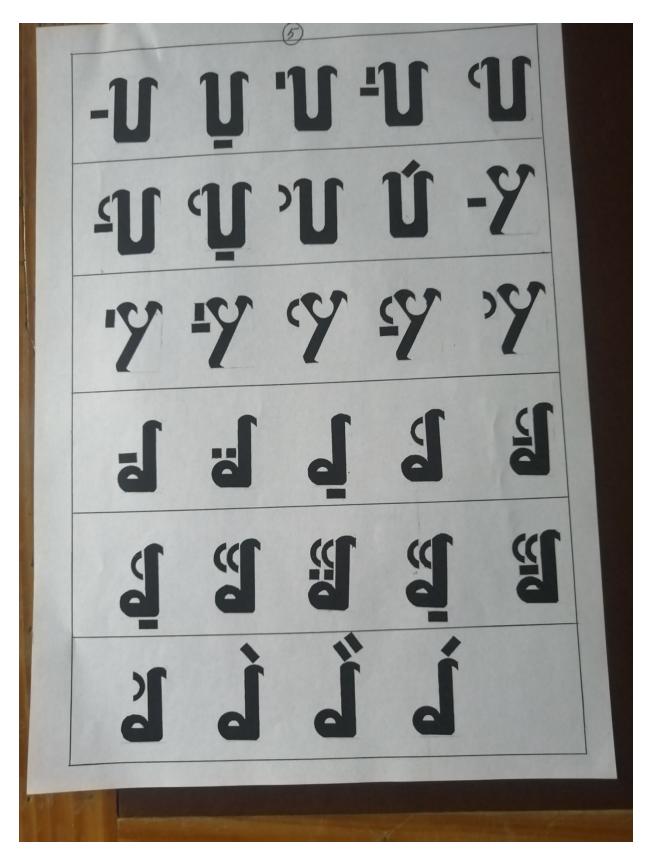


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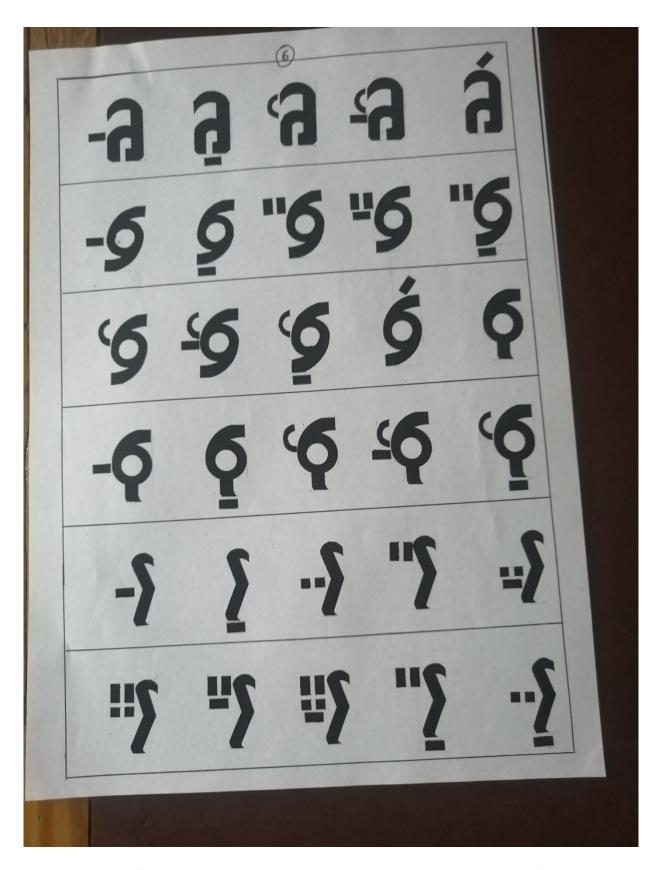


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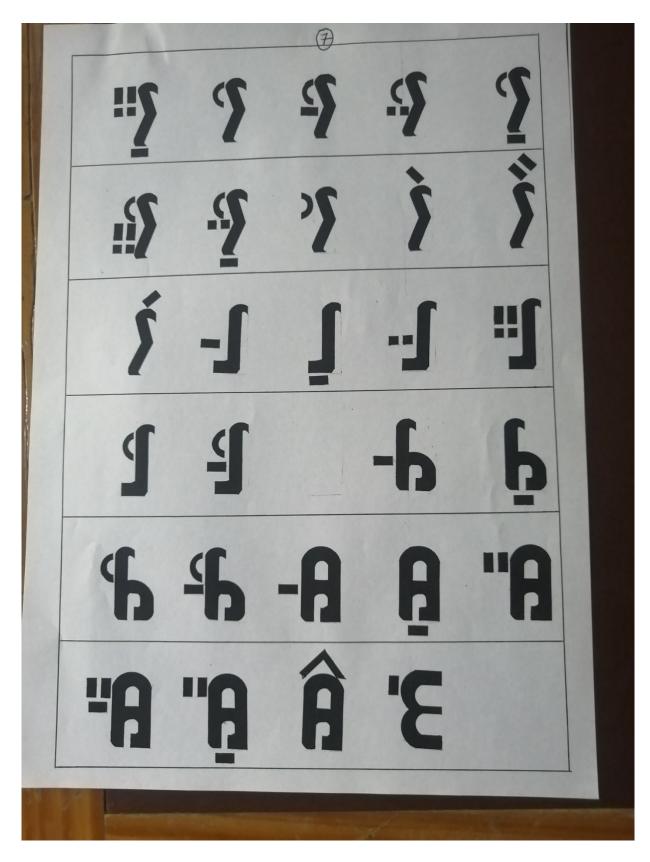


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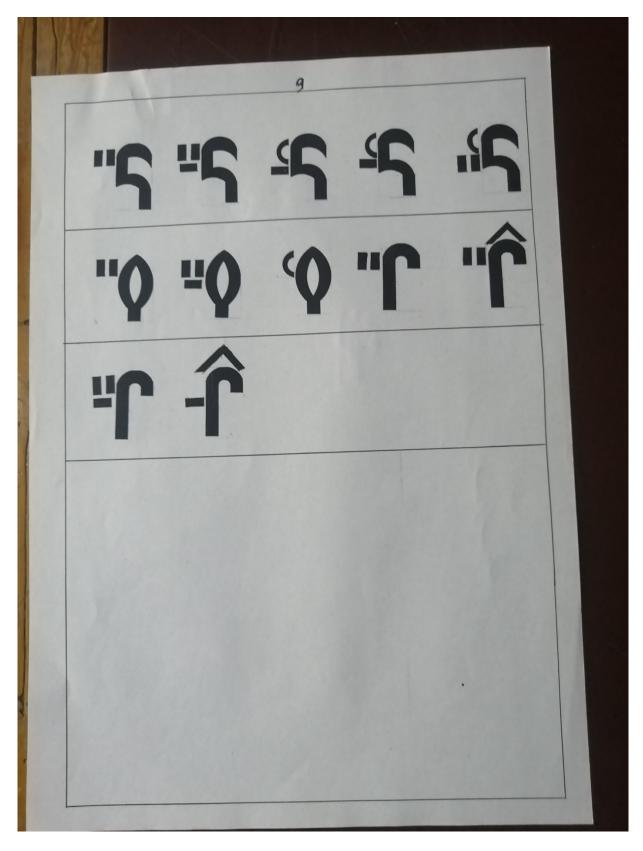


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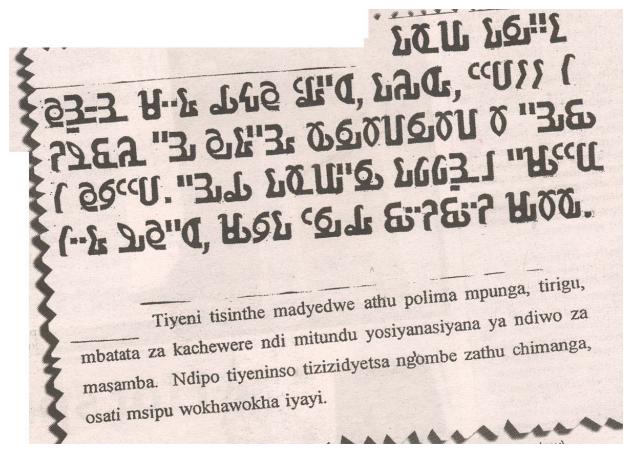


Figure 51. Typed material with Latin transliteration below. English translation: "Let's diversify our diet by growing rice, wheat, Irish potatoes and different types of vegetables. Let us feed our cattle with grains as well, not just fodder."



Figure 52. Nolence Mwangwego teaching the Mwangwego script (center); a student (right); book cover of "남 ዕናይ ኒ/ህ ፊኒ?" (left).

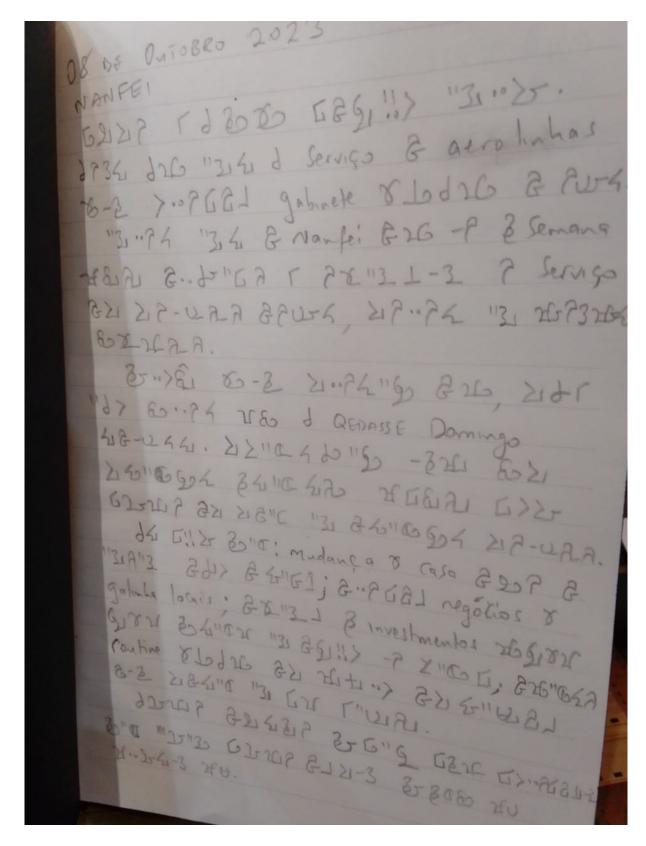


Figure 53. Chichewa-language handwriting by a Malawian user. This image showcases some intralinear Portuguese words in the Latin script (important to typographers) as the user is a businessman that conducts international business in Portuguese.

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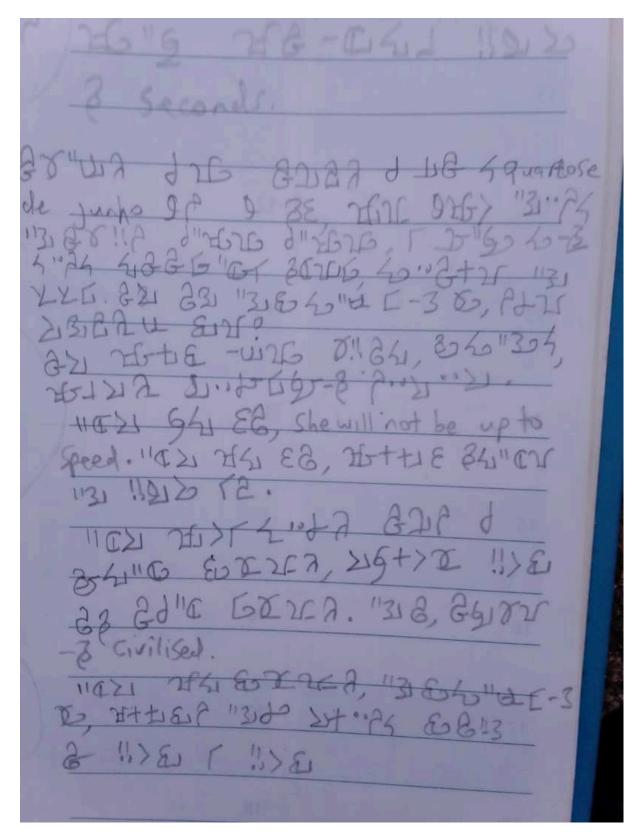


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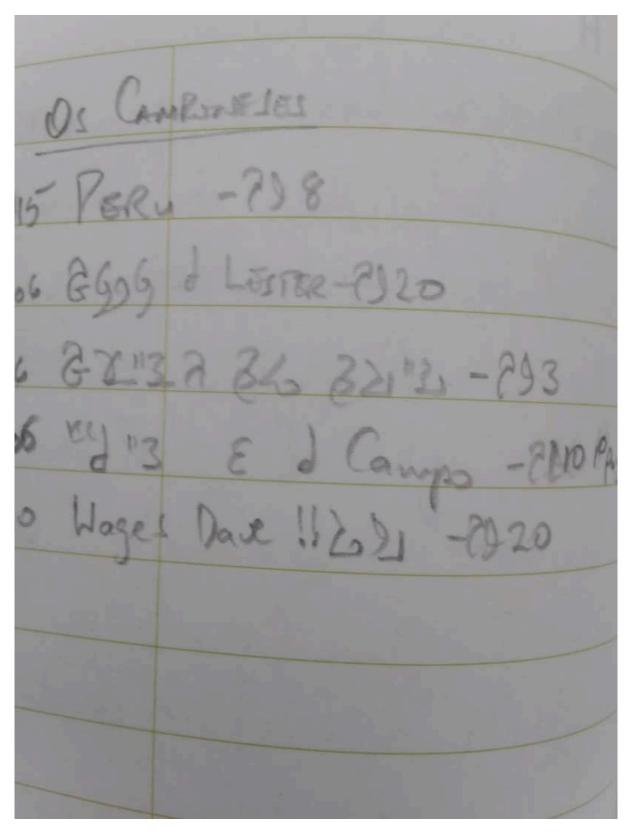


Figure 56. Chichewa-language handwriting by a Malawian user. This image showcases intralinear English words in the Latin script (important to typographers).

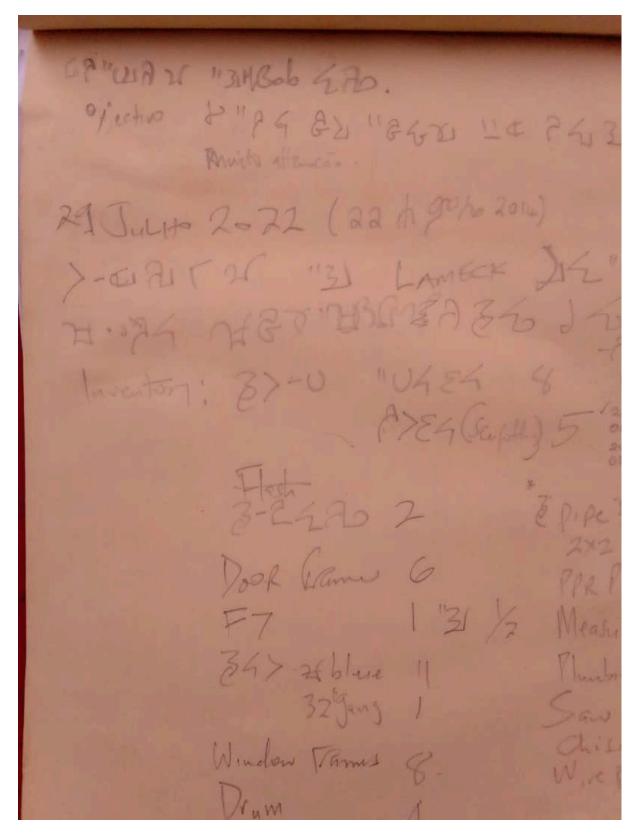


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Figure 58. Chichewa-language handwriting by a Malawian user. This image showcases a few intralinear English phrases and words in the Latin script (important to typographers).

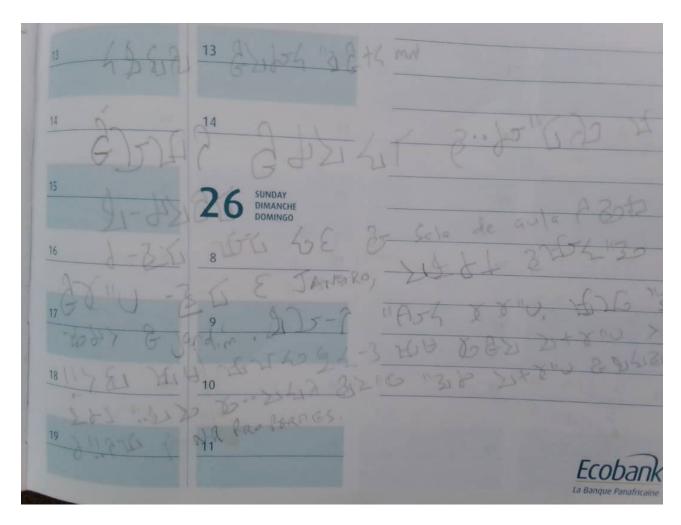


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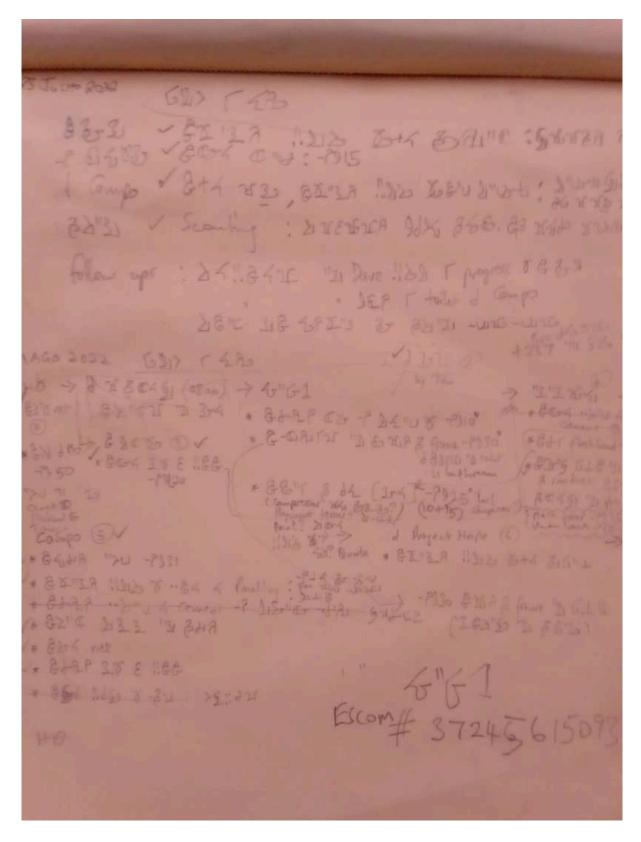


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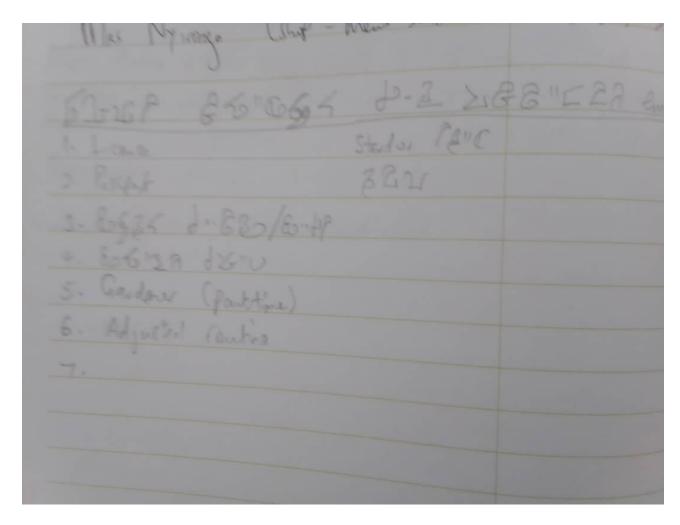


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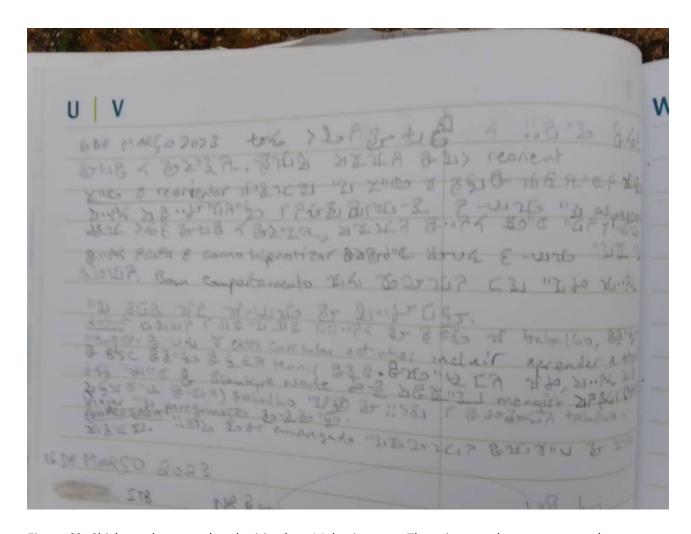


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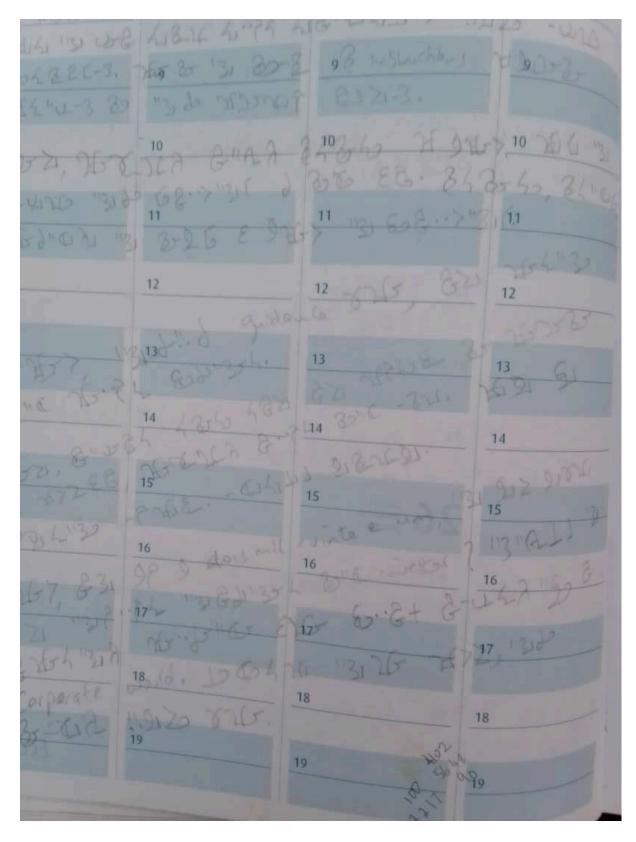


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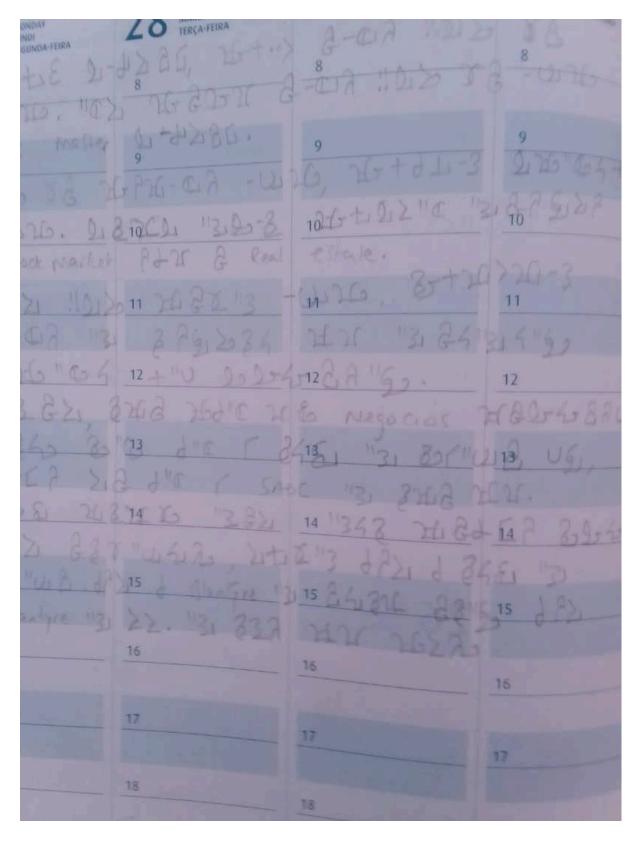


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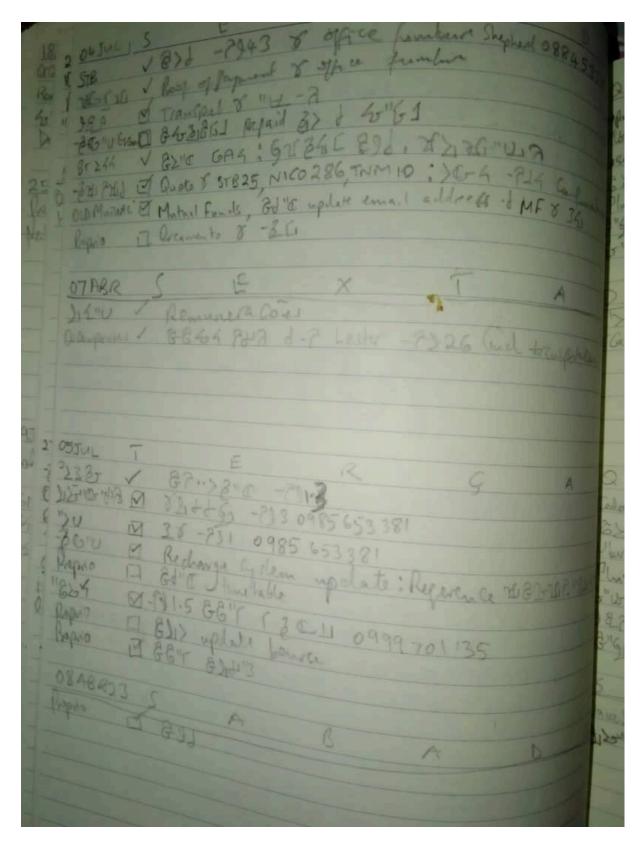


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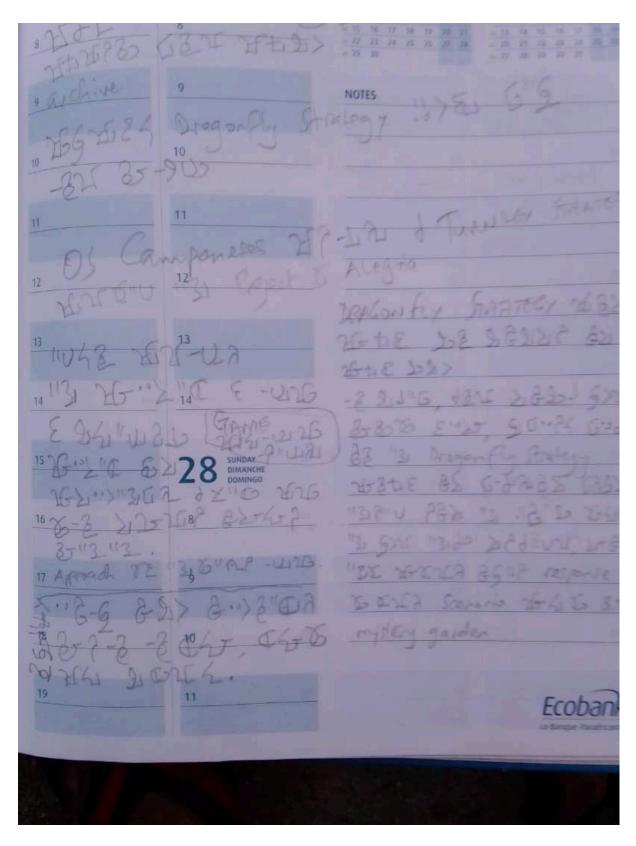


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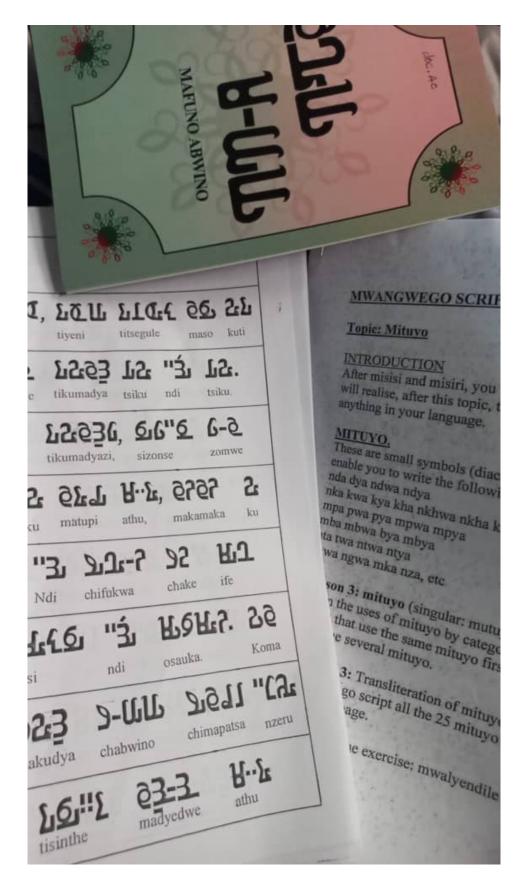


Figure 67. Packages with educational materials are given to volunteer teachers to instruct students.

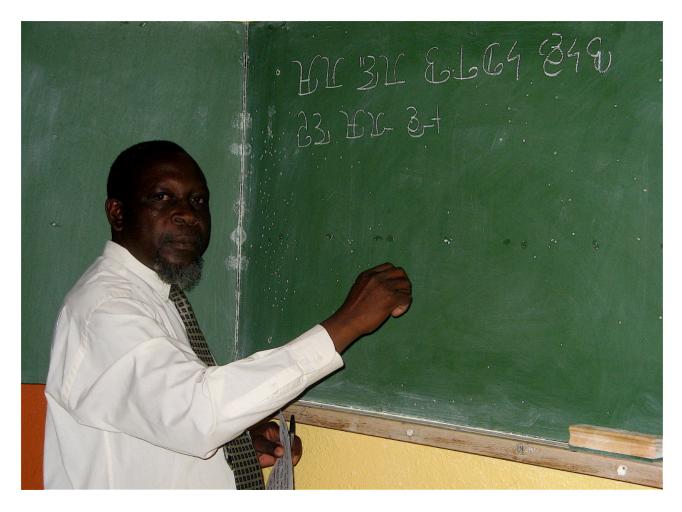


Figure 68. Nolence Mwangwego teaching a classroom the Mwangwego script sometime before late-2010.

X Linguistically Realized Mutuyo and Mituyo Stack Pairings with Misisi

The following table presents the Mutuyo and Mituyo stack pairings with the Misisi letters as found in the primary languages of Malawi. The table is equally valid when any of the Masiri are present. The table is offered as a reference for developers working on lexical projects such as spelling validation and input methods.

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XI ISO Proposal Summary Forms

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2

PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM TO ACCOMPANY SUBMISSIONS

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Please fill all the sections A, B and C below.

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A. Administrative

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2. Requester's name: Oreen Yousuf, Daniel Yacob												
3. Requester type (Mo	ember body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	Individual Contribution										
4. Submission date:		2024-09-13										
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B. Technical - General

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	presentation, sort	ting, s	earching, indexing, trai	nsliteration etc. (if	yes plea	ase enclose information)?		Yes

A sorting description is enclosed.

8. Additional Information:

Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at http://www.unicode.org. for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database (http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of chara	cter(s) been submitted before?	Yes
If YES explain	Latest proposal <u>L2/12-311</u>	
2. Has contact been made to members of	f the user community (for example: National Body,	
user groups of the script or charac	ters, other experts, etc.)?	Yes
If YES, with whom?	Script creator, script users	
If YES, available relevant do	ocuments: Enclosed in the proposal	
3. Information on the user community fo	r the proposed characters (for example:	
size, demographics, information to	chnology use, or publishing use) is included?	Yes
Reference:	Enclosed in the proposal	
4. The context of use for the proposed cl	naracters (type of use; common or rare)	Rare
Reference:	Enclosed in the proposal	
5. Are the proposed characters in curren	t use by the user community?	Yes
If YES, where? Reference:	Malawi	

6. After giving due considerations to the prin	nciples in the P&P document must the proposed characters be e	ntirely
in the BMP?		No
If YES, is a rationale provided	d?	
If YES, reference:		
7. Should the proposed characters be kept to	ogether in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	Yes
8. Can any of the proposed characters be con	nsidered a presentation form of an existing	
character or character sequence?		No
If YES, is a rationale for its in	iclusion provided?	
If YES, reference:		
9. Can any of the proposed characters be end	coded using a composed character sequence of either	
existing characters or other proposed	characters?	No
If YES, is a rationale for its in	iclusion provided?	
If YES, reference:		
10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be	considered to be similar (in appearance or function)	
to, or could be confused with, an exist	ting character?	Yes
If YES, is a rationale for its in	aclusion provided?	Yes
If YES, reference:	Enclosed in the proposal	
11. Does the proposal include use of combin	ning characters and/or use of composite sequences?	No
If YES, is a rationale for such use provi	ded?	
If YES, reference:		
Is a list of composite sequences and the	heir corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?	
If YES, reference:		

12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as	
control function or similar semantics?	No
If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility characters?	No
If YES, are the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic characters identified?	
If YES, reference:	