

# Sorsonet/Sorsoné

A rhythm traditionally sung by the Baga people of the coastal region of Guinea, West Africa; Sorsonet is also the name of a mask that brings good luck and protects against evil. Traditionally, priests keep the mask safely hidden in the forest. Once a year the priests will enter the village wearing the mask and make important predictions, such as whether the harvest that year will be good.

Sorsonet is also played at ceremonies where girls are officially recognised as women from there onwards.

## Lyrics

*[You must] Take up work, ... mother, ... see tomorrow ... become strong/powerful/important.*

**Wonga woli sugu dé**

**Wonga woli sugu na**

**Wonga woli sugu wanti na mato**

**Wonga woli sugu sembera**