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Figure 1: Map of Vietnam
Map is downloaded from http://www.yourasiaholidays.co.uk/vietnam-2.htm
II/ Basic clause constructions in Ede

+ Affirmative clauses:

(1) a. Káo èran.  
1sg run  
‘I run.’

b. ũ èran.  
3sg run  
‘He/she runs.’

(2) a. Káo mdjiè mnú kào.  
1sg kill chicken 1sg  
‘I kill my chicken.’

b. Aduón káo buh kào.  
Grandmother 1sg see 1sg  
‘My grandmother sees me.’

+ Negation:

(3) ũ amáo èran.  
3sg NEG run  
‘He/she doesn’t run.’

(4) a. Ama káo dei pròng.  
Father 1sg very big  
‘My father is very big.’

b. Ama káo amáo dei pròng.  
Father 1sg NEG very big  
‘My father isn’t very big.’

+ Tense/aspect markers:

(5) a. Káo èran leh.  
1sg run PERF  
‘I ran.’

b. Dreì sràng buh kpan  
1pl FUT see long-chair  
‘We will see a long chair.’

(6) Káo khàng nào sang hrà  
1sg often go house word  
‘I often go to school.’

III/ Verb serialization constructions in Ede

1/ Definition in the paper:

A serial verb construction (henceforth SVCs) is the constructions containing a sequence of verbs in which all verbs share the same tense, aspect, mood and modality, and act as a single predicate without overt morpheme marking coordination or subordination. In addition, in some constructions, a serial verb can grammaticalize from a “root-morpheme” with full lexical meaning to become a functional marker in this particular construction.
2/ SVCs in Ede

2.1/ Nuclear serial verb construction in Ede

(7) Y-Kung duah buh H'Du.
    look-for see
    ‘Y-Kung found H’Du.’

(8) ņu nao yap hrā
    3sg go count word
    ‘He goes to school.’

(9) ņu hiu duah mà bruā hlām wāl sang
    3sg go look-for do errand in garden house
    ‘He goes to look for and do errands in the garden and house.’

(10) Y-Kung sràng duah buh H'Du.
      FUT look-for see
      ‘Y-Kung will find H’Du.’

(11) ņu khāng hiu duah mà bruā hlām wāl sang
      3sg often go look-for do errand in garden house
      ‘He often goes to look for and do errands in his own garden.’

(12) * Y-Kung sràng duah sràng buh H'Du.

(13) * ņu khāng hiu khāng duah mà bruā hlām wāl sang.

(14) * ņu khāng hiu duah khāng mà bruā hlām wāl sang.

2.2/ Core serial verb construction in Ede

(15) Phung buōn sang dru pó sang nao druōm kyāo hlām kmrōng ngā bōng
    3pl village house help owner house go cut tree in forest make coffin
    ‘People in the village help the house owner to go to cut trees in a forest to make coffin.’

(16) Phung buōn sang lō nao dru pū atāo kma hlām bōng
    3pl village house again go help take dead-person put in coffin
    ‘People in the village again go helping (by) taking a dead person put in the coffin.’

(17) Phung buōn sang sràng dru pó sang nao druōm kyāo hlām kmrōng ngā bōng.
    3pl village house FUT help owner house go cut tree in forest make coffin
    ‘People in the village will help the house owner to go to cut trees in a forest to make coffin.’
(18) Phung buôn sang amáo nào dru pù atão kma hlăm bông
3pl village house NEG go help take dead-person put in coffin
‘People in the village don’t go helping (by) taking a dead person put in the coffin.’

(19) Phung buôn sang sràng dru pò sang sràng nào druêm kyão hlăm kmròng sràng nga bông.

(20) Phung buôn sang amáo nào dru amáo pù atão kma hlăm bông

(21) Ama káo kgũ üm, ku̍c pui leh anän tük ēa.
Father 1sg get-up early create fire and boil water
‘My father gets up early, builds fire and boils water.’

(22) Ama káo khàng kgũ üm, (biă da) amáo ku̍c pui leh anän tük ēa.
Father 1sg often get-up early, (but) NEG create fire and boil water
‘My father often gets up early but not builds fire and boils water.’

2.3/ Modifying serial verb construction in Ede

(23) Amĩ ama mniẽ brei ngăn pnũ kô gãp djuẽ ēkei
Mother father woman give dowry gift to family man
‘Woman’s parents give dowry and gifts to man’s family.’

(24) Amĩ ama mniẽ khàng brei ngăn pnũ kô gãp djuẽ ēkei
Mother father woman often give dowry gift to family man
‘Woman’s parents often give dowry and gifts to man’s family.’

(25) Amĩ káo mñăm abàn, kpin pioh chi̇ brei kô arãŋ
Mother 1sg weave blanket, skirt for sell give to 3pl
‘My mother weaves blankets, skirts to sell for people.’

(26) (cõ djâ ba bè kô sang), aduôn dru yap brei.
(Grandchild carry bring Ptcl to house), grandmother help count give
‘(Grandchild brings to house), grandmother helps to count for.’

(27) Aduôn dru yap brei kô cõ
Grandmother help count give to grandchild
‘Grandmother counts word for grandchild.’
(28) * Amĩ kã̂o brei ko arâŋ.
(29) * (čõ djã̂ ba bé kõ sang), aduön brei.
(30) * aduön brei ko čõ.

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