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# Forest Restoration and Rehabilitation Activities & Women Empowerment: MALEBI's Experience in Cote D'Ivoire

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# PRESENTATION OF MALEBI

- ▶ "MALEBI" is an association of women producers and sellers of charcoal and firewood.
- ▶ Inception date: 2008
- ▶ Main Goals:
  - ❖ Combat poverty in families through women empowerment
  - ❖ Best Practices on reforestation activities (agroforestry) associated to charcoal production
- ▶ The "MALEBI" Association has the following main areas of intervention:
  - ❖ Production of charcoal with modern methods (avoiding waste of resources);
  - ❖ Distribution / Transportation / Sales with women (priority to widows)
  - ❖ Reforestation activities to compensate wood used for charcoal production.



# IMPACT / RESULTS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- ▶ Capacity building of women in rural area on:
  - ❖ Establishment of nurseries
  - ❖ Agro-forestry plantation (crops combined with trees)
- ▶ Reforestation activities for gradual rehabilitation of Ahua Gazetted Forest, in Cote d'Ivoire)
- ▶ World Bank Forest Investment Programme (FIP) for continuation





# MARKETING OF FOOD CROPS

(cassava, yams, maize ...)

Crops are **regular sources of income** for women members of MALEBI Association

**More income** from crops, as well as **food security**, if MALEBI can get small processing machines of crops





# DECORATION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

- Knight medal in the order of merit
- 2017 National Award of Excellence for Best Community Development Promoter





**Thank you:**  
**International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)**  
**Government of Japan**  
**Government of USA**



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**LET ME INVITE YOU TO WATCH A SHORT VIDEO  
ON THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF MALEBI  
ASSOCIATION**

