

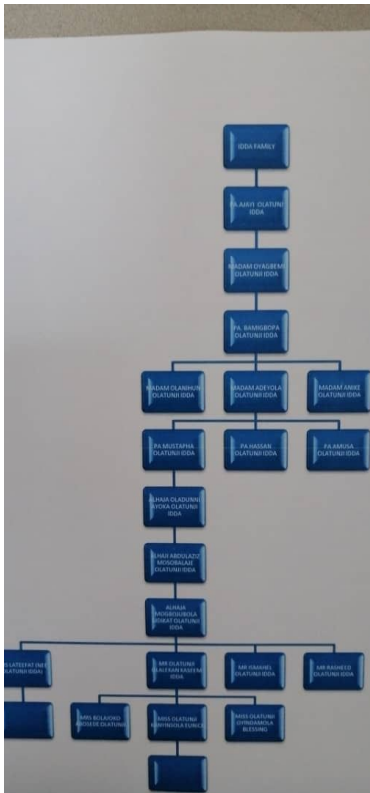
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1. A family is a group of people who are related to each other. Especially parents and their children. It can also be defined as a group of people who share common ancestors.
2. a) it serves as an agent of societal maintenance, it is inevitably concerned with every aspect of society's operation
b) the family is a small unit to achieve an effective mutual responsibility for each individuals physical and mental welfare. The assurance of a sense of belonging and provisions of a needed relationship helps sustain the individual in his social participation.
c) another function is population maintenance, since it is through the family that every society motivates people to perpetuate the family line, to provide security in old age, to secure the gratification of being looked up to by one's children.
d) society delegates to the family the responsibility of protecting infants and children and caring for their physical needs. The family also keeps these incompletely socialized individuals from being disruptive to society.
e) the family's status in a community is automatically assigned to its individual members, and this determines the individual's initial orientation status. This status determines how others are expected to act towards the individual.
3. The traditional African family dates back to the days before Colonialism, when men married several wives so that they could have plenty of children to help in the farm. Over the years it has changed because change is inevitable and now we see that a lot of men have just one wife and are satisfied with the marriage although we find the occasional modern day man with two or more wives, some attribute this to their religion such as the Muslim man who is permitted to marry up to four wives. The African family is divided into the nuclear and the extended, the nuclear is made up of the husband, wife and their children while the extended is made up of the earlier mentioned people with the addition of the grandfather, grandmother, uncles, aunts and cousins. African families are increasingly faced with the challenge and pressure between traditional and modern family values and structures.
4. My nuclear family is made up of my father, Mr Olatunji Olalekan, my mother, Mrs Olatunji Bolajoko, my elder sister by six years, Miss Olatunji Kayinsola and me Miss Olatunji Oyindamola. As you can see we're a very small family and this is because my father decided from the beginning that he was going to have only two children. As of this moment we don't live together due to them all working in different places and I can't exactly say we're very tight knit, but we all care about each other and we check up on each other so I can say we are comfortable and happy.



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My family tree