# Korodegaga site-specific topic: polygyny

Polygynous marriage is common in Oromiya as a whole and Korodegaga in particularly. Men marry more than one whether they are rich or poor. Moreover they would inherit their brother’s wife when he died. This makes them to have more wives. They don’t care about their wives as well as children.

When he has got a second wife, immediately he shift to her with his assets and properties. Even if it was not this she could not use (sell) without his permission. Then she with her children are forced to participate in daily work, sell fire wood, etc. and the children are not kept well. In most cases the first wife is harmed from polygamy marriage either poor or rich. For instance the source of income of first wife of the richest man in the community is daily labour and wood sale. The second wife of IH (he has three) hasn’t responsibility to manage (use) her properties and the only source of her income is wood sale and daily labor. Others are the same to this. More over the impact on child is so bad; they couldn’t get parents’ love and their basic needs (food, clothes, health service and education)are not met. In this case a lot of small children have lost their lives after suffering a lot.