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## TOGO: MORINGA TREE IN DEMAND

### VIDEO

ELIZABETH WITH WOMEN OF THE  
VILLAGE

MORINGA TREES

ELIZABETH WITH VILLAGERS

### AUDIO

ELIZABETH AFI KOSO: (In French) F

*"My name is Elizabeth Afi Koso, I am a Moringa farmer. Everywhere I go, people know that I am here to sensitize them regarding Moringa. Yes, I am Mama Moringa!"* (19)

NARRATION:

The Moringa Oleifera tree is native to India, where its leaves and fruits have long been consumed for their nutritional benefits. Yet here in Togo, West Africa, Moringa is still little known... (13)

Elizabeth has teamed up with the Togolese Red Cross to teach villagers how to cook Moringa and integrate it into their daily diets. (9)

ELIZABETH: (In French) F

*"When we eat Moringa, we are healthier because it contains lots of vitamins that can help us carry on with our work."* (8)

HARVESTING THE TREES

NARRATION:

Drought resistant and fast-growing, the Moringa tree is easily cultivated in subtropical areas, where many farmers see it as a potentially lucrative *and* nutritious plantation crop. (12)

PROFESSOR KOKOU ON CAMERA

PROFESSOR KOKOU: (In French) M

*“We have proven that this plant contains many nutrients, like vitamins and minerals. We recommend it to the local community as a means to fight against malnutrition.”* (14)

PROFESSOR KOKOU WALKING  
AMONG THE MORINGA TREES

NARRATION:

Professeur Kokou works for the University of Lome in Togo and is a member of the Forest and Life Movement, which supports local reforestation and forest conservation through Moringa cultivation. (12)

PROFESSOR KOKOU ON CAMERA

PROFESSOR KOKOU: (In French) M

*“Moringa may not be a large tree, but if you plant it in sufficient quantity it can contribute to fighting land degradation and deforestation.”* (16)

CUTTING DOWN TREES

NARRATION:

In the past 60 years, Togo has lost over half of its forest cover - its deforestation rate remains among the highest in Africa - a rate so high that it may lead to the permanent disappearance of forests. (15)

NURSERY

But with the help of the Forest and Life Movement, the professor received a grant to

develop a Moringa nursery where Togolese farmers are taught to cultivate the plants before distributing them locally. (13)

A young farmer supervises the day-to-day operations. (5)

ADEVOU KOMLAH ERIC AT HOME

ADEVOU KOMLAH ERIC: (In French) M  
*“My name is Adévous Komlah Eric. I began planting trees to help regenerate lost forest. Today I have at least 3 hectares of Moringa plantation... In my home, my wife and child love Moringa dishes. I’ve been feeding it to my son Maxwell since his birth. It has contributed to his development into an intelligent and clever child. It has greatly contributed to the health of the whole family.”* (41)

ELIZABETH TCHAPTCHET: (In French) F  
*“Nutrition is extremely important, especially when it comes to feeding children.”* (7)

ELIZABETH IN HER OFFICE

NARRATION:  
Elizabeth Thaptchet is Director of the United Nations World Food Program in Togo. (5)

WOMEN WITH BASKETS OF MORINGA

ELIZABETH TCHAPTCHET: (In French) F  
*“In recent years we have focused on buying locally, specifically Moringa, as it helps provide revenue for local populations while increasing production. This also helps improve their quality of life. We are looking into including Moringa in our food baskets.”* (27)

FIELDS OF TREES	<p><u>NARRATION:</u></p> <p>Today, Moringa is recognized by the United Nations Forum on Forests, the UN body concerned with the protection of the planet’s forests, not only as a source of nutrition, but also as a promising source of financing both for local livelihoods as well as for forest conservation in Togo and beyond. (20)</p>
SHOPS	<p>Demand in Togo for the tree’s products has increased and Moringa leaf powder is now sold as a nutritional supplement in pharmacies both across the country and internationally. (13)</p>
STOCKING THE POWDER ON SHELVES	
WOMEN CARRYING BASKETS	<p>Elizabeth and the local villagers, are ramping up production to meet that demand. They pick, sort and gather the branches. Once dried, the leaves are finally milled into a fine powder. (14)</p>
GRINDING THE POWDER	<p>Then, Elizabeth delivers the powder to a local buyer for distribution on the market. (5)</p>
ELIZABETH ON CAMERA	<p><u>ELIZABETH:</u> (In French) F  <i>“Financially I am doing well. I have additional revenue because I sell Moringa. I can help my children and send them to school. When I need money, I can sell Moringa.”</i> (15)</p>
EATING MORINGA DISHES/ FARMING	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Good news for both the country’s people – <u>and</u> its forests. (6)</p>
UN LOGO	<p>This report was produced by Nathan Beriro for the United Nations. (4.5)</p>

