

Wilk Vector of development

The role of women. The women and the milk.

MILK VECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT = WOMEN INVISIBLE ENERGY OF DEVELOPMENT

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Women: QUEENS of dairy products on the planet earth



International course on traditional cheese-making in developing countries. CoRFiLaC, Ragusa 2007.

Some Traditional Cheeses of developing countries



























Penda - Inde













CYPRUS Trachanas cheese with wheat flour (30/40%)





Ricutta - Tunisie







Yak cheeses

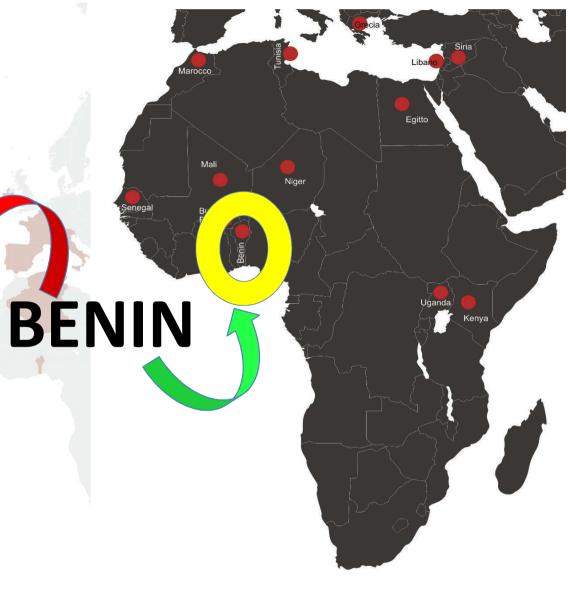


Parmi tous ces Pays, nous avons choisi le Bénin, l'ethnie Peuhle et le fromage Wagashi









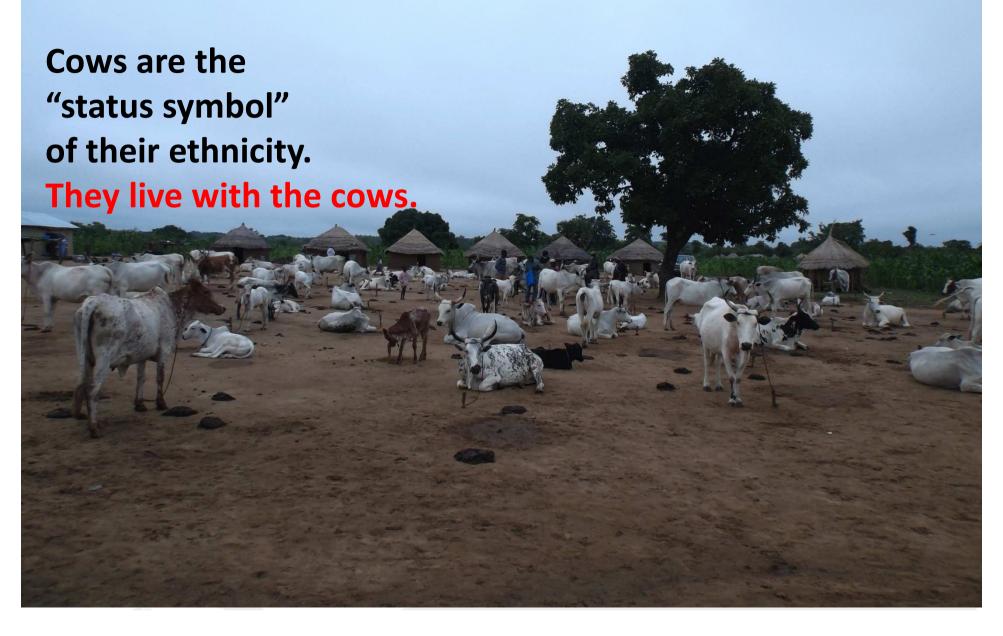


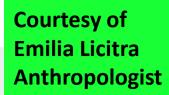
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The Peuhl are the best breeders in North-West Benin / Sub-Saharian Africa





Main Values for Peuhl Community

The sense of belonging of a community is a core value of Peuhl.

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Great importance is given to the time spent for social relationships and to the sharing of problems, happiness and events.

Respect for the elderly, respect towards maturity, experience, know-how;



Time dimension



The Peuhl live in harmony with nature, and thanks to what nature offers them, from season to season;

Time as fundamental good to allow the natural course of any biological activity.



Time dimension



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The ability to live "the time of life, from children to the elderly, has the consciousness that everything is derived from a biological cycle, that nothing is immediate, you have to have the patience to wait until the time is fulfilled."

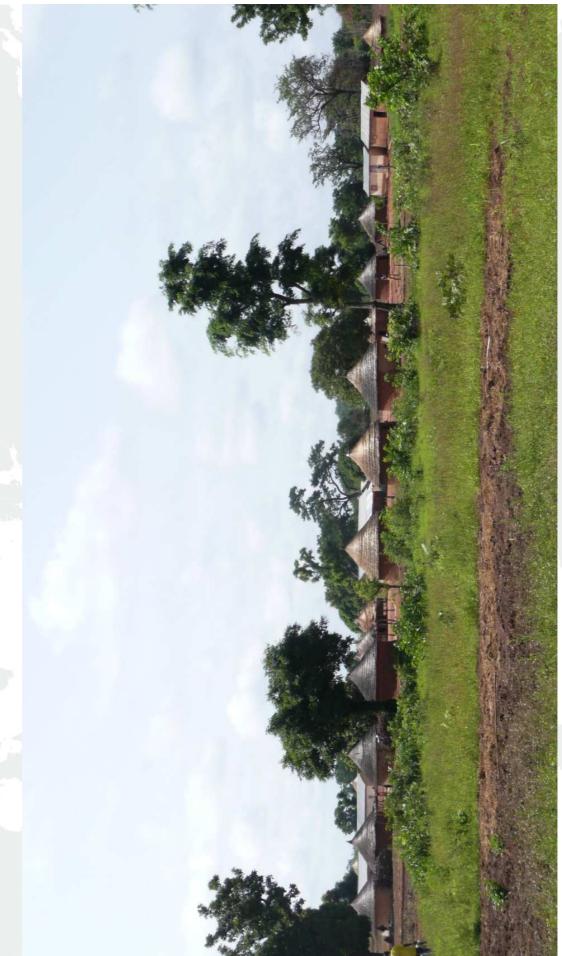




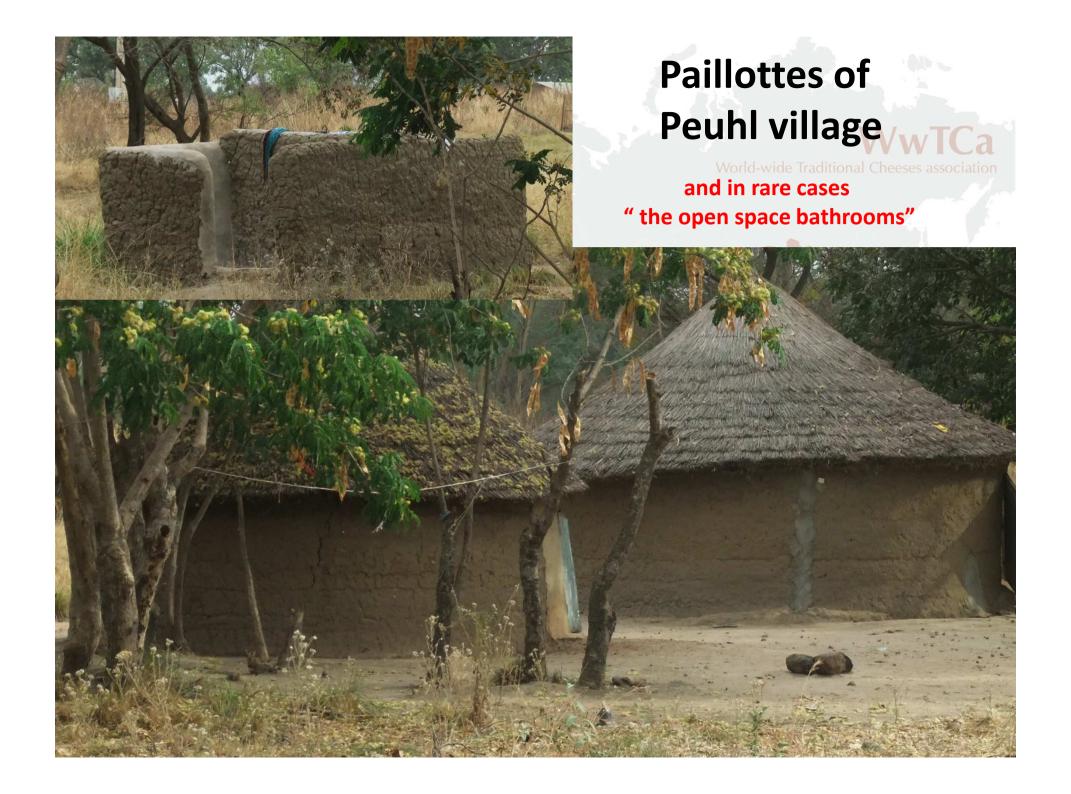
Most of the gender literature emphasizes a gender inequality in many rural African communities.

Fulbe men who consider women, cows, and milk as the three vital energies of the Fulbe village











THE PARADOX OF HOUSING

For very rich people in the city







Peuhl ethnicity is certainly an organized community, with different social roles

where at each age you acquire a certain level of responsibility

King of Peuhl higher levels are achieved as a function of maturity, experience and know-how (to be able to do).

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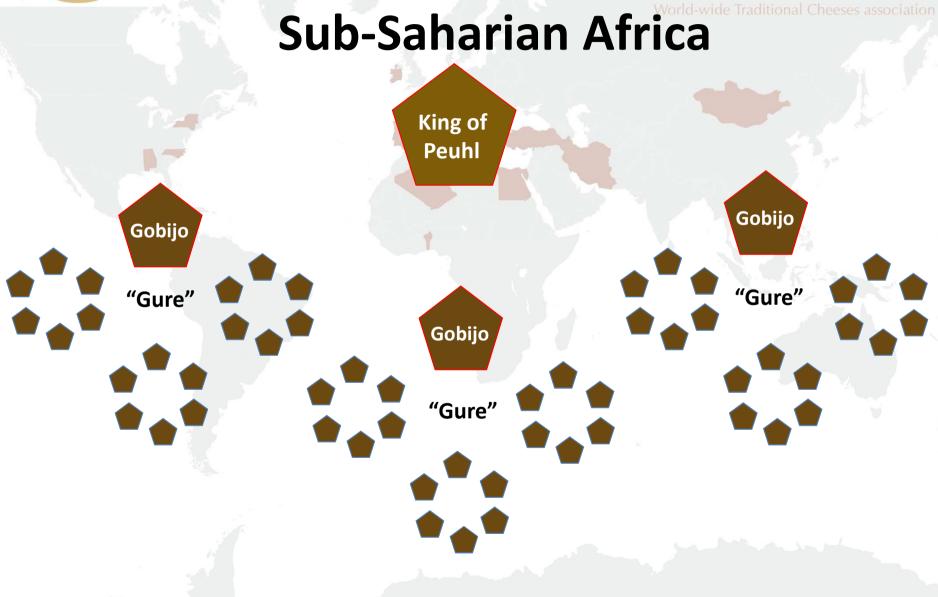
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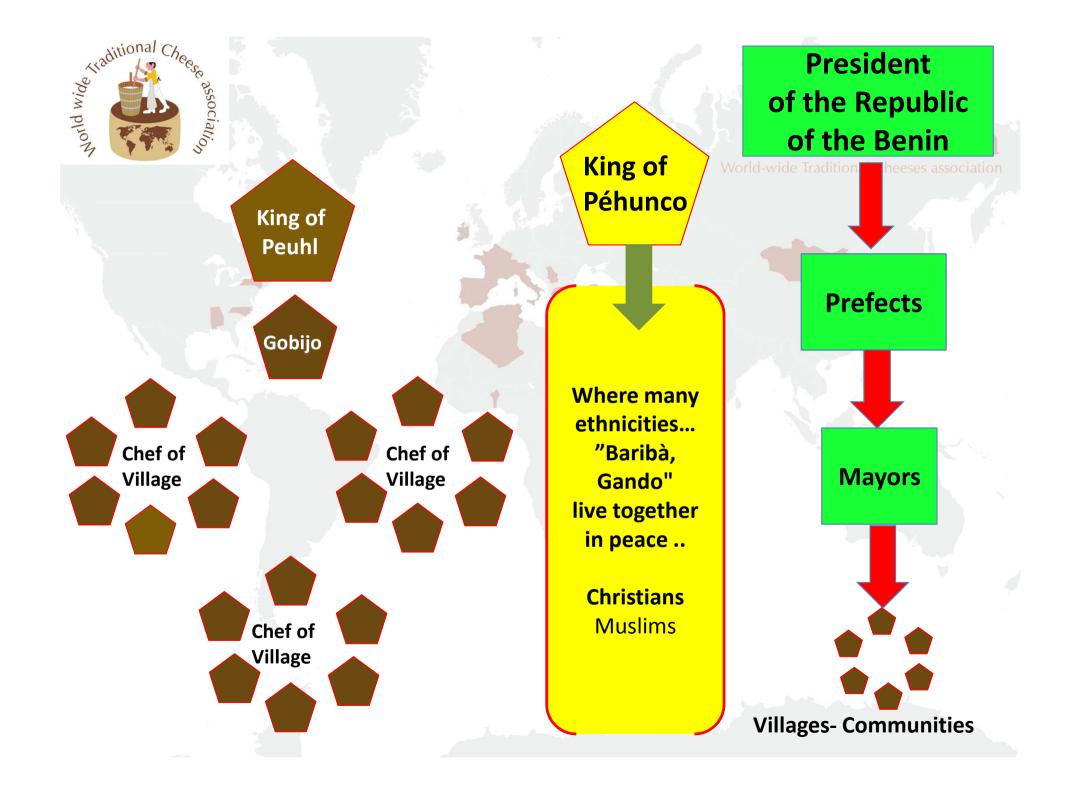
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Village where more Families live (on average 30-35 people)





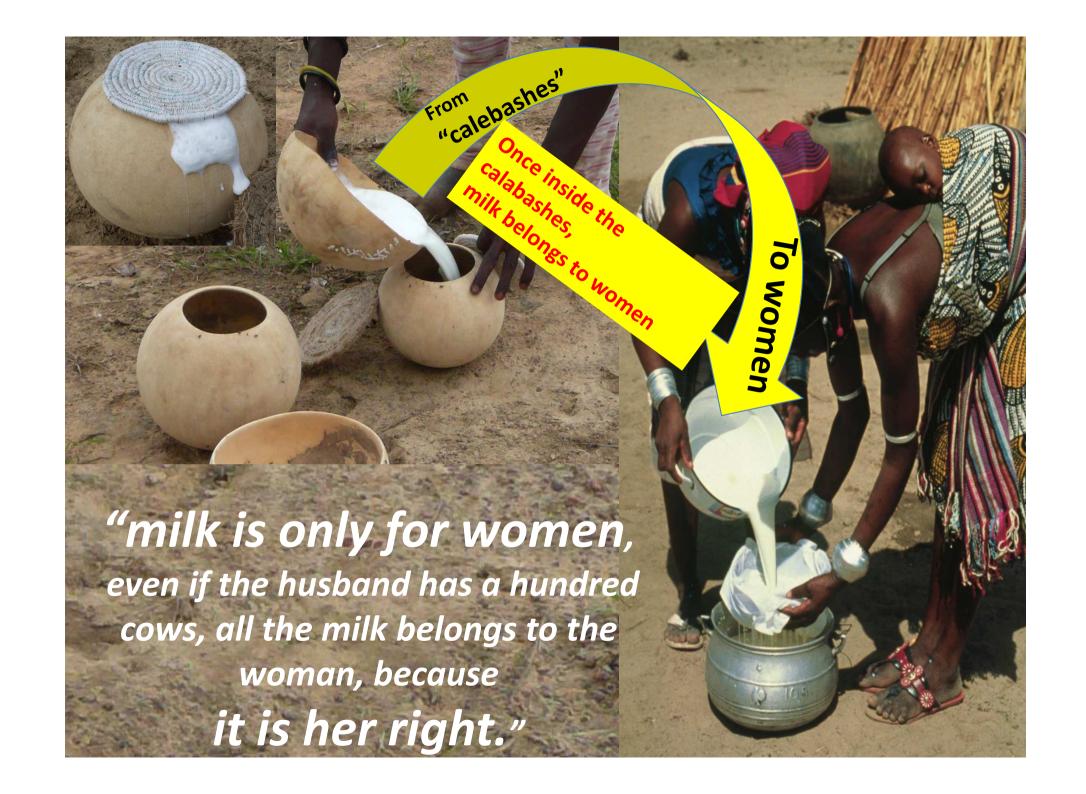




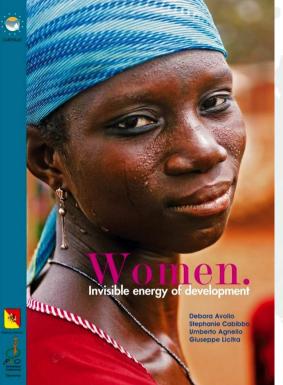
Men
take care
of their
cattle,
their
nutrition
and health



Large number of animals, that produce large quantities of milk, is a sign of prestige for men and a means to achieving power and respect, both within the Fulbe household (number of wives) and outside.









Women are the real

"invisible energy of development"

considering that they own the milk,

they become

"Women >vector of development".

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in Fulbe society there is a kind of complementarity and balance between the two genders:

cows and milk play an important role in gender definition:

cow for men

*milk for women

and allows them to build their identity as female.



Equality is only partial

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These exchanges could not begin without the first gift of milk from men to women.

Men have the control over the raw material (cow), the primary source of milk production, and therefore women are always subordinated to men.

As milk depends on the cow, a woman depends on her husband.



MEN hold the economic and social power.

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men receive income from the sale of cattle (a source of live capital)

They use for personal need eat in the city centre

Buy motorcycle, bicycle, wristwatch, radio, sunglasses.





Once inside the calabashes, milk belongs to women and is their only source of income

Women use the money they earn for the household and for the needs of the family and the village

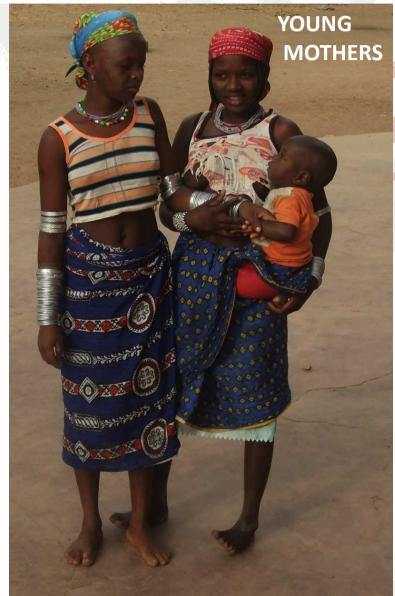


Polygamy is still widespread

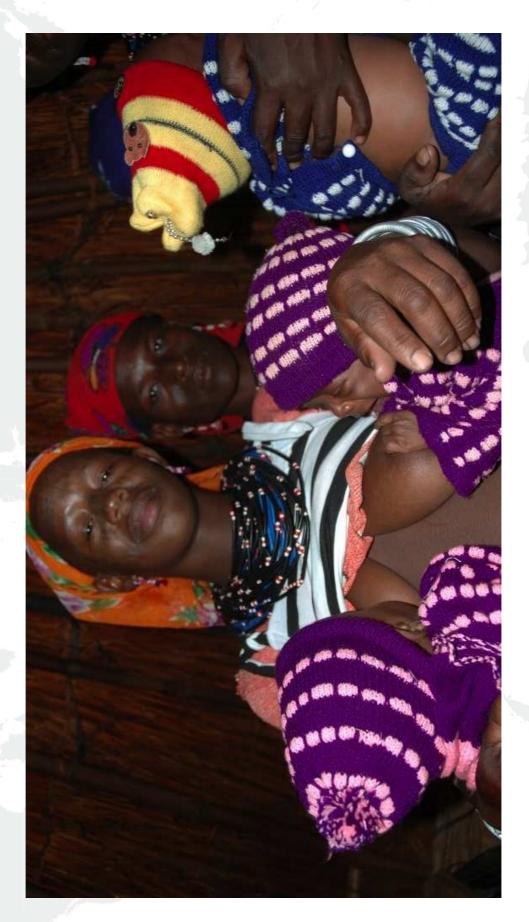
the number of children per woman is very high (8-10). One every two years starting at 16-18 years old age.



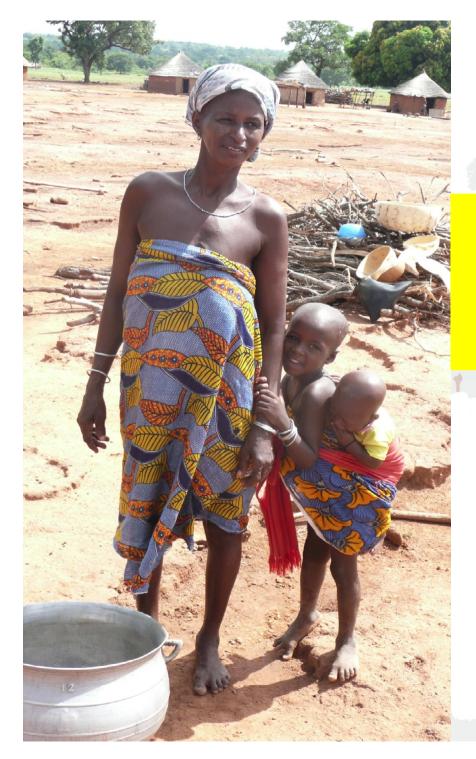














children helping children





KIDS IN A VILLAGE World-wide Traditional C









The limited means stimulates their creativity



WOODEN TOYS

> Courtesy of Emilia Licitra Anthropologist



Children mimic the trades of their parents, and this in the West does not happen anymore, but whatever the fun their eyes are always lively, cheerful, happy to live and dream to grow.





Young Peuhl women

at a party

with jewelry

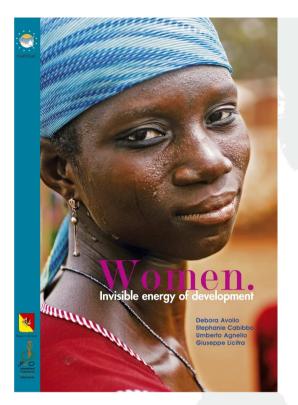
and well dressed

thank to
Emilia Licitra
Anthropologist



Speaking with young Peuhl, it emerges clearly their pride of wanting to be and/or become good breeders (be Able to do), have a large herd, a big house, a family, and aspire to become men of reference (chef of the village).





Women work all day long, from dawn to after sunset, and are responsible of the whole household:

- food production, preparation and distribution,
- to find, collect and carry, on their head and often with a baby on their back, firewood for cooking, water for the entire community

and they have to walk, in most cases, for miles and miles every day.



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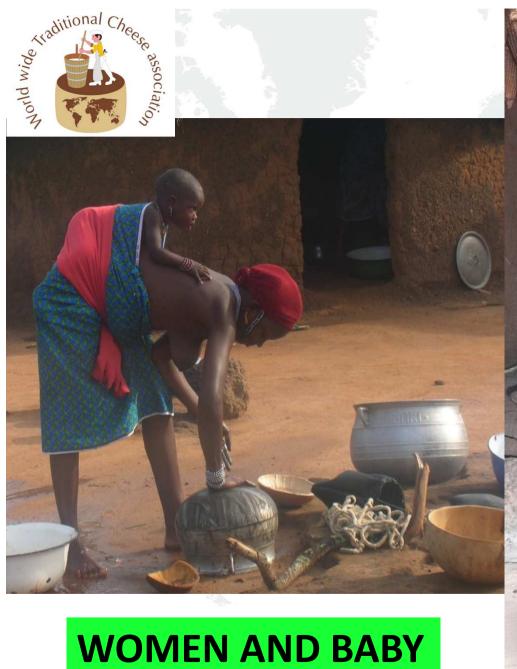


WOMEN CONTINUE TO WORK AFTER SUNSET WWTCa





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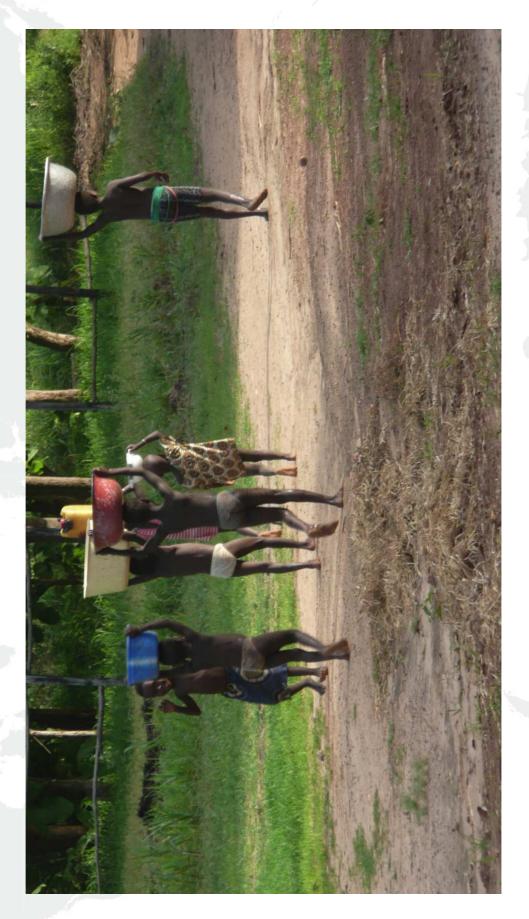










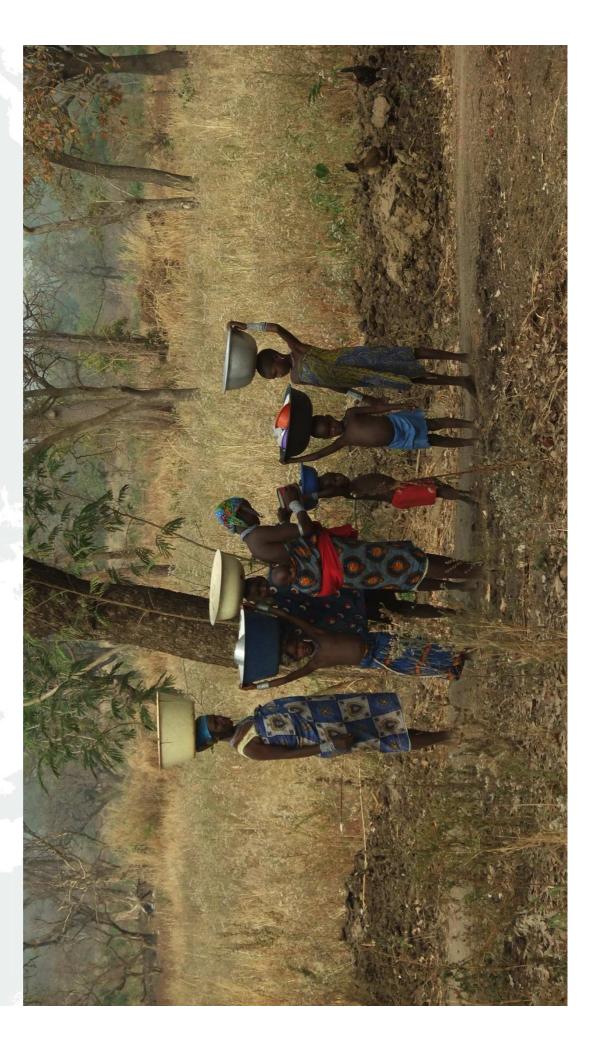


















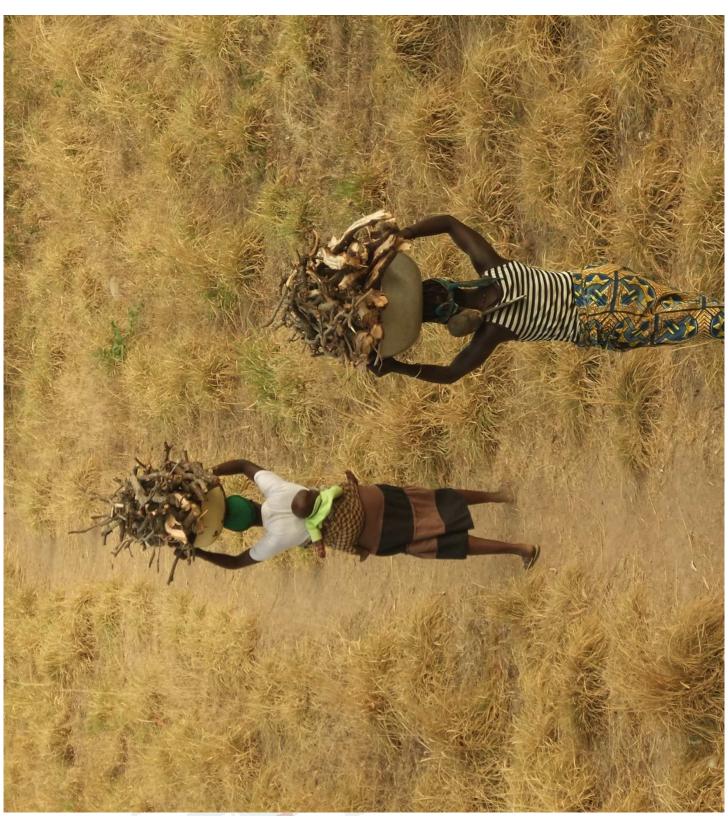




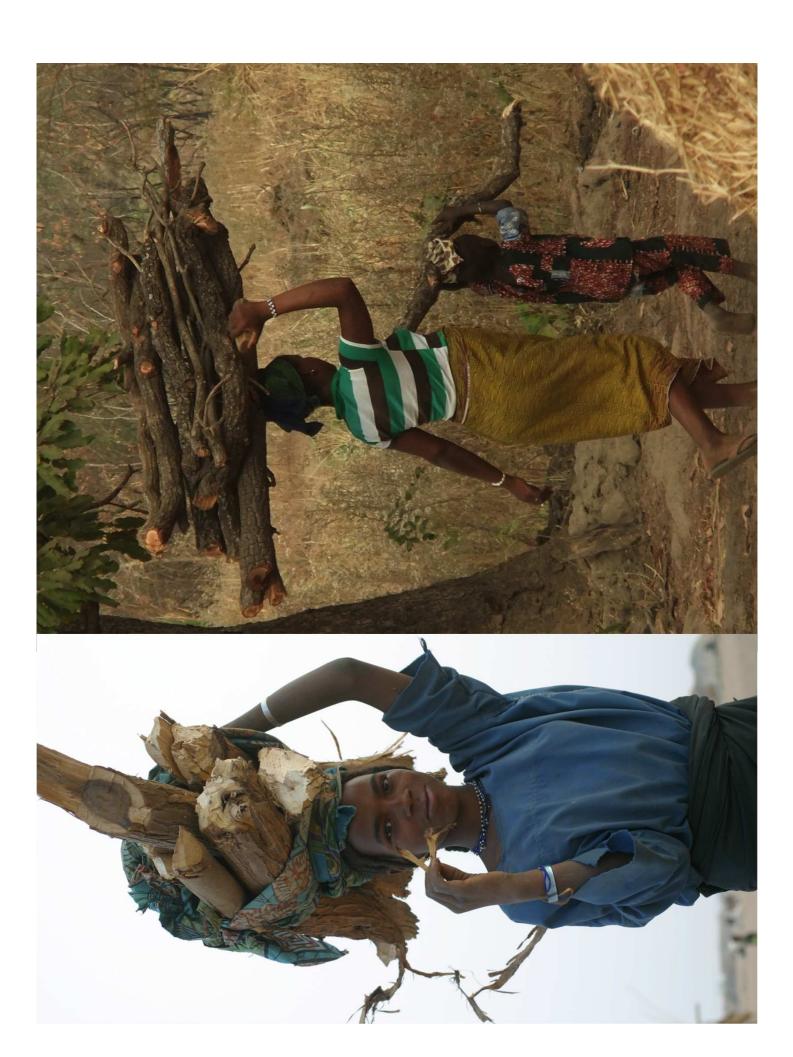
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COWS AND WOMEN IN TRANSHUMANCE

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KIDS IN TRANSHUMANCE



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MILKING COWS



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"CALOTROPIS PROCERA" WILD PLANT USED FOR MILK COAGULATION

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Kids help the mother to collect Calotropis















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WAGASHI Cheese

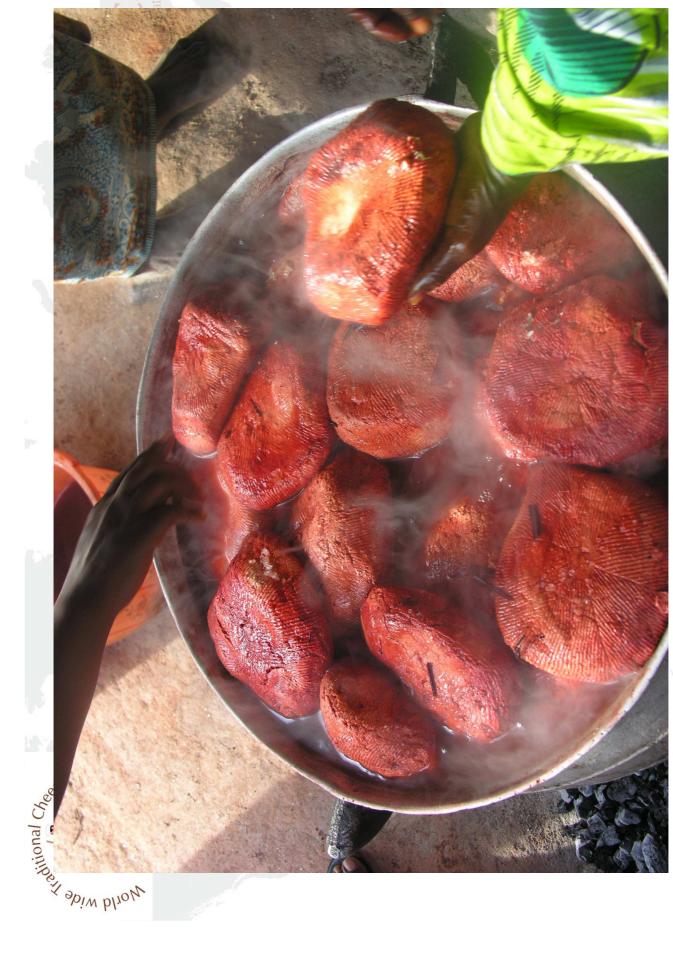


















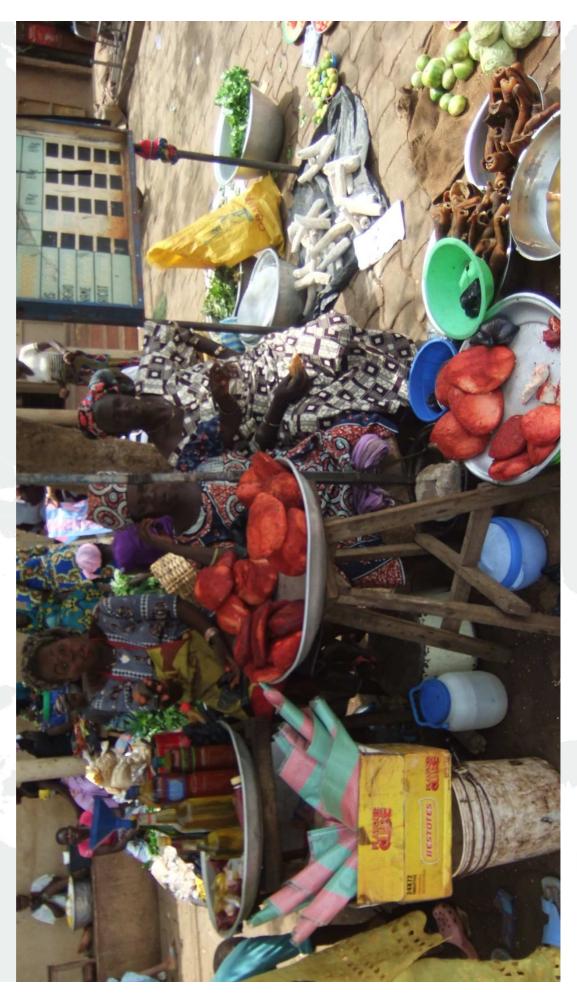












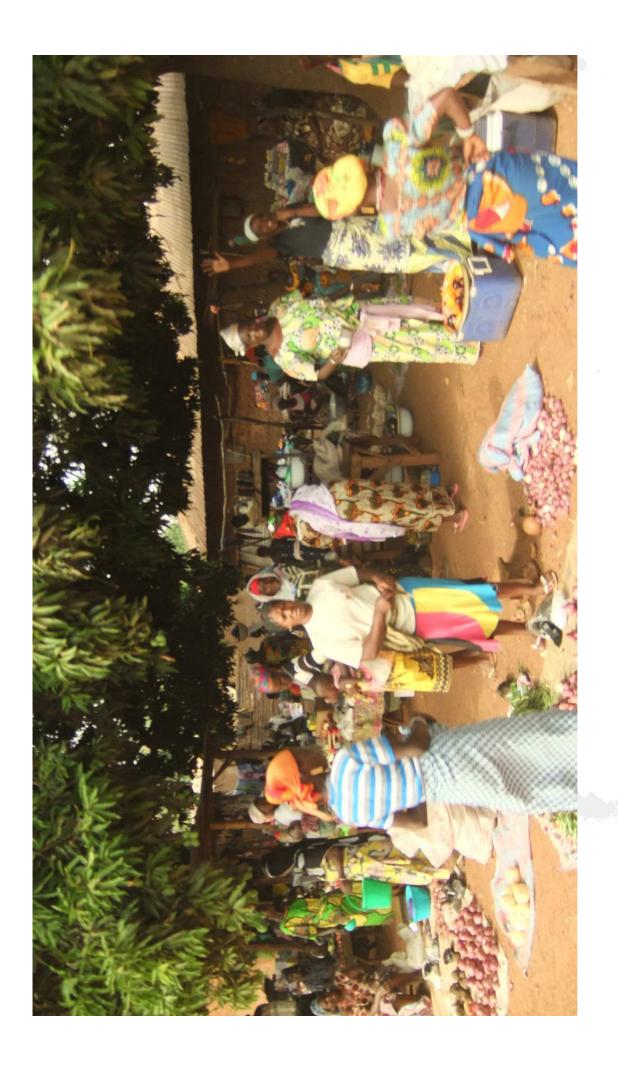


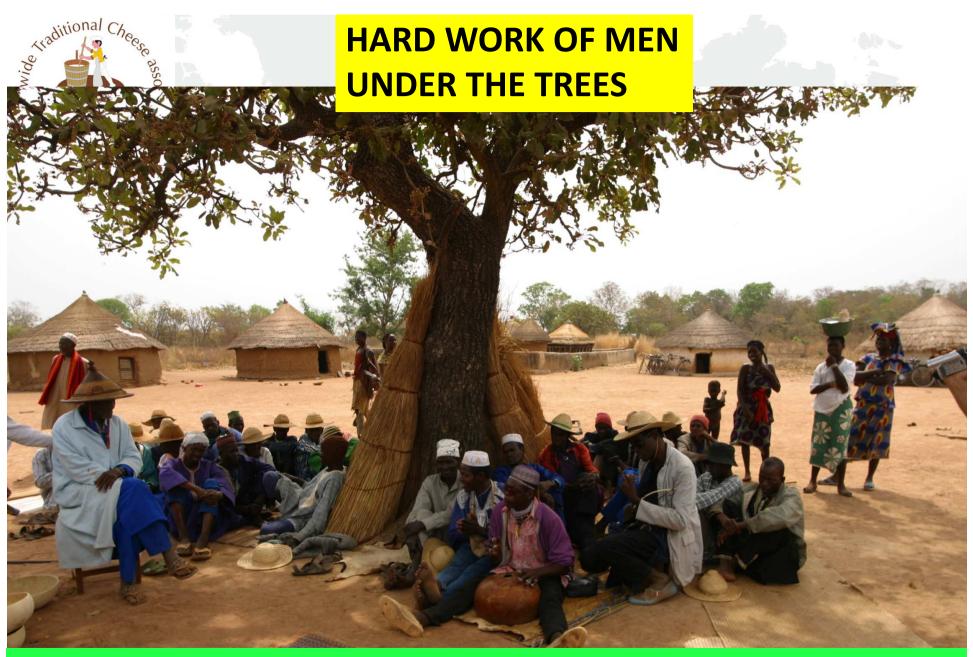












FOR JOKE !!!!! SOMEONE SAY:
Will be SUFFICIENT TO CUT TREES TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS



BUT OFTEN THEY HAVE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO WORK HARD



Despite the hard work and the lack of any comfort, they show great dignity, happiness and extraordinary strength, to guarantee continuity to everyday reality and to let new generations trust in the future.





TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Is it really everything ok?
- Apparently they live in peace and harmony
- THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT WOMEN (INVISIBLE ENERGY AND FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE COMMUNITY) AGREE TO BE SUBORDINATED TO MEN

But the young starts to break the equilibrium of the community, looking for alternative life styles.

They begin drugs AND TO BE ATTRACTED BY THE WINDS OF GLOBALIZATION.



There is no more time, because

International media invasion in Africa and other emerging countries through radio, networks, Internet and mobile phones has corrosive effects on the social bond

generating paradoxes !!!!.

Serge Latouche

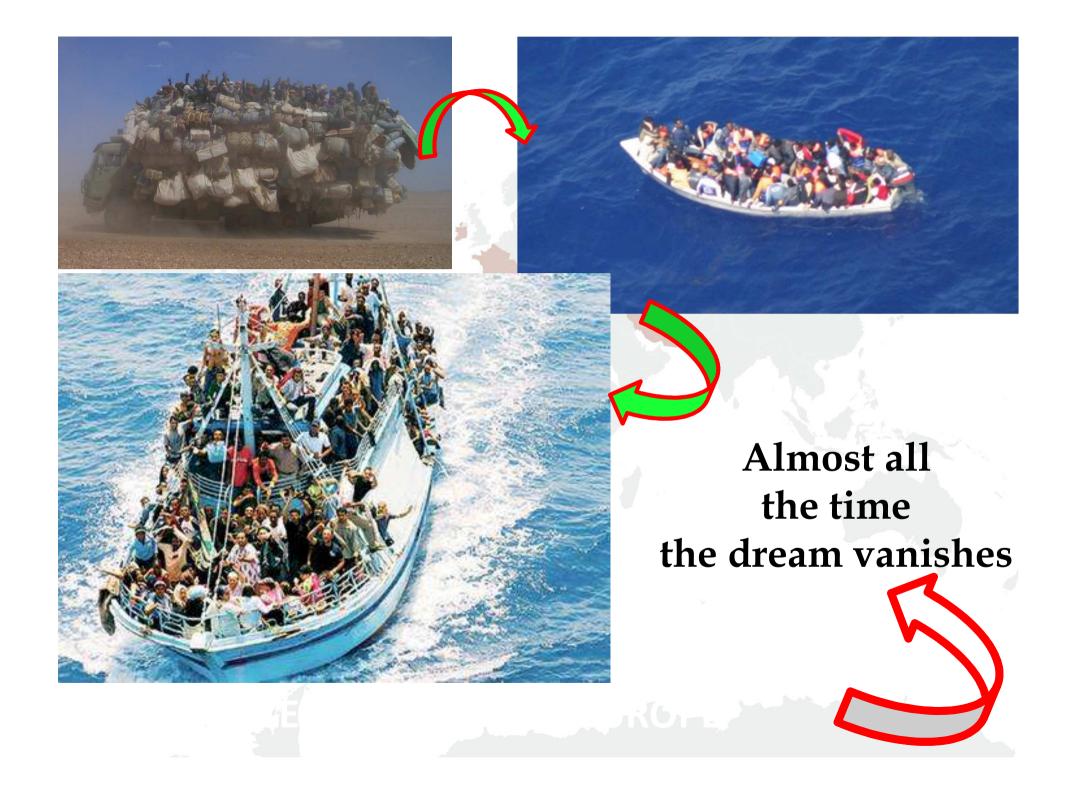
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2007 Mille et une nuits, département de la Librairie Arthéme Fayard, Paris



Young people desire to escape from their countries of which they have a bad opinion in order to go to live in artificial paradises of the North. But, in these paradises they will find just closed doors.





Development: which one is the real meaning??

- To be rich??
- To generate comforts?? ...but they did not allow the human well-being and its effects are devastating and generating Loneliness, Depression, Spiritual and Material Misery,...(the Western model)
- To standardize life, erase culture, erase traditions, be stressed all the time (fast food, fast emotions, fast life.... < fast dead



Connection all around the world





re in market

moovprix international est à vous.

no limit

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Vers USA - CHINE - INDE - CANADA - RUSSIE -SUEDE - IRAN - HONG-KONG - ISRAEL...

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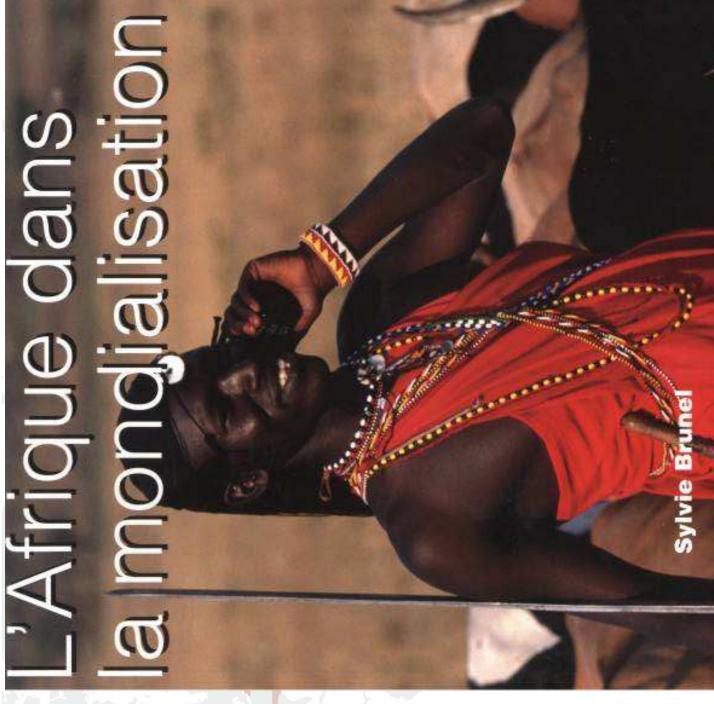
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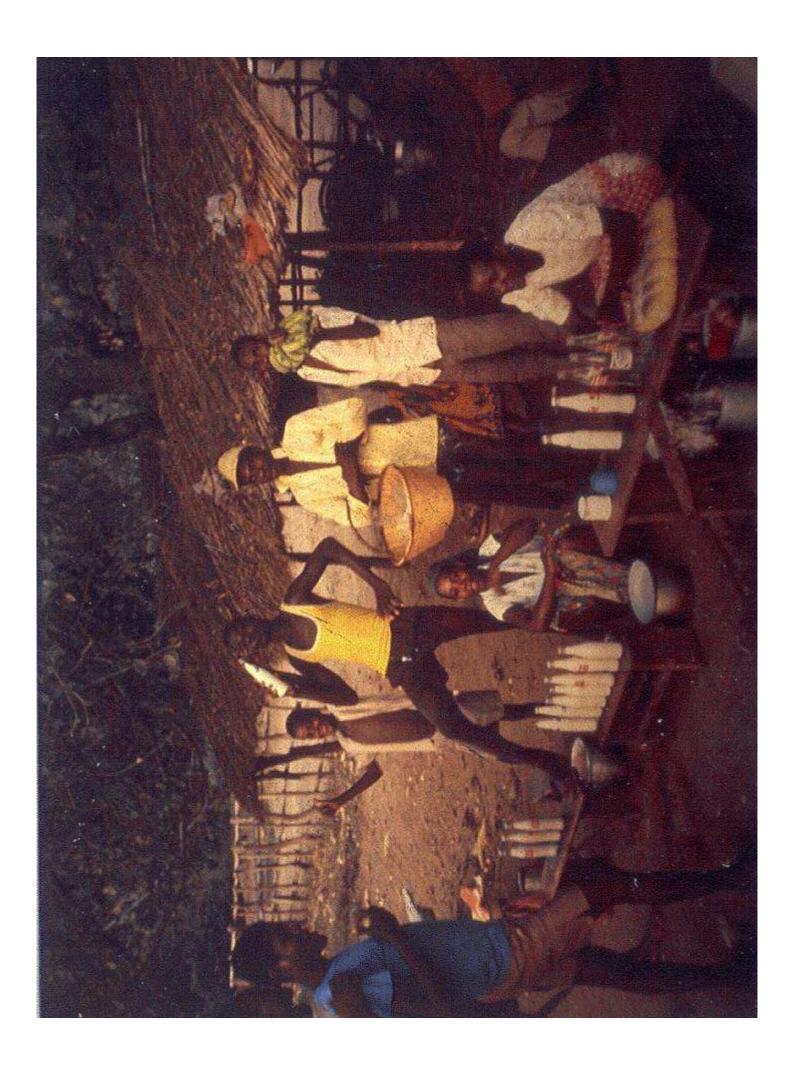
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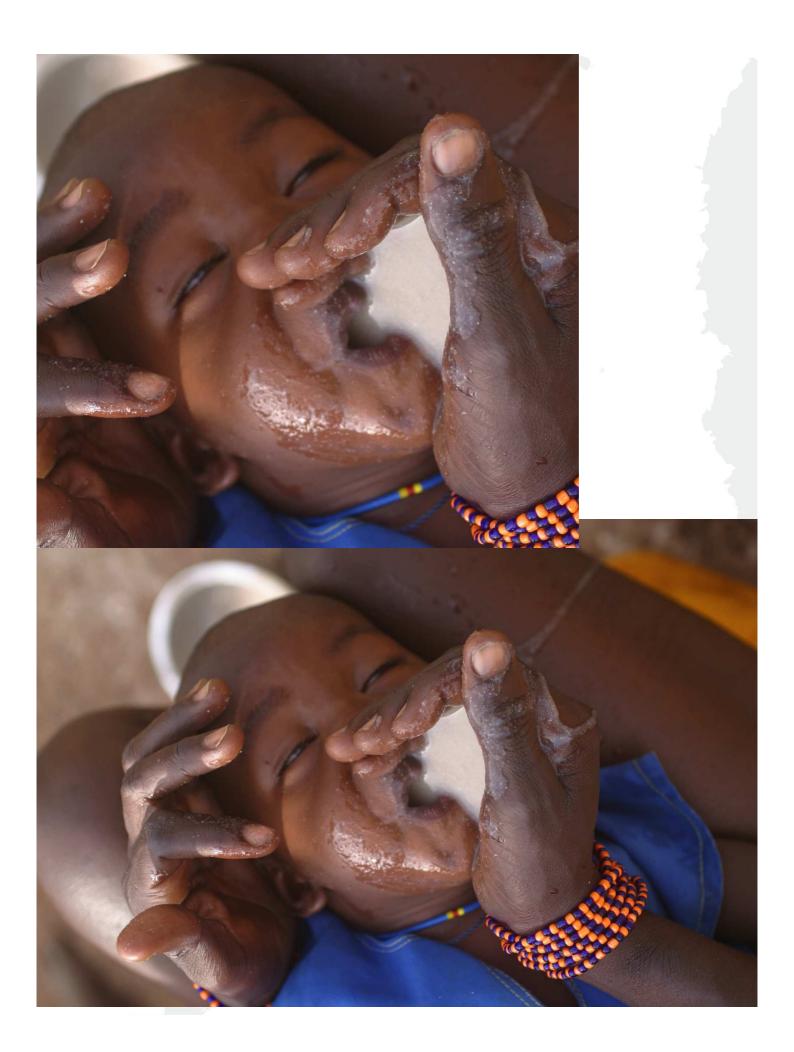














A Cultural Revolution is needed, and not only in the society of developing countries

 They need their own endogenous development, without imitating the Western countries;

Thomas Sankara, the President of Burkina Faso (who was killed the 15th October, 1987), affirmed:

"We have to accept to live like Africans. It's the only way we have to live free and in dignity".





BUT ABOVE ALL

The cultural revolution is needed in Western countries; in the institutions that have the responsability to fund "the development and the fight against poverty":

World Bank,

FMI, WTO,

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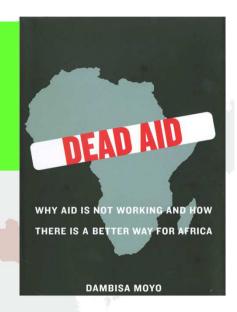
Multinational companies that TAKE CARE ONLY of THE PROFIT



Dead Aid

by "Dambisa Moyo"

More than US\$ 1 trillion in development assistance over the last several decades made African people better off?



The answer is: NO

Millions of people in Africa are poorer today because of slow aid and growth;

misery and poverty have not ended but have increased.

Dambisa Moyo. 2009. DEAD AID- Why aid is not working a how there is a better way for Africa. Farrar, Stratus and Giroux, New York





In most cases local communities look for money (direct money for them to partecipate to the projects) and not for the real purpose of the projects.

As a result of this mentality, when the funding of the projects end, everything comes back as before.

If the West wants to help the countries in the developing world, must donate a craf (a métier), the know how and not only money.



IMF > World Bank >> WTO policy



Impose to the underdeveloped countries "standard solutions overtaken and inadequate" and they must follow these policies to obtain helps

Source: The globalization and its discontents Joseph E. Stiglitz – Nobel prize 2001 for the Economy



The West declares to build a global society exclusively based on the misleading hope of eradicating poverty all over the World.

But this same West has exploited, colonized and decolonized the other half of the Earth, depriving all these Countries of their bio-diversities.

Indeed, with agricultural patents, Western multinational companies have become the owners of their natural resources, and local populations have now to buy what nature has given to them for free.

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In few words:



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Economic policies imposed by IMF, WB, WTO and PRIVATE COMPANIES

don't erase poverty but have the opposite effect



We are not against the classical definition of development, or against multinationals, and globalization, business, but according to Prahalad:

investors must develop intervention policies that *in primis* worry about the relief from poverty of million people and also must be able to generate profits legitimally.

Prahalad 2005; *The bottom of the Pyramid: eradicating poverty through profits.* Wharton School, Publishing Paperback Editions



Which one is the correct model of development?

- It is impossible to have a standard solution;
- Looking back to the experience of the last decades we are reasonably sure of what should not be the model of development.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO AVOID THAT AFRICA AND EMERGIG COUNTRIES WILL MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES OF THE WEST COUNTRIES CHASING THE "GROWTH SOCIETY FOR PROFIT".



It is not just an economic issue, although fundamental.



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But even more so in terms of quality of life, personal dignity, cultural and religious identity, isolation

(not only geographical but cultural).

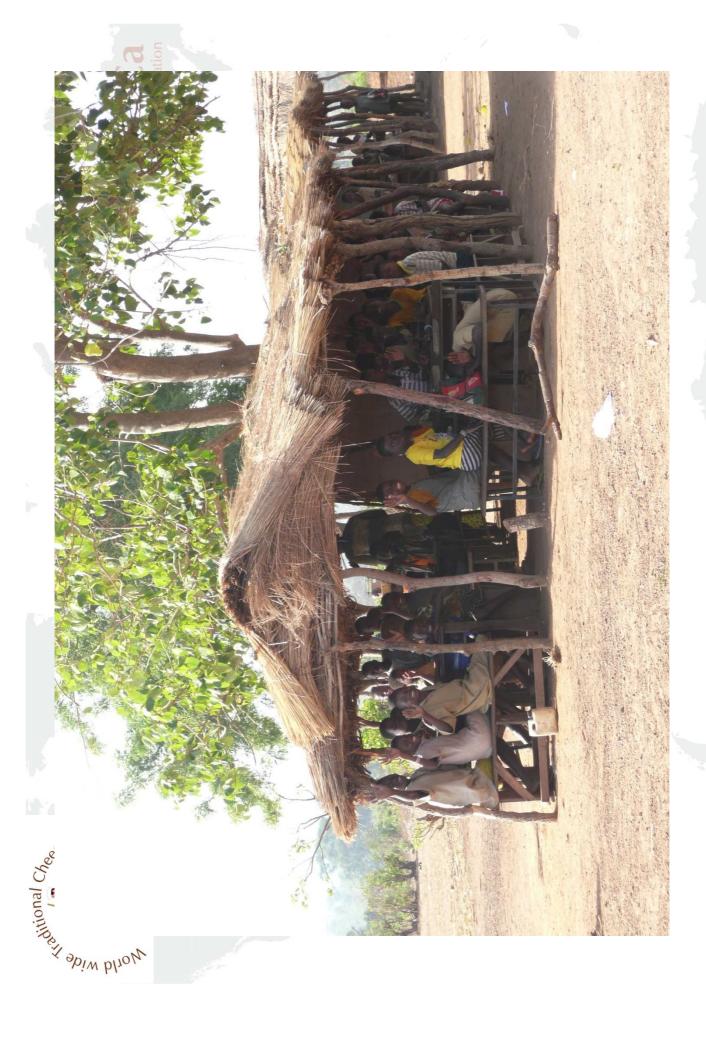
Development does not mean losing their identity, culture, history, traditions, social sharing, but must reinforce those values that the West has lost.



If the West wants really to help the developing countries, it must change strategy, moving from business to social projects.

PRIORITY ACTIONS MUST BE DEDICATED TO THE KNOWLEDGE, TO THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT











THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY CHANGED THE COMMUNICATION FROM DAUGHTERS TO CHILDREN



and FAO



IFAD and FAO are addressing gender inequalities and discrimination by focusing on rural areas which can empower women economically and socially, including access to land, water, education, training, markets and financial services.



Most of the time the programs do not reach the women living in the villages.

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International Professional Women Opportunity iPWO

The project idea is to create a "place" of thought, know-how, cultural exchange, as well as a place of interaction for the technical and scientific aspects.



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It is a non-profit Scientific Organization with socio-cultural aims concerning the discovery, qualification and enhancement of traditional dairy products all over the world.



ONG "Alliance Benin -Italie



International traditional micro cheese-making course held at CoRFiLaC in May 2007 - Ragusa Sicily Italy

Countries partecipating

- Bénin
- Burkina Faso
- Egypte
- Grèce
- Kenya
- Inde
- Liban

- Mali
- Maroc
- Niger
- Ouganda
- Sénégal
- Syrie
- Tunisie





Women: QUEENS

of dairy products on the planet earth



International course for the traditional cheese-making in developing countries. CoRFiLaC, Ragusa 2007:





Quel modèle de dévelopement ?

Modèles classiques Occidentaux

Le modèle socio-culturel CORFILAC_ONG "Alliance Benin-Italie"



Modèles de développement

Modèles classiques
Occidentaux

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Collecte du lait

Systèmes industriels Mini laiteries **Prod. fromages**

Entrepreneurs individuels

Coopératives de producteurs

Commercialisation à travers une organisation oligarchique

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Inconvénients

- Disparition de la culture fromagère des communautés
- Perte du rapport femmes-marché
- Activité commerciale finalisée au profit, qui n'a une raison d'être que quand elle est capable de produire des revenus.



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Le modèle socio-culturel CoRFiLaC ONG "Alliance Benin- Italie

Fabrication des fromages Femmes Peuhles dans les campements

Collecte des fromages

Sélection et certification des fromages

Organisation de l'offre

Marketing

Prod.-Consom.

PRODUITS MAJEURS

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Projet socio-culturel CoRFiLaC (2007-2013) ONG "Alliance Benin-Italie

Avantages

- Sauvegarde de la culture fromagère traditionnelle peuhl (biodiversité).
- Mise en valeur du rôle social des femmes Peubles
- Renforcement de l'identité culturelle des Peuhls à travers le fromage, qui devient le "drapeau des Peuhls
- Amélioration de la qualité de la vie dans les campements





LAB OF MICROBIOLOGY AT C.C.P. Péhunco

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COLLECT OF WAGASHI FROM PEUHL WOMEN





CLEANING AND SELECTION OF WAGASHI AT C.C.P. PéHUNCO

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Cleaning and washing the Wagashi cheeses
Collected from the villages





Cooling the Wagashi in the refrigeretor







Cooking Red Wagashi



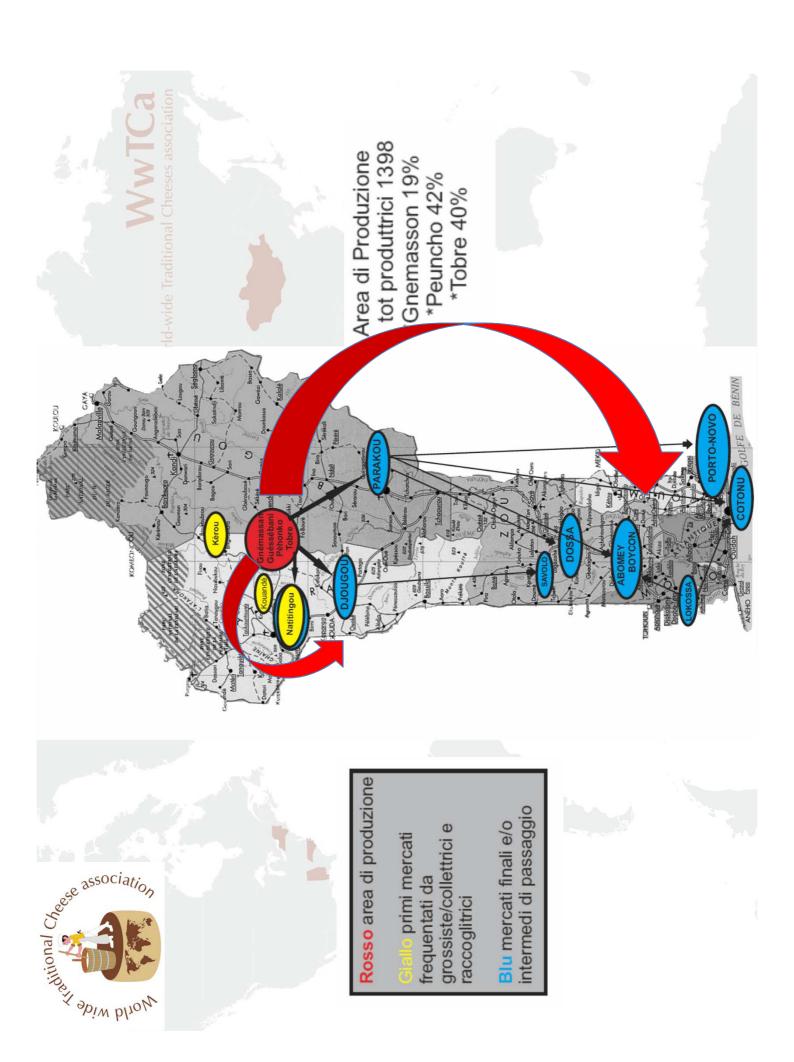














La nourriture c'est la culture

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Les produits historiques traditionnels ne sont pas simplement de la nourriture mais il représentent le patrimoine historique et culturel des communautés qui les produisent

IL NE FAUT PAS VENDRE DE LA NOURRITURE,
mais IL FAUT DIFFUSER LA CULTURE et
L'IDENTITE DES COMMUNAUTES A
TRAVERS LA NOURRITURE







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Frit avec de la salade!

Cru avec de la salade







- The Wagashi as well as all traditional cheeses need Scientifically research that characterize:
- The specificity of production technologies
- Their quality
- Their food security
- Their patrimony of biodiversity
- Their cultural heritage

These are the main objective of the World-wide Traditional Cheeses association with socio-cultural aims

Officially constituted in 2009, from researchers of CoRFiLaC (Italy) and INRA (France, Rennes)



WwTCa



The scientific community has ethic responsability to demonstrate the overall quality of historical culture of traditional cheese making products.



To help women and their communities to compete in the market and empower economically and socially to hope In the future.



Join WwTCa

Choose to save World-wide Cheeses Tradition. Be Part of it! We need each one of you

E-mail: info@wwtca.org

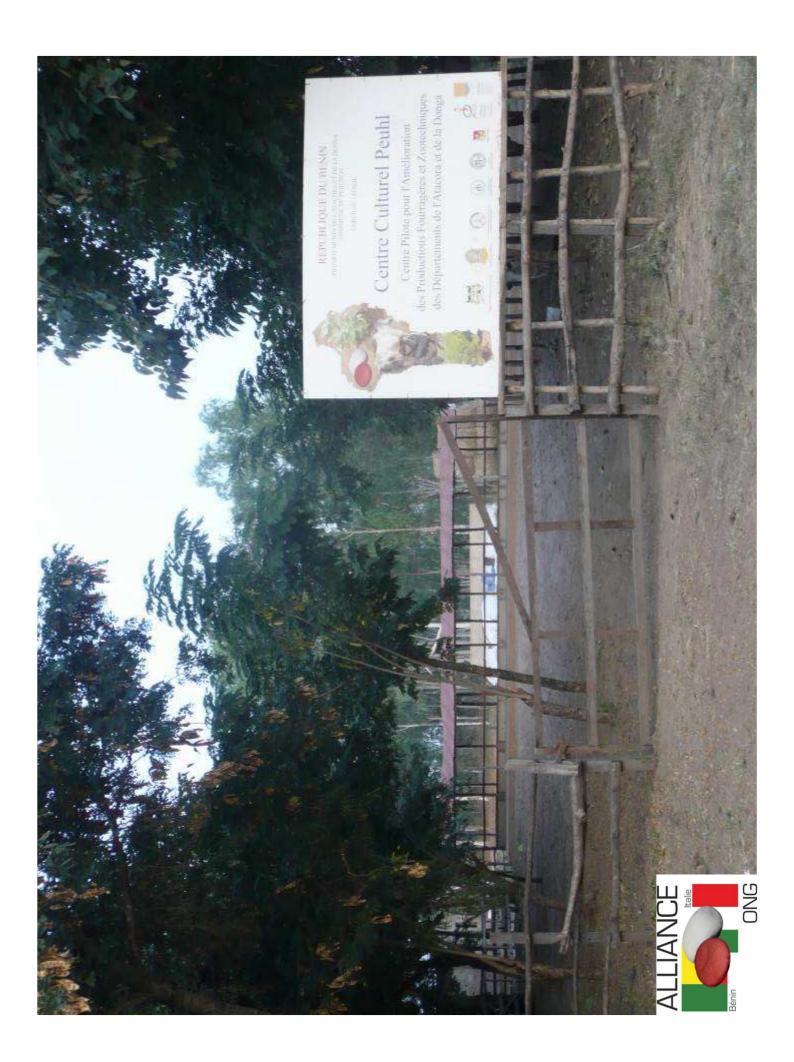
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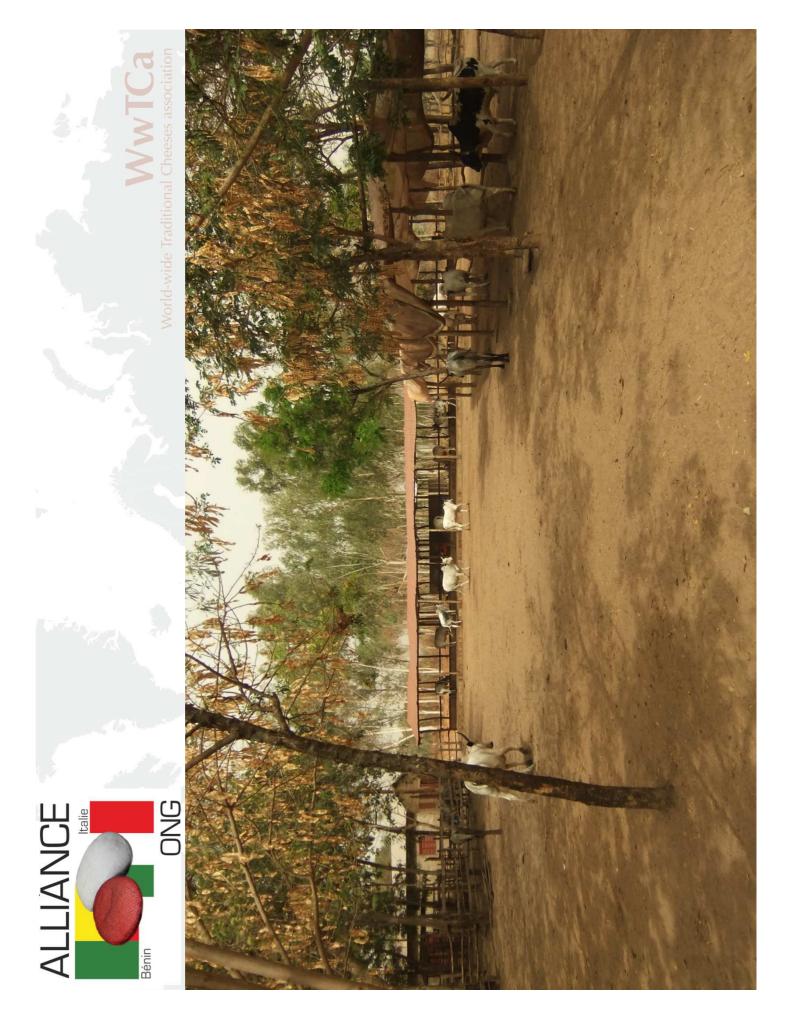
L'amélioration de la condition de vie des femmes et des jeunes de la communauté Peuhl par le développe de la filière laitière et fromagère à travers la de l'origine et de la qualité des produits.

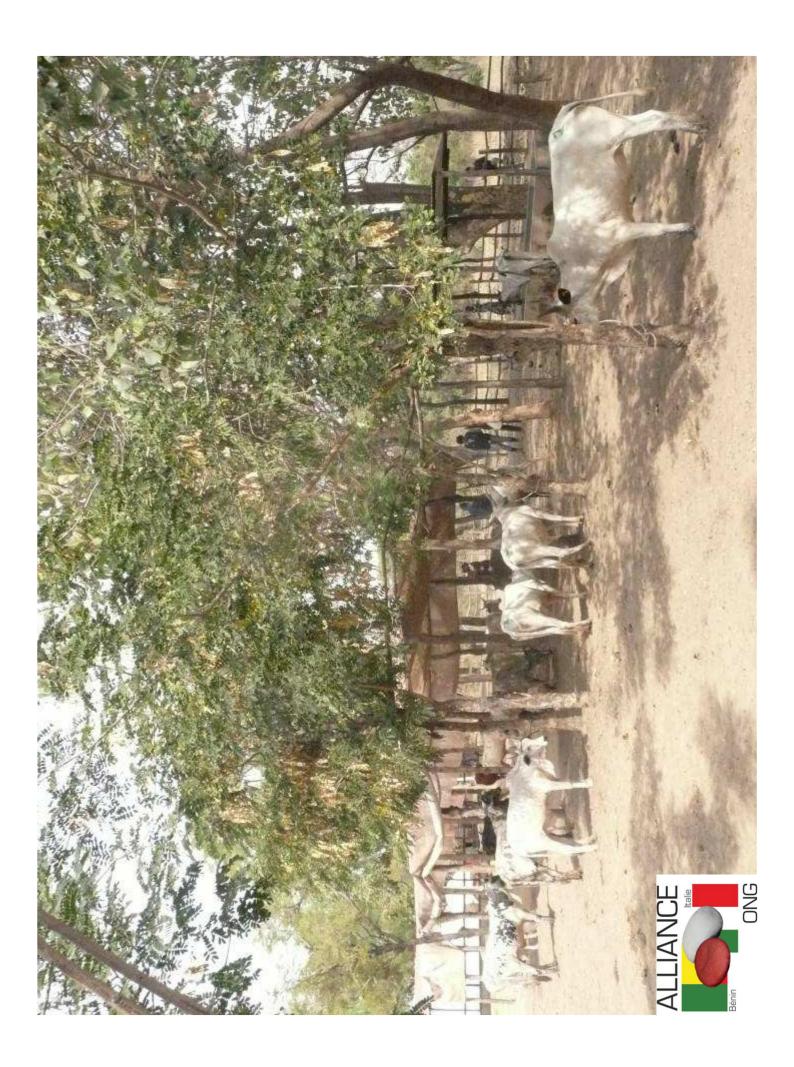


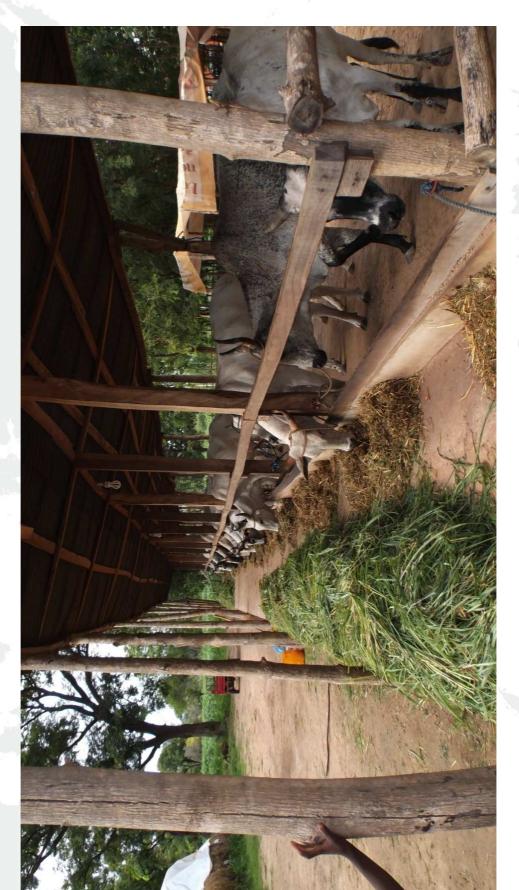
Renfor identités culturelles et locales du vage, à travers l'amélioration de la plus de la communauté.



















Production of silage Forage mais and sorghum





Production of micro-silage







Perfect micro-silage



mixed forage legume and graminace















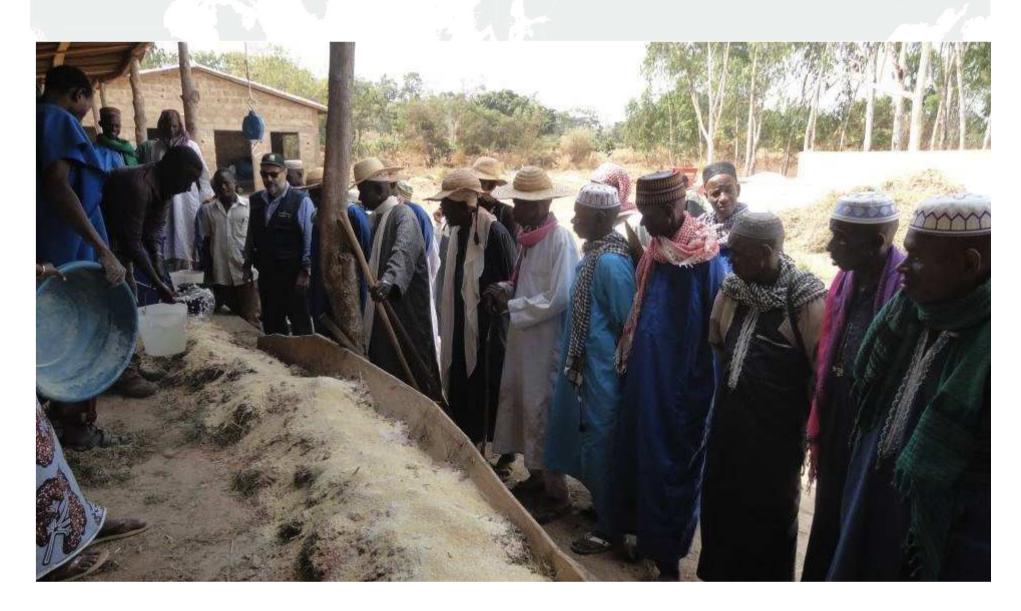








LPREPAPARATION/WTCa









BORGOU COWS at Dairy Experimental Herd Péhunco Benin Vorld-wide Traditional Cheeses association









Important results have been obtained at the CCP of Péhunco. Concrete and visible results both for women Peuhl and for the whole community.

Much remains to be done to transfer the results obtained in the villages. Further investment are needed.

Mainly they have to solve agro-pastoral problems such as the land ownership, I Peuhl, for example, without land can not grow forages (political decisions)



WE HAVE MET MANY AUTHORITIES AND INSTITUTIONS

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE





Benin Minister of Agriculture and of Trade

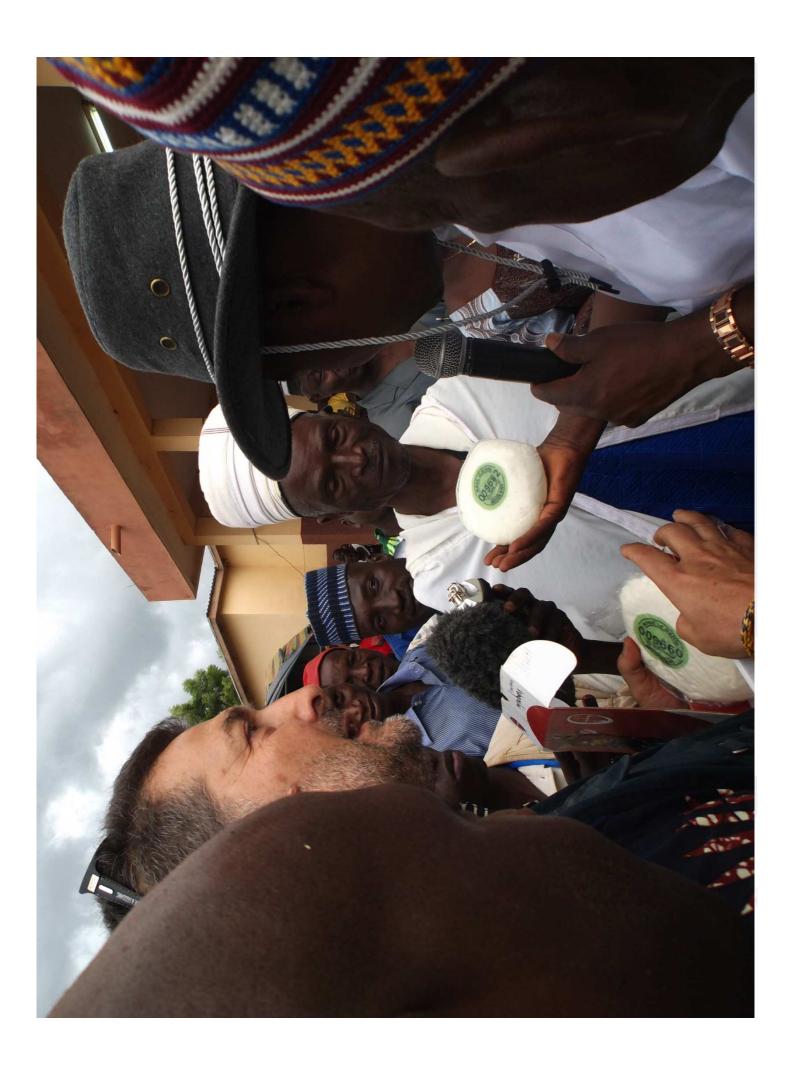






Thomas YAYI BONI PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE BENIN



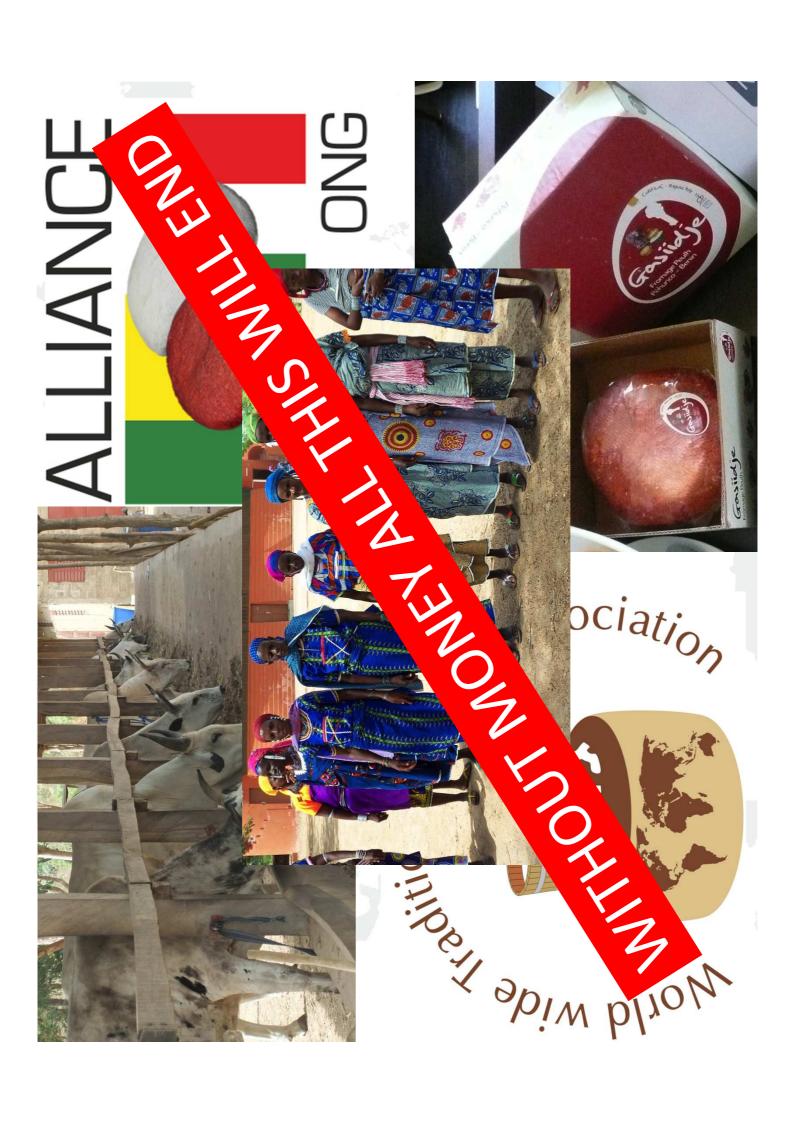


ALL AUTHORITIES AND THE INSTITUTIONS ARE PROUD OF THE PROJECT, BUT NONE FINANCES THE PROJECT.

PROMISE, PROMISE, BUT NO MONEY

WITHOUT MONEY ALL WILL END

WILL BE LOST YEARS OF WORK and THE HOPE FOR THE ETHNICITY PEUHL





Do not forget that Most of the time the program do not reach the wom living in the vill

It is necessary to give opportunity through small and specific action where the second specific action and specific action and

ed not just equal opportunity,

EQUAL FLEXIBILITY AND RELIABILITY.

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WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP (DONATIONS),

BUT ALSO INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION TO MAKE the PROJECT ELIGIBLE at EUROPEAN LEVEL.



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IT IS AN ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO AVOID THE JOURNEYS OF HOPE
GIVING RISE TO DESPAIR AND MORT



Thank you for your attention!!!



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Maiorchino



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