A SYNOPSIS OF VERB FORMS IN ADZERA

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gari

nam gari

i-gari

igari gum mai?-mai?

i-gari i

sanab idzidziwan araŋan garam Saŋaŋ igari i.

i-gari a

jo ifan igari gin a.

i-gari wa

da gum mpupan ogo? igari wa.

baŋin idaum, igari gum wa.

verb root

in compound verbs: iba-gari written without a hyphen.

the weed (the pulled-out weeds).

prefix for actual, real event in the past or present "modus realitatis". he weeds, has weeded daily, oftentimes.

i particle of assent, assurance, consent, confirmation: yes, already. The road is clean. The Sanan people have already cleaned it.

a particle, implies contradiction or a strong assertion: yet, however, nevertheless (where is my sharp knife, which they should not take weeding?).

They took it away and are weeding nevertheless.

wa particle of the accomplished fact; perfect, used to make it clear, that it is in the past: already done.

What is with the field full of weed?

It is weeded already.

His hand is well, he has already weeded.

o-gari.

ago o igari = ogari ogari i, ogari a, ogari wa ogari sanab ogo sib?

agam igari.

bon-i-gari.

sagat aga igari gan aranan ogo wa, da dzi bonigari gan?. banin mais ogo imin? binan ogo da bonigari gum.

bon-i-gari i.

gum igi idzidziwan wasi. ania⁹, boŋigari i. Nam gari ropisia. bonigari i.

bon-i-gari wa.

anun' igari guman o, mai' ogo

bon-ma-gari.

magari araŋan ogo da rodzidziwan. a?a?, bonmagari.

a-gari.

rungan agari muna? igi da agi nafan.

The same forms for the 2. pers. sing.

Did you clean that road finish? But: 2. pers. pl.

bon- prefix of a just now, but just finished event: perfect-present: just now, but just. That woman has weeded hers long ago, and just now I have finished mine. He had a sore hand for a very long

i particle as before: yes, just now, but now.

time and just now he has weeded.

That field is quite clean. Of course, they but just have weeded it. The weeds are still " sh. Yes, they have weeded it just now.

just now, very recently, but finished weeded.

He hasn't weeded his field, I saw dzi itsanan. a?a?, bonigari wa. it yesterday. No, he finished weeding only very recently.

> ma- potential prefix: probably, likely but just now. It is probably weeded a while ago and still clean.

No, it is likely but just now weeded.

a- prefix of the hortative I; it marks a citation, summons to 1. and 3. pers. sing. and pl. The execution is expected to commence right in the near future.

He himself shall weed that part, then we go.

If there are more verbs used, than the second verb is often in the hortative I form.

apo maran ta'an nawa' ampa mpui. udzuf maŋan da dzi natip

na-gari.

aba.

dzi nagari? agi nagari.

na-gari i. o mararai i qaridan, oni fada

mpuŋa rintai aga raiji? dzi nagari i.

na-gari ama?.

A: ini fada garida gum da dzi impi? rut.

B: maragab nagari ama?.

wa-gari.

wagari aŋo. agam wagari marafain aga raiji.

wa-gari a.

a dzi boŋ?agari gaŋ? gumaŋ?? wagari a, dzi siŋan ani wama? o.

bon?a-gari.

aga nampai, aga boŋ²agari gaŋ² gumaŋ².

boŋºa-gari i.

anuŋ[?] ini gum wampup in o. boŋ[?]agari i.

ma-gari.

Living animals shall come forth and live in the water.

In a year I come back again.

na- prefix of hortative II. The
execution of the order or commission
can be of longer duration of time:
shall, will, may.
May, shall I weed?
Let us weed.

i as before.

Are you perhaps tired of weeding and would you rather go to wrap the bananas? I will weed alright

ama' particle: let, may.

He said, that he would go to work

in the garden, so I scolded him.

Let him do it.

wa- prefix of imperative, 2. pers. sing. and pl.

Just weed (without knife).

You (pl.) weed the other side over there first.

a as before.

How can I work our field? Weed nevertheless, I have this spear not for nothing.

bon?a- prefix for the future. We (excl.) will stay, we shall work in our garden.

i as before.

This is not an old field for them yet. They surely will weed it still.

ma-prefix. ma- has potential function. An event may probably, come true in the future. The translation has to use the subjunctive mood.

sagat magari gum. magari sanab ogo wa.

ma-gari i.

sagat guman impup santan. magari i.

ma-gari a.

sagat igin? rinin anun? fada
gum o.
magari a.

ma-na-gari.

sagat ijab mamai, gan guman
impup sib.
managari.

da-gari.

o rungam dagari. impai ano, dagari gum.

da-gari ama?.

o dagari ama?.

garam dagari sanab igi ama?.

da-gari a.

dzi dagari a.

ma-da-gari.

The woman is probably weeding. They may have weeded, may have cleaned the road already.

ma- i probably, likely yes.

The field of the woman is very overgrown. Probably she will weed it.

ma- a probably inspite of.

The woman is sick, can't go to the garden. Probably she will weed it inspite of that.

The 'potential' prefix combined with the prefix for hortative II: probably will.

The woman goes up the mountain, her field there is overgrown.

She probably will weed it.

Prefix da- has an 'irreal' function. It combines notion of the event with the idea of not to be real. Our translations must make use of the imperfect subjunctive, resp. pluperfect: had.

Would you have weeded it yourself.

Would you have weeded it yourself. She is sitting around, would she only weed.

ama? as before.

Yet, nevertheless.

Well weed, then. or: If you only would weed.

If only the people would weed/clean the road (one can't walk).

a as before.

(The garden of the other is so nice, mine does not bear, thought the weeding wouldn't help.)

If I would only have weeded it.

'potential' prefix ma- combined with the prefix da-, which has an 'irreal' function. dzi madagari o gam igi. dzi baŋiŋ? dari? da dzi madagari gum.

soda ragigum da madagari.

ma-da-gari wa.

ania², gami² biŋan ogo da madagari wa.

ma-da-gari a.

aga imunti sanab sib in da madagari a.

ro-gari.

garam irunt ifan i apo da sagat rogari gum. intsup gum ogo sib? a²a², rogari.

ro-gari i.

rogari i.

ro-gari a.

wafan, rogari a.

ro-i-gari.

I nearly would have yours weeded.

Would my hand be well, I would have weeded the field.

If he would be industrious he would have weeded.

wa particle as before.

As said, that plenty rain, otherwise we would have weeded it finished already.

a as before.

We hindered him, otherwise he would have weeded nevertheless.

ro- prefix. The function is 'durative'. The event is connected with the idea of duration, which can be combined with all the other prefixes and suffixes.

The men ran to get prey and the women are still weeding/still weed. Is that field finished weeded? No, they still weed.

i as before.

(They shall not stop to weed yet.)
They are still weeding though.

a as before.

(I said they should stop immediately, now if I catch them still in the field....)

Just go, they are yet weeding.

Prefix of durative as above ro-gari but the realis prefix i- is not suppressed if the 'igari' is stressed in contrast to other activities. In actual use by the natives speaker it seems, that this prefix is used for the singular. The prefix for the plural is: ron?-. roŋ?-i-gari.

ro-na-gari.

wani araŋan, maŋits marut maragab.

ronagari raiji.

ro-na-gari ama? .

aga ontapa i maragab sinuŋ? gum i a?? ronagari ama?.

ro-ma-gari.

aga ifaŋº gin araŋan ogo. romagari gum.

ro-ma-gari i.

ro-ma-gari a.

ro-ma-gari wa.

ro-da-gari.

rodagari gum ani da agi dani rut.

ro-ma-da-gari.

finin gan rodampai da romadagari gum igi.

ro-bon?a-gari.

a?a?, robon?agari.

wa-gari o.

araga ragitsimpan biŋan, wagari gum pas o.

wa-na-gari o.

Like ro-i-gari durative realis. Around Kaiapit and Sanan the people say that this is the only possible form and that roigari is wrong.

Durative hortative II.

Tell him, the poor guy will get hungry. He shall yet still weed.

ama? as before.

Why should we call him away from his work? Let him still work.

Durative potential.

We waited for her for a long time. She may still be weeding.

i as before.

a as before.

wa as before.

Durative subjunctive.

If she still would weed here, then we could tell her right away.

Durative potential subjunctive. If his wife would be still living she most likely would still weed that field.

Durative future.

(Till we arrive at the field she will have left it.)

No, she will still weed.

Negation, combines the conception of negation with that of the irreality: does not weed.

He is very lazy, he doesn't work a bit.

(-ton maran garidan).

Negation of hortative II.

dzi bon²ani da wanagari o.

wa-da-gari o.

o dani mun' i min'agin da aga wadagari o.

wa-bon-i-gari o.

araŋan waboŋigari gum igi o.

ro-wa-gari o.

aroani da gum igi impup intin. rowagari o.

ro-wa-da-gari o.

banin gan manuf aranan wa, da rowadagari o.

ma-gari ma?.

o magari ma?.

agam magari ma?.

ro-ma-gari ma?.

watanin rai. gobo? isasus da agam romagari ma?.

anun? igari o.

garam igi anuŋ? igari gum o.

gari-dan.

oni garida gum igi da gobo??

maama? garidan.

dzi ini gum aga garidan ogo.

Sagat garidan, da garam iba gamp.

ro-gari-dan.

dzi iba imiŋ? i sanab gum ogo da dzi itsanan sagat rogaridan. I saw the woman still weeding.

Even, if I say it she will not weed.

Negation of subjunctive.

If you would have said that before, that you would like to keep it, we wouldn't have weeded it.

Negation of perfect-present.

She hasn't weeded that field here just now.

Negation of durative.

Now the field here overgrows for good. They don't weed it anymore.

Negation of durative subjunctive. Her hand is apparently well already otherwise she wouldn't weed.

Negation of imperative.

Don't weed.

Don't weed! (pl.)

Only for 2. person.

Negation of durative imperative. Let it be! The sun is hot, don't weed anymore.

Negation of realis.

That man does not weed/has not weeded.

Suffix -dan - after consonants and glottal stop -an - added to the root of the verb forms the participle. Do you want to weed that field to-day?

The weeding boys.

I mean the field, which we (excl.)

did then.

When the women still weeded, the men came to the village.

Durative participle.

When I came along the field road,

araŋan ini da sagat rogarida gum gobo⁹ biŋan ogo.

bon-gari-dan.

sanab garam bongaridan igi itsaara? ano.

wa-gari-dan o.

gum igi impup intiŋ, agi wagaridan o. iba gum ani mpadan aŋo,

anun' gari-dan o.

wagaridan o.

dzi runta? anuŋ? nida garidan o.

ro-gari-dan o.

gum wajo fi da agi rogaridan
aroani o.

He said it, and the women still weed during the hot sun.

Prefix of the participle perfect.

The road, which the people weeded, cleaned just now is wholly dry.

Negation of particle.

That field is altogether overgrown, let's not weed it.

He came to the field to sit around,

Another form for the negation of the participle.

Alone I would not like to weed.

not to work.

Negation of durative participle.

This isn't a field, that we should continue to weed.