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Smallholder Safety Net
Upscaling Programme

ENHANCING THE SOIL HEALTH OF HONDURAN COFFEE FARMING COMMUNITIES



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services



Non-financial services



Market building



Internal management

CONTEXT

Honduras is a Central American country of about 10 million inhabitants with Caribbean Sea coastlines to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south. Its neighbouring countries are Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua. Coffee is Honduras' most important agricultural sector, contributing 4% to GDP and 30% to agricultural GDP. 92% of coffee production in Honduras comes from small farms averaging 2 hectares, often in remote areas with poor infrastructure, limited digital connectivity, and inadequate basic services. These challenges hinder sustainable development for farming communities.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

COHONDUCAFÉ is Honduras' largest coffee exporter, representing 30% of the sector and purchasing directly from over 33,000 smallholder farmers. While primarily an exporter, about 10% of its revenue comes from domestic sales. The company is a trusted partner among farmers, clients, and donors, demonstrating resilience regardless of market conditions. To formalize its social and environmental initiatives, it established a foundation where it has since benefited around 120,000 people (20,000 smallholder farmers) by promoting sustainable development.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The project aims to transform the productivity and efficiency of coffee farms by enhancing soil health through sustainable practices, technological innovations in soil analysis, and tailored nutritional plans.

The expected results of the project are:

- Improve implementation of soil conservation practices through training in regenerative agriculture.
- Improve fertilisation and nutrition plans for the coffee operations of 500 producers.
- Reduce use of chemical materials in fertilisation processes through increased use of products derived from coffee by-products and organic materials.

IMPACT INVESTOR



BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

COHONDUCAFÉ Compañía
Hondureña del Café, S.A. de C.V.
(Honducafé) (agri-SME) –
Honduras

TARGET

500 smallholder households

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Coffee

STARTING DATE

June 2025

DURATION

12 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 77,049
Including € 49,919 (65%)
contribution from SSNUP



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