The Mangmang Ceremony for a Sick Person (Text C12)

1. If a person is sick, they perform a mang-mang chicken sacrifice for him so that (the sickness) will go away, but if after how many days and it has not gone away, they call a person to perform a divination ceremony.

2. He sees what it is that is making him sick.

3. If he says that it is the spirit of someone killed in the outskirts of the village by accident, they send someone with an afat offering to the place where the trail that he went to work on enters the village.

4. What is called the afat offering, (it consists of) two slices of meat, rice beer, and a young chicken.

5. That is for the spirit to eat, so that it will release the one it is making sick.

6. After they take home the afat offering, they kill the chicken they wait for, but if (the sickness) does not go away, and the diviner says to have a fog-is ceremonial sprinkling, they go to sprinkle rice beer at the pond field, at the spring, the newly made pond field, the boundary dikes, and the posts.

7. After they take home the rice beer used for sprinkling, they kill a chicken or a pig.

8. If they have done that, and the sickness has still not gone away, the diviner will say that they have not satisfied (the spirits).

9. A pig will be necessary for a sangfo daytime sacrifice.
10. The old men gather to share in the distribution of cooked and raw meat, so that the sick person will become well.

NOTES

1 afat 'meeting'