



CALL FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUNDS FOR COFFEE SMALL-HOLDER PRODUCERS IN NICARAGUA

CHALLENGE

Access to credit is an important pillar of climate change resilience for smallholder farmers. The capacity to invest in their coffee business, to regenerate fields with new and resistant coffee varieties, apply organic fertilisers or simply buy tools or trees, is paramount for farmers' adaptation and resilience to climate change impacts. Accessing bank loans or micro-credits can be difficult for farmers with low level of assets in rural Nicaragua.

ADAPTATION FUNDS

An Adaptation Fund for and managed by coffee cooperatives in Nicaragua has been established with an initial funding of \$50,000. The objective of this fund is to support the implementation of adaptation measures by smallholder producers. In 2013-14, through revolving loan schemes, 5 cooperatives members of Cafenica, including Prodecoop, Soppexcca, UCPCO, UCA Tierra Nueva and Solidaridad- have managed to support 249 farmers (of which 28% were women) to access small loans to support climate adaptation and sustainable agriculture measures.

The adaptation measures implemented by producers at farm level with these funds have been: shade management, preparation and application of organic fertilizers for coffee foliage and soil with high mineral content, implementation of new



“The fund helped me a lot for the maintenance of my coffee plot... especially now with the drought that is affecting us. My coffee plot has not been badly affected because I manage it well with the use of bio-fertilizers, shade and organic fertilizers. I also carry out coffee disease assessments in my farm. I think that to avoid climate change impacts in our farms, good management strategies need to be implemented”.

Julia Dávila Méndez
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coffee fermentation practices adapted to lower temperatures, among others.

The Adaptation Fund has provided the opportunity for cooperatives to offer credit services to their members for climate change adaptation. In the addition to this, the cooperatives' technical staff have received training in loan management and credit liability assessment of their members.

OBJECTIVES - TARGETS

We are hoping that you can contribute to expand this successful initiative which delivers rapid impacts directly to farmers. The objective is to raise \$100,000 more, and reach another 500 farmers by the end of 2015. You can decide how much you would like to contribute, and the total amount of your contribution will go directly to the producer organisation.

Secure your supply chain contributing to the implementation of adaptation measures by smallholder producers, and help the coffee farmers become more resilient to climate change. Your contribution will benefit the livelihoods of many coffee farmers!



“The Adaptation Fund has helped me a lot. Having access to credit through my cooperative is a great advantage. I received \$200 and it helped me fund the application of organic fertilizers to control leaf rust and other coffee pests, and plant new coffee seedlings in my farm. I was also able to regulate the shade in my coffee plot”.

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