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

