



## PLANTING TREES TO SAVE THE MANGROVE | GUINEA

Deforestation is a serious issue in Guinea, where mangrove forests are cut down to burn wood to dry and smoke fish. A group of local women in Guinea were so concerned about the disappearing mangrove forest due to the overuse of wood for drying and smoking fish that they decided to band together to do something about it. Their solution, the [Planting Trees to Save the Mangrove](#) initiative, was simple, successful and sustainable. The women created cooperatives on four island villages to stop the deforestation of mangrove wood. They now use non-polluting solar driers to dry and smoke the fish. And they plant fast-growing Moringa trees to reforest the area and create a sustainable source of income, by drying and selling the tree's nutritionally dense leaves and water-purifying seeds.

### Key facts

- 160 women are directly involved in the initiative, which has created several association of women members in four island villages to manage their land and the program
- 25,000 Moringa trees have been planted by the women across 20 hectares in North Guinea so far
- Moringa leaves are packed with vitamins and nutrients, are high in protein and contain all of the amino acids needed to address malnutrition

### More information

Digital assets are available for download at: <http://bit.ly/1MExrNR>

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