

## Shingazidja Vocabulary

### **M-WA**

mwana	Wana	child/children
mfumatso	Wafumatso	blind person / blind people
mhohadji	Wahohadji	baker(s)/ griller(s)
mpihadji	Wapihadji	chef(s)
mpisi	Wapisi	chef(s)—more common than mpihadji
mzinadji	Wazinadji	dancer(s)
mezi	Wamezi	beggar(s)
mlimadji	Walimadji	farmer(s)
msonyadji	Wasonyadji	tailor(s)
mhezadji	Wahezadji	singer(s)
mfaume	Wafaume	king(s) (sometimes other imp. people)
mwananya	Wananya	sister/brother(s)
mdjeni	Wadjeni	visitor(s)
mwandzani	Wandzani	friend(s)
mzungu	Wazungu	foreigner(s)

### **M-MI**

mkoba	Mikoba	bag(s) / backpack(s)
mlango	Milango	door(s)
mshana	Mishana	bathroom(s)
mdro	Miro	fire(s)
mdro wa madji	miro ya madji	river(s)
mlima	Milima	mountain(s)
mkasi	Mikasi	scissors
mkatre	Mikatre	bread(s)
msiwaki	Misiwaki	toothbrush(s)
myembe	Miyembe	mango tree(s)
mwalaba	Miswalaba	cross(es)
msimanyo	Misimanyo	saw(s)
mnanasi	Minanasi	pineapple(s)
mhogo	Mihogo	cassava root(s)
mfuriapa	Mifuriapa	bread fruit(s)
mtuzi	Mituzi	sauce(s)

### **SH/HI/I-ZI**

inkudu	Zinkudu	banana(s)
shano	Zano	dish(es)
isahani	Zisahani	plate(s)
shindo	Zindo	market(s) *used with “-ni” at the end
shiromani	Ziromani	wrap(s)
ibiriti	Zibiriti	match(es)
ikombe	Zikombe	bowl(s)
irumbe	Zirumbe	type of cooking banana(s)

idjavu  
inyama  
irumba

Zidjavu  
Zinyama  
Zirumba

drinking coconut(s)  
animal(s)  
basket(s)

**(DZI)-MA**

dirisha  
dalao  
dundi  
domo  
pupe  
peleo  
biro  
gowni  
sutru  
simsim  
djimbi  
imam  
polisi  
sutru  
fourchette  
paha  
puhu  
carton  
gunguno  
shishiyo  
dzaha  
mbwe  
fuu  
picha

Madirisha  
Malalao  
Malundi  
Malomo  
Mapupe  
Mapveleo  
Mabiro  
Magowni  
Masutru  
Masimsim  
Madjimbi  
Maimam  
Mapolisi  
Masutru  
Mafourchette  
Mapvaha  
Mapvuhu  
Macarton  
Magunguno  
Mashishiyo  
Madzaha  
Mawe  
Mafuu  
Mapicha

window(s)  
medicine(s) or spice(s)  
mosquito(s)  
lip(s)  
doll(s)  
broom(s)  
night stand(s)  
dress(es)  
spoon(s)  
sardine(s)  
vegetable from Ngazidja  
imam(s)  
policeman(men)  
spoon(s)  
fork(s) \*ask LH for help w pronunciation!  
cat(s)  
mouse/mice  
box(es) \*ask for help w pronunciation!  
knee(s)  
ear(s)  
volcano(s)  
rock(s)  
fingernail(s)  
picture(s)

**N**

furu  
sindanu  
siyo  
kabwa  
nyungu  
saya  
rido  
nappe  
banc  
briquet  
Bible  
nkuhu  
nfi  
kafiri

Furu  
Sindanu  
Siyo  
Kabwa  
Nyungu  
Saya  
Rido  
Nappe  
Banc  
Briquette  
Bible  
Nkuhu  
Nfi  
Kafiri

oven(s)  
needle(s)  
bucket(s)  
shoe(s)  
pot(s)  
clock(s)  
drape(s)  
doili/decorative mat(s)/tablecloth  
stool(s) \*ask LH to help w pronunciation!  
lighter(s) \*ask for help w pronunciation!  
Bible(s) \*ask for help w pronunciation!  
chicken(s)  
fish  
lizard(s)

mbwa	Mbwa	dog(s)
mbuzi ya msiru	mbuzi za msiru	giraffe(s)
nyendo	Nyendo	hammer(s)
telefoni	Telefoni	telephone(s)
Coka	Coka	Coke
nuni/nyunyi	nuni/nyunyi	bird(s)
meli	Meli	boat(s)
feyi	Feyi	paper(s)
siri	Siri	trouser(s)
bougie (buji)	Bougie	candle(s)*ask LH to help w pronunciation
nyile	Nyile	hair(s)
mbua	Mbua	nose(s)
djugu	Djugu	peanut(s)
nyoshi	Nyoshi	bee(s)
ndjizi	Ndjizi	honey
ponje	Ponje	flashlight(s)/torch(es)
microondes	Microondes	microwave(s)*ask for pronunciation help
ndazi	Ndazi	eyebrow(s)
nguo	Nguo	clothes
mbuzi	Mbuzi	goat(s)
mbe	Mbe	cow(s)
ndema	Ndema	bat(s)

## Glossary

ntche	female
ndume	male
mfano	type(s)
wu waza mapesa	account(s)
wu yeha	saving (s)
haaaa!	Wow!
Ya howa	Thursday (s)
diama	diamond (s)
wu lamah	wake up
wu panga mbahindru	prepare
wu handziha	write
wu angalia	look, watch
anuani	address(es)
wu handissa	start, begin
marahaba	thank you
aswili	origin(s)
asubuhi	morning (s)
hawu	or

baanda ya	after
mbaba	father(s)
mwanache wa mbaba	“little father” (father’s younger brother)
mhuyu wa mbaba	elder father (father’s elder brother)
mbae	grandfather (s)
badala ya	instead of
badili	change
bahari	ocean (s), sea (s)
bahasa	envelope (s)
bajia	cowpeas cake
wu saza nussu	leave some
bakuli (ma-)	bowl (s)
ndzia	road (s)
barua (n-/n-)	letter (s)
bisi (ma-)	bus (es)-
bata(m-)	duck (s)
ye bei ralinga?	What is the price? How much is it?
Beramu (ma)	flags (s)
koko	grandmother (s)
resu ya mapessa	bill(s)
bilé or bleu	blue

chai	tea
chahula	food(s)
wubu	boil
wu badili	change
tsini	under, below, beneath
wu lemewa	be tired/bored
mchanani	toilet (s)
wu lemevu	make tired/get fatigue
wussiwu	intransitive, be angry, (transitive hate someone)
renga	take
trunda (ma-)	orange (s)
mudiria	college (s)
butei	bottle(s)

mwana mché	sister (s)
dakika	minute(s)
doktweri(ma)	doctor (s)
damu	blood
daraja (ma-)	bridge (s)
shumba sha msomo	class(es)
dalawo	medicine
dini	religion (s)
disko (n-/n-)	disco
dola (n-/n-)	dollar(s)
duka (ma-)	shop(s)

msomo	education
-enda	go
-endesa	drive,have diarrhoea
-ndzidu	black

-fadhaika	be depressed and perplexed
wu djuwa	know, understand
faida	profit
arhami	family (ies)
-fanya	do
fedha/ mapessa	money,
wutowa mapessa kashi	hard-cash
wu waswili	arrive
Fiziki	Physics
namna	form(s)
-wufua nguo	wash clothes
-wu dunga	follow

-wu somessa	teach
-wu funga tumu	close, fast
-funvu (ma-)	pile(s)
furaha	happiness
wuka furhani	be happy
wu furahisha	make happy

namna djé?/ kalité djé?/ ndayi? What sort? Which kind of? Which?

gari (ma-)	car(s)
gazeti (ma-)	newspaper(s)
wu kawuha	turn
ghali	expensive

habari za numeni (n-/n-)	news
hata mpaka	until, up to
nda hunu	here
hapana	no
ariko	beans
wu saruha	to make haste, to hurry up
wu koza	be damaged, be broken down
harusi/ ma shuhuli	wedding (s)
hata yio	even though
zinu	these
ewa	okay
tarma	maize
yissabu	Mathematics
Hodi!	may I come in!
Hlopitali	hospital(s)
hutuba (n-/n-)	speech (es)
tcheki(n-/n-)	cheque(s)
wu husu	concern, related
yinu	this (only used in the m-/wa-noun class singular)
huzuni	be sad

djumwa	Friday (s)
yi rumilwa	it was use in (n/n)
wu heza djimbo	sing
navala	although
ndjiya	enter, go inside
badi	except
ngejo rumilwa	it will be used in (n/n)
-wu parwa	be called
-yi pihwa	ripen/cooked

-wu djaya	be full (containers)
ndjema	matter (s)
jayani (ma-)	leaf (ves)
-wu triya	fill
dje ?	question marker, what about? How?
-wu soma	learn
dawula	state(s)
dzina (ma-)	name (s)
jioni	evening(s)
jirani (ma-)	neighbour (s)
-hwangariya	join (an association etc.)
-djua	know
mfomontsi	Saturday (s)
mfumné	Tuesday(s)
mfumbili	Sunday(s)
mfumtsanu	Wednesday(s)
mfumdraru	Monday(s)
dJimla	total
djumwa mbahindru	on top of, above, over, on

-baki	stay, sit
-wu pvisa shahula	fry
kabila (ze)	tribe (s)
kabisa	completely
karti	card(s)
sheki	inspect, check
mwagnagna mwanamé	brother(s)
kali	hot fierce, sharp, strict
hama	like, such as almost, for about
kamera (n-/n-)	camera (s)
denamna yio	exactly
bavuni mwa	beside, along side
la glizi	church(es)
grupu	party (ies)
ndjungu	peanuts
-wu lalika	invite, welcome
karibu na	near, close to
karoti (n-/n-)	carrot (s)
wukana wusiwu	be angry
kiblani	north
yi puza dakika	minutes to ...
yivunguza	less
yipuza dakika kumé nantsanu	quarter to; less a quarter

wu tsindza	cut
mbindi	slice/chopp
harimwa mbahindru	between
ketsina madji	dry
hazi (n-/n-)	work(s)
keki (n-/n-)	cake(s)
farmassi	chemistry
maudu	tomorrow
kiasi ya hindri?	how much
kosko (ma)	shoe(s)
yibiriti (zi)	matchbox (es)
ban	bunch
kichefuchefu	nausea
namna	form(s)
ntiti	a little
koli (zé)	parcel (s)
Kiingereza	English language
veri	green
mdji (mi)	village (s)
sutru (ma)	spoon (s)
tassa (ma)	frying pan (s)
yirumba (zi)	baskets
hayini	every, each
hayini wusiku	each/every day
ahyini tarehi	every date
kilo	kilogram(s)
zivimwo za mwendo	kilometer (s)
mkizimbeli	leader (s)
kiloza mbahindru	weigh (s), measurement
shio	book(s)
twayifa	national
hiri (zi)	chair(s)
hindru (zindru)	thing(s)
stasio	station(s)
mahalani hwa wu pashiya	bus stand/stop/station
stasio ya mafura	petrol station/gas station
shiwanda	industry (ies), factory(ies)
daradja	level, rate
gondzi	sheep
msomo	cours
feti ya noweli	Christmas
nkuyu	big
hufa	to die
wu huswu	about
huja	to come



nkuhu	chicken
hula	to eat
mhono m'meni	to the right
bahi	is that so!
-hwesheleya	remind
wu kuwa	scratch
mhono msheni	to the left
kusini	south
wu kana	to have
wukaya tayari	to be ready
wukaya	to be
kawayida	normally, usually
shatsonga	because
kwaheri	goodbye
na yapvo	therefore
hasibabu	because
handani	first
harimwa	at, on, in, to

sha pvala	but
-lala	sleep
wu pvumzi	vocation (s)
pvuraba	lemon (s)
-lipva	pay
lititri	litre (s)
lughu	language(s)

mahalani ha djuduwo	laboratories
mafura	oil, petrol, diesel etc.
magharibini	west
mahala	place
mani ya chayi	tea leaves
ndrerema	malaria
zindru za aswili	natural resources
-wutimizi	finish
mwanashé wa mzdadzé	“little mother” (mother’s younger sister)
mhuyu wa mdzadzé	“elder mother” (mother’s elder sister)
mdzadzé	mother (s)
mapinduzi	revolution (s)
wulanga	environment(s)
bali nambali	various
wusoni	infront of, ahead

mwanashé wangu	my younger sibling(s)
meli (n-/n-)	ship(s)
meza (n-/n-)	table (s)
mfanyahazi (ma-)	worker(s)
kafé/kahawa	café, restaurant (s)
mdjeni (wa-)	visitor (s), guest(s)
mwadé	sick person (s)
mduu (mi-)	leg (s), foot,feet
mweledji	haya person (people),waiter(s), attendant
mhogo (mi-)	cassava (s)
mhudumu	waitress (es)
mdji (mi-)	town (s)
mjomba (wa-)	uncle(s),mothers brother
mdjuhuwu	grandchild
mkaté (mi)	bread(s)
mkabala (mi-)	regions)
mhono (mi-)	hand(s)
krtien (ma-)	christian(s)
mlimadji (wa-)	farmer(s)
mlima(mi-)	mountain(s)
mlo	meal(s)
mhuladji(wa-)	buyer(s)
moja kwa moja	straight ahead, directly
moyo/ roho	heart(s)
mpaka	until, up to
mwandzani (wa-)	lover(s)
msaada (mi-)	help, aid(s)
mshindji (mi-)	foundation(s)
msiru(mi-)	forest(s)
msitiri(mi-)	line(s)
msiwaki (mi-)	tooth brush(es)
mtukufu	saint(s)
mkomori (wa-)	Comorian(s)
klian/ mhuladji	customer
mdro wa madji	river
mwana	child
mdru	a person
mdrumumé	husband(s)
muungagno	union(s)
mwaminifu	believer(s), worshiper(s)
mhuzaji(wa)	seller(s), vendors (s)
mwaha	year(s)
mwaha ujao	next year
fundi (ma-)	teacher(s)

mtan'anlamu wa wulanga	environmentalist
mhasibu (wa)	teller(s), accountant(s)
mwandzani wa hazi	partner(s), colleague(s)
mwezi	month
mwili (mi-)	body(ies)
mwislamu	muslim(s)
mwidzi (we-)	thief/thieves
dhwamana (ma)	parent(s)
na	and
na dakika	minutes past
bahati	chance, opportunity(ies), space
numero	number
mnanasi (mi-)	pineapple(s)
nauli	fare(s)
wu yela	wash part of the body
ntsi	country(ies)
ndani mwa ...	inside, within, in
ndrege (zé)	aeroplane(s),
denamna yiyo	yes
yikundi	banana
ndola ((zé)	marriage (s)
fami	relative(s)
ndradji/ nené	thick, fat
mbé	cow(s), cattle
wulida	wait
nguo	cloth(es)
nvuwu	strenght(s)
dzindzanu/joni	yellow
vondzé	outside
njema	fine, good
ndzia (zé)	way(s) path(s)
ntso (n-/n-)	come! (imperative form for –ja: come”)
-wuhula	buy
nusu	half(halves)
nyama	meat, beef
nyingi	a lot
dingoni	behind, at the back
nyumba	house(s)
nyumbani	at home
ndjema	good, nice
buro/ hazini	office(s)
-wu hwenda mshanani	bathe
-wu yela	swim
-ona	see

-towa/ wu zima mbahindru	remove
-roha	leave
-wu wonaha	be seen, sight
-hwengeza	add
-owu trendeya	lead
-wu lawuza	taste
-ourudha	list
-tabiri	dream
-pvahuwa	serve
pvwamoja na	together with
pvwamoja/pvadzima	together
-pandra	climb
-wu pashia	get into a car, board a car
-wu pandra mlima	hike, climb a mountain
-bonobo(ma-)	avocado(s)
pasi (n-/n-)	iron(s)
pasipori (n-/n-)	passport(s)
-wu megneha	burst, torn
-renga	get
-wu handza	prefer, favour
-wa'adziwa	be loved
makati	sometimes
-wusiwaki	brush teeth
-nguwo ya pasi	iron clothes
-wu piha	cook
moto (n-/n-)	motorcycle (s)
pilau (n-/n-)	spiced rice
pvilipvili (n-/n-)	pepper(s)
-wu pvima	weigh,examine, test, check
-wu pimwa	be examined
-kawuha	turn
-kiyassi	be passable
-pvona	get well, recover
hazini	post office(s)
-wu potea	be/become lost
-wu vumwa	rest
-pvunguza	reduce
-plaji	beach, coast
-ya gnumeni	new
wandzanii (wa-)	friend(s)
rangi(n-/n-)	color(s)
radio(n-/n-)	radio(s)

-rwu kinaya	satisfy
reswi	receipt(s)
-rudi/ redjeyi	return, go back
saya (n-/n)	watch(es)time/clocks/hour(s)
sabuni(n-/n-)	soap
sabuni ya kongowo(n-/n-)	bar(s) of soap
sabuni ya hufulia (n-n-)	washing soap
msafara(n-/n-)	trip(s)
wu hossa/ wu fuwa	clean
-msafara	travel
-transpori	transport
-wu fuwa/ wu hosa	to clean
-sahau/ wu diwaza	forget
-hwaba kweli (n-/n-)	be correct
-wusaidia	help
-salamu	greeting(s)
-swala	pray
samahani	sorry, excuse me
sambusa	samosa(s)
hakuwu	very
ok	okay
sirikali (n-/n-)	government(s)
shamba	farm
-wu shanga'a	be surprised, astonished
tati	aunt(s)
-shauri	advise
sherehi/ mahafali (n-/n-)	ceremony(ies), celebrations)
-wu sherehi	celebrate
-wu sherehilwa	be celebrated
-wu toshiha	be full(satisfied)
-wu shukuriya	be thankful
shumba sha msomo (n-/n-)	school(s)
likoli	at school(s)
-hwishiya	hear
-hwishiya	listen
-wusikitaha	be sorry, sad
wusiku (n-/n-)	day(s)
sherehi (n-/n-)	festival(s)
-hima	stand up,
-wugnutchiya	supervise, invigilate
-telefoni(n-/n-)	telephone(s)
ntsina	I don't have
sindano	injection(s), needle(s)

sinema(n-/n-)	cinema(s)
-wusiwuha	doze
shindoni	market(s)
-soma	read
-msomo	lesson(s)
shampa/ tampo (n-/n-)	stamp(s)
wu tabiha	be shocked
sukari (n-/n-)	sugar
wu tabisha	bother, disturb
taya (n-/n-)	lamp(s), lantern(s)
tabu (n-/n-)	problem(s)
tafadhali	please
mwonano(n-/n-)	part(ies)
-wutsaha/ wu tafiti	look for, search
twaifa (ma-)	nation(s)
-wu handza	want
-wurambua	recognize, realize
-wu tekeleza	introduce
-tamu/ wu djiva	delicious, sweet
hadhari (ze)	advertisement(s)
rangu	since
tarehi (n-/n-)	date(s)
kashi	cash
-wutayarisha	prepare
-wulawana	depend
-hwenda	walk
-wu zuru	visit
tsena	again
-wu rengeza	be repaired
thamani(n-/n-)	value
-tryia	put
biye	ticket(s)
-wu nika	give
-wu roha	come from
-wu djiri	happen, appear
-ntosha	enough
basi	only
ma hafali	event(s)
-trulia	be calm
-wu pveha	send, (send on errand)
m'mba	stomach(s)
-urumia	use, spend
-wu lela	take care, look after

wu somesa	teaching profession
ushunguzi	investigation
-utwikiwa	be annoyed
mfunguo/ lakilé (u-/n-)	key(s)
-wu wadé	sick, suffer from a disease
uhura/ wu pnado(u-/n-)	wall(s)
Ulaya	Europe
-uzisa	ask, interrogate
-ukoza	injure, hurt
-wu kana ndzaya	feel hunger
unga wa nganu	wheat flour
uranyia	citizenship, nationality
masihu (u-/n-)	night
-uhuza	sell
wu pvima	weight
-wuvaya nguo	dress up, put on clothes, wear clothes
na tsena	also
-mswalaba	cross
wakati (n-/n-)	time(s)
-wakilisha	represent
ndahunu?	here?
wasiwasi	worry(ies)
-wu shinda	be able, can
mfumowa pvira	last weekend
fomotsi na mfumbili	weekend(s)
djimbo	song(s)
djimbo la twaifa	national anthem
mwizi (u-/n-)	theft
-wa yili harimwa	all both for
ya	of
zaidi ya	more than
-wu zalwa	be born
-zidisha	increase

## II Useful verbs

ambia	tell
lamha	wake up
andziha	write
angalia	look at

baliya	carry
tsunguwa	choose
pvwelewa	be late
tsavuha	play
wu limewa	be tired
renga	take
elewa	understand
pveya	sweep
waswili	arrive
fikiri	think
fua nguo	wash clothes
fundisa/ somesa	teach
buwa	open
hwandza	need
wu yenshi	live
fundishiya/ wu soma	learn
jua	know
wu kantsi	stay
rambiyo	run
huja	come (command: njoo)
hula	eat
hunywa	drink
hwenda (command:nenda)	go

lala	sleep
lipva	pay
hula	buy
yela	swim
wona	see
rongowa	talk
wuhossa zanu	wash dishes
renga	get
pveha	send
wu handza	like
wu telefoni	make a phone call
wu piha	cook
wu potea	be lost
rudi	return
wu safiri	travel
fuwa/wu hossa	clean
saidia	help
tekeleza	say
kinaya	be full(satisfied)
wona baridi	feel cold
wona ndzaya	be hungry
hwiishiya	listen



soma  
hwandza  
wu tembea

read  
want  
walk