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MARRIAGE

In most African communities, traditionally, marriages are pre-arranged. Parents would offer their daughter to a particular family either in honour of long term friendships between the two families or enabling their daughters to marry into a family or man. In some cases, the girls are unaware of the arrangements until the later deals, including the Bride Price, have been concluded. The Bride Price could be a goat, sheep, yam, or other agreed items. Some communities have the tradition of paying the Bride Price to each member of the family. When the Bride Price is finalised, the 'fattening' process begins.



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