



ROLES OF HEALERS IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN COMMUNITY

(a) Medicine people

They are also known as healers, herbalists, traditional doctors.

(b) Mediums

Are people through who spirits and ancestors communicated with the living.

(c) Diviners

Are people who reveal secret information from the past or the future.

(d) Rainmakers

Get their power through supernatural endowment and apprenticeship. They observe the behavior of plants, insects and animals. They study the sky, stars, moon, clouds, wind movement and their body senses to predict weather.

(e) Priests

Perform religious duties. They either inherit the position or receive a divine call.

(f) Prophets/ seers

Prophets are also referred to as seers. A prophet is a person who can foretell the future by revealing visions, dreams or messages from God.

(g) Elders

Are senior members of the community in charge of families, villages and clans. They are morally upright, settle disputes in the community are also custodians of the community property and decide how it would be shared.

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