

Documentation of Laal (Chad)

Initiative: Dokumentation bedrohter Sprachen (beendet)

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This project aims at providing a linguistic and anthropological documentation of Laal, both aspects being understood as complementary and inseparable. The linguistic documentation aims at providing the first full description of Laal, in the form of a grammar, a dictionary and a collection of interlinearized and annotated texts and audio/video recordings, documenting language use and oral literary repertoire. The anthropological documentation, carried out by an ethnologist and an ethnomusicologist, aims to give a comprehensive account of Laal culture and history, through a sociolinguistic survey, a documentation of social organization, environmental knowledge, oral history, religious rituals and practices, and musical practices. Another goal of this project is to contribute to the development of the language and of its use (e.g. in schools, or within families living far from the villages and in which the language gradually ceases to be used) by designing the necessary information and tools for and in collaboration with the community: practical orthography, ABC primers, concise pedagogical grammar sketch, lexicon, text collection etc.

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