

RWANDA PRISONER INTERVIEWS

Location of Interview:

Date of interview:

Year of birth:

Sexe:

Cellule:

Secteur:

Commune:

Prefecture:

Profession:

Main crops (if farmer):

Was your land sufficient to earn a living?

Did you do other activities to earn money?

Number of children in 1994:

In school:

Your education level:

Literate?

Were you part of the administration in 1994?

Were you ever part of the administration?

If not, did you have a relation who was a member of the administration?

If so, who?

Were you a member of the army?

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If not, did you have a relation who was a member of the army?

If so, who?

Were you a member of a militia group?

If so, which?

When did you become a member?

Why?

If not, did you have a relation who was a member of a militia?

Were you a member of a political party?

If so, which one?

Why did you choose this party?

Were you a member of an association?

If so, which one?

Before 1994

Did you do Umuganda?

How often?

Until when?

What activities?

Did you do it voluntarily?

Why/why not?

In your area (chez vous), were there major changes with the war of October 1990?

If yes, what were they?

Were there night security patrols in your cellule or sector before 1994?

Starting when?

Were you a member of the patrols?

If yes, what arm did you carry?

Who was the leader of these patrols?

How many of you were there?

Did you keep a weapon in your house?

If yes, which one?

Starting when?

Where did you get it?

Was there a larger military presence in your region between 1990 and 1994?

Were you afraid of the Inkotanyi (RPF)?

Where did you get this information?

Did you hear of the political problems in Burundi in 1993?

How were you affected by them?

According to you, who were the victims?

In your area (chez vous), were there changes with multipartyism?

What were they?

Were these conflicts violent?

What was your opinion of the government in place?

In comparison with others in the region?

In comparison with the Kayibanda government?

When you look back at your situation in life before 1994, how was it?

Were you in a good condition (état), a bad one...?

At the time, how did you view your future?

Tutsi Relations and Ideology

Before 1994, in your area, was there a neighboring Tutsi family?

How were the relations between you?

Would you permit your child to marry with a Tutsi?

(If no children, would you marry a Tutsi?)

Is there a Tutsi in your family?

What relation?

Did the relations with your Tutsi neighbors change with the October war?

If yes, how so?

Before 1994, did you believe that the Tutsi were ibyitso of the Inkotanyi?

If yes, why?

At the time, did you think that Hutus and Tutsis were different races (ubwoko)?

At the time, did you hear speeches in which Tutsi were called Hamites who came from Ethiopia or the north?

If yes, what was your opinion of this?

Did you hear of the speeches in which the Tutsi were said to be going to put back the monarchy and enslave the Hutu?

If yes, did you believe this?

Have you heard of the Hutu 10 Commandments?

If yes, what was your opinion of them?

Have you heard of the term “Rubanda Nyamwishi”?

What did it mean?

What was your opinion of it?

Have you heard of “Hutu Pawa”?

What did the term mean?

Did you support its ideas?

Did you believe that Rwanda was a country for the Hutu?

In the United States, I heard that Hutu have hatred toward Tutsi, is that true?

The Start of the Genocide

How did the 1994 massacres begin in your area?

Was there an official meeting?

If yes, how did you learn about it?

Why did you go?

Where was it?

Who was in charge (le responsable)?

What was said at this meeting?

Was there opposition at this meeting?

From whom?

How was it resolved?

Integration

How did you come to be integrated into these events?

Did you have a weapon?

Which one?

Where did you get it/when was it made?

Were you in a group?

How many people were with you?

How many are in prison?

Where the majority from the same cellule or sector?

Were the majority from particular political parties?

In this group, were there people from other regions?

Were there Burundians with you?

Was there a member of the administration present?

Was there a member of the army present?

Was there a member of a militia present?

In your opinion, who was the leader (responsible) of the group?

Among the people there, did the majority kill?

Why did you go with the group?

How were those who were supposed to be killed identified?

Was there a list?

If yes, who had it?

What did one call what one was doing?

Were you told “Umwanzi ni umwe ni umutusi” (The enemy is one, it is the Tutsi)?

By whom/how did one learn this?

Were you told “Tuge Gukore” (There is a job to do)?

By whom/how did one learn this?

Have you ever disobeyed authorities?

If yes, why not in this case?

Did you think that you were working for the nation?

If yes, who did the nation belong to?

Did you hope to gain anything during the genocide?

If yes, what?

Were you offered land?

Do you have a radio in your home?

What stations did you listen to?

Did the radio broadcasts during this period encourage you to act?

Did anyone offer you drinks?

If yes, who and what?

In your opinion, was your participation voluntary?

Involvement

What did you do precisely?

Kill?

Number of people?

Sex of victim?

Age?

Did you know the victim?

Was s/he from the same cellule?

Sector?

Commune?

What category (of crime) are you?

What is your sentence?

Opinions

In your opinion, what was the goal of these killings?

How did one explain to oneself the killing of women and children?

Why were they considered as an enemy?

According to you, were these killings an act of war?

In your opinion, who ran the killings in your area?

In your opinion, who ran the country at this time?

In your opinion, what is the most important reason that led you to participate?

Why did you not refuse?

In your opinion, what was the most important reason for the genocide?

There have been many massacres in Rwandan history. Did one think about this then?

During the genocide, what could have happened to prevent the genocide from occurring?

Did you flee the country after the Inkotanyi victory?

Why?

Why did you confess?

Do you have anything to add?