

# Finding Out Everyday Phrases



Here are some common phrases used in places of West Africa.

Hello! (to one) **Fofo!**

Hello! (to many) **Wa fofo!**

How are you (to one)? **Matu nu go?**

How are you (to many)? **Matu wor go?**

How's your family? **Matu nu huo?**

How's your health? **Matu nu gaham baano?**

How are your children? **Matu nu zankey?**

How is your work? **Matu nu goyo?**

## General responses:

Fine. **Banni samey.**

I thank God. **Ey g'Irkoy saabu.**

My name is ... **Ey ma ...**

What is your name? **Matu nu maha?**

Thank you. **Fofo.**

Until tomorrow. **Kala suba.**

Until next time. **Kala hanfo.**

Until later. **Kala nda tonton.**

May God bless you. **Irikey ma nu albarkendi.**

## Conversation:

**Fofo Cephus.** Hello Cephus.

**Fofo Sali.** Hello Sali.

**Matu nu go?** How are you?

**Banni samay.** Fine.

**Matu nu huo?** How's your family?

**Ey g'Irikey saabu.** I thank God.

**Matu nu gaham baano?** How's your health?

**Banni samay.** Fine.

**Mata nu zankey?** How are your children?

**Banni samay.** Fine.