



Promoting Rural Economic Development for Women and Youth in the Lempa Region of Honduras

ABOUT PROLEMPA

The PROLEMPA project is working from 2017 - 2022 to improve the economic well-being of entrepreneurs and small-scale producers, particularly women, youth and indigenous people, in 25 municipalities of the dry corridor in the Lempa Region of Honduras. The project has prioritized the value chains of coffee and tourism because they are two economic sectors with the potential to contribute to the growth, stabilization and diversification of the economy in the Lempa Region.

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OBJECTIVES

- Improved and equal management of productive and financial resources by women, male and female youth and marginalized people living in poverty.
- Increased productivity and sales by small-scale enterprises, especially those led by or mainly employing women, youth and/or marginalized people living in poverty.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

PROLEMPA leverages new technologies and agricultural practices, combined with local, traditional, and indigenous practices, to improve climate change adaptation and resilience in the coffee value chain by implementing two main strategies: a) Community Based Adaptation- through the promotion of agroforestry systems in coffee production coping with recurrent droughts by improving moisture conservation in soil. b) Implementing Mitigation actions such as validation process of technological options for better management of wastewater from coffee processing, including installation of sensors to measure greenhouse gas emissions resulting from these treatments

systems, and the use of vetiver grasses to purify the wastewater before re-entering the ecosystem. In addition, PROLEMPA is developing researches in collaboration with the Honduran Coffee Institute (IHCAFE) and the National University of Forestry Sciences, to estimate the carbon (CO₂) stored in agroforestry systems associated with the cultivation of coffee.



PROGRAM NAME:
PROLEMPA



PROGRAM COUNTRY:
Honduras



TIMEFRAME:
July 2017 – Jun 2022



BUDGET:
CAD\$ 13,690,000.00



DONORS:
Global Affairs Canada (GAC)



BENEFICIARIES:
11,639 people reached

IMPACT

- 2,000 coffee producers have increased their gross income by 30% and their sales volumes by 25%.
- 1,000 participants in the tourism value chain have increased their gross revenues by 10% to 15% and sales volumes by 10%.
- 6,711 women and 1,678 young men and women organized in municipal networks have developed capacities to move towards parity in the exercise of power and co-responsibility in the different public and private spaces of the Lempa region.

