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Meet Alagbe

By turning her farm into a source of income, Alagbe was able to invest in her sewing business and create a better life for her family.



“My name is Alagbe L’Ahana. I live in Tourou and am married with two children, a seven-year-old daughter and a three-year-old son. In 2015, I was trained to be a lead farmer through a joint project between the NGO Projects for Progress and Tolaro Global. I learned several things that helped me to grow crops in the same fields where I grow cashews. This was difficult work. I had to remove trees to make space for crops and I had to prune other trees to make them more productive. Cashew wood is very hard. But now I have a good yield of cashew. On the same land, I grow soybeans, maize, sorghum, peanuts, and yams, all on one hectare of land, shared with the cashew trees.

I am a seamstress by trade and, thanks to the profit that I realized from the farming project, I built a beautiful workshop, well-equipped with both a manual and an electric sewing machine. From my farming and sewing, I can support my family and even send my children to school. Now, my husband is interested in the farming too.”

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