



## USAID’s REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM (RCCP)

The Community Resilience Program seeks to support women and their families from rural areas, to prepare for, resist and recover from the impact of climate change. By increasing the participation of women and youth in different forms of local and municipal organizations, to implement adaptation and mitigation strategies. It seeks to promote inclusive governance through dialogues and municipal and governmental agreements that increase human, social and economic capitals in the area.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

was created as an initiative with the main purpose of facilitating a platform in which various partners would coordinate efforts to support the development of rural populations in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

The RCCP works to reduce the vulnerability of the human populations facing climate change in Central America and the Dominican Republic and integrating decisions for the development of geospatial technologies for observing and monitoring the earth.

### What does CARE do within the RCCP?

Through USAID’s RCCP, CARE provides strategic and technical support and tools that have been produced in a coordinated way for REDD+ SES and CCB.

CARE is involved in system development processes that generate baselines including: approach and compliance for multiple benefits, other impacts, management and safeguards. Likewise, provides follow up for the advancement in the development of its National REDD+ Strategies. National guidelines to approach the safeguards from a national and local perspective are included.

CARE strategies to support the respect, approach and application of the UNFCCC’s Cancun Safeguards in a National Safeguards Approach

### STRATEGIES

The strategy implemented by CARE is based on the work each country achieves, through the National Safeguards Committee.

- Institutional mandate to build critical Roadmaps to apply the safeguards.
- Including guidelines to approach the above in their information systems, in national communications related to climate change as well as the complaints and compliance mechanisms.

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**Name:**

Regional Climate Change Project (RCCP, CATIE/USAID)

**Countries:** Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic

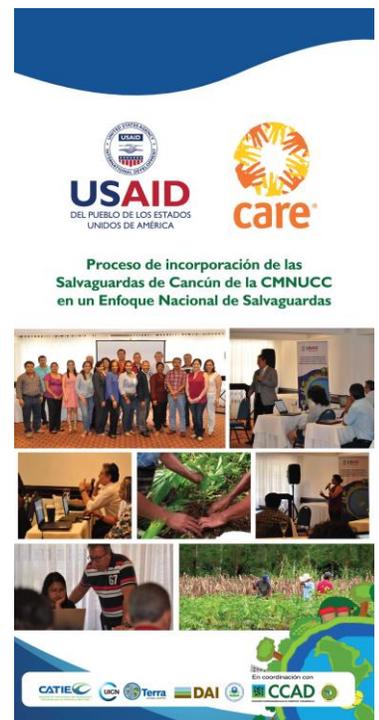
**Implementation period:** 2014-2018

**Budget:** US\$ 600,000

**Donor:** USAID

**Target Population:**

900 direct participants and more than 55,000 people indirectly



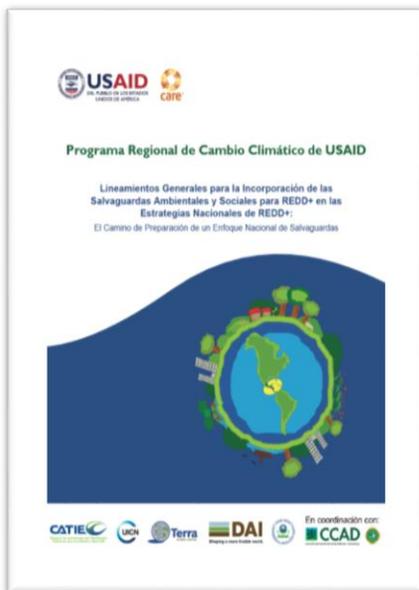
## STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

### 1. National Safeguards Approach

### 2. processes of consultation and free, prior and informed consent

### 3. Safeguard Information Systems

### 4. Monitoring, reporting and verification



## PARTNERS

- Tropical Agricultural Research and higher Education Center (CATIE)
- International Union for Conservation of nature (IUCN)
- The nature Conservancy (TNC)
- Terra global Capital
- Development Alternatives, Inc., Latin America and Caribbean (DAI LAC)
- FUNDAECO

## ALLIES

- SICA,
- CCAD
- Governments of Central America and Dominican Republic
- Universities

## RESULTS

- Regional Guidelines Document for incorporating Cancun Safeguards Agreements and the Operational Policies of the Banks into National REDD+ Strategies for Central America and Dominican Republic.
- toolkit developed to support countries in applying Cancun Safeguards in their EN REDD+
- 4 National Safeguards Approaches were supported. Guatemala approved by GCI and used as the baseline to design and implement the pilots of the Safeguards Information System, in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. In Honduras Safeguards National Approach was approved by CONASASH and the World Bank, and the final document was produced in El Salvador, a first approach was developed for The Dominican Republic.
- 1 Pilot model was officially distributed to articulate SIS, MRV and CO BENEFITS in Guatemala as an example and model to design the same process in Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic.
- Contribute to the National REDD+ Strategy through the implementation of a regional REDD+ initiative in Caribbean Guatemala.

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