

# COMMUNITY VOICES

**We must protect the environment. We must not do bush burning, people must not cut trees. As chief, that is my responsibility."**

Mr. Sultan Haji, FMNR Group Member



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**After the training [a Gender Transformative Action training in Bawku West], my wife and I now work together and get work done faster and effectively. This is the way to live, once we support and discuss with each other, we now understand that as a couple one can get angry over minor issues but it does not have to result in a quarrel."**

Ayidanbil Awini, Farmer of Bawku West District

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**In the past, we thought that bare land was good, but now we know that such exposed land causes land degradation. Trees provide a good environment; when the last tree dies, man also dies."**

Christopher Mba Abugre, Farmer of Bawku West District

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**We get herbs to treat diseases, firewood from branches of the trees when we prune them and get shea nuts for processing into shea butter."**

Mr. Sultan Haji, FMNR Group Member



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**If you refuse to plant trees today, you will subsequently accept tree planting in the future when the events of climate hits you hard."**

Mohammed Alhassan, Mion District

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**It was out of ignorance that we were cutting trees unsustainably, but with our awareness about the roles of trees raised through the Regreening Project it will not happen again."**

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**Trees are like children. When they are small, you nurse and protect them. But when they are grown, everyone benefits."**

Safora Abdulai, Lead Farmer, Garu District

**When I graft a mango, I sell it for GHC 10 (≈ USD 1.60) and it matures in two years' time, unlike the non-grafted mangoes, which mature in 3-4 years and sell for half the price of the grafted mangoes."**

Sheik Ahmed Bashiru, Farmer of the Garu District



**We were taught the value of having trees and shrubs on our farms as well as the dangers of burning farm residues during land preparation, which kills beneficial soil microorganisms and destroys soil organic matter etc. We also discovered that our yields were low because of these practices, making it impossible to feed our families."**

John Akurugu, Farmer of Bawku West District



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**Our indigenous trees have multiple uses so we need to grow them."**

Azuweira FMNR Group

