

FINTRAC CDA

In order to expand the outreach, implementation and effectiveness of CDA activities, the CDA Project has developed working relationships with other Honduran support institutions, projects and government agencies. In addition, the Project has provided technical and information services to many of these institutions to assist in their operations. This bulletin provides examples of activities and results carried out in 2004 with the main partner institutions.

Institutional Collaboration

In 2004 Fintrac CDA has expanded the collaboration with other local and international institutions working in Honduras. The positive results obtained by Project lead clients have been an important factor in developing and strengthening these relations. This has generated increased CDA project outreach and impact and facilitated market and technology access to additional growers and processors. These include improved production, postharvest and processing technologies, access to market information and finance. During 2004 more than 61,000 individuals have been reached via the cooperation with 79 counterpart organizations.

Fintrac CDA has collaborated with several **Government Institutions** in many regions of the country, including SAG, DICTA, Infoagro, Instituto Hondureño del Turismo, Instituto Nacional de Estadística, PRONADEL, PRONADERS, Red Rural, SAG – Agronegocios, Secretaria de Industria y Comercio, INFOP, PACTA, among others.

Direct support has also been provided the Minister of Agriculture in strategic planning activities, participation in the “Competitive Committee”, provision of market and technical information, crop production costs, feasibility studies, training of field technicians, and the provision of technical assistance to growers benefiting from SAG’s irrigation and productive land access programs.



EUREPGAP

Joint activities in EurepGap with Swiss Contact providing assistance in training and certification and CDA in implementation, technical assistance and field training.



SAG IRRIGATION

Collaboration between SAG and CDA on the provision of irrigation systems and technical assistance, respectively.



TRAINING

A training of trainers program was developed with collaborating institutions covering production, postharvest and marketing practices.



SAG - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Field visits and regular meetings held on CDA activities; participation in irrigation programs; provision of pest risk assessments, market information and technical and export/import statistics.

Ministry of Agriculture

Support was provided SAG in the preparation and presentation of pest risk assessments to enable the exports of fresh jalapeño peppers, cucumbers and melons to Mexico. Decisions are pending.



INFOP – MICROPROCESSORS

CDA has worked with INFOP on training their trainers, training microprocessors, new product development and assisting Taiwanese fruit processing activities.



SPECIALTY COFFEE

Selected CDA coffee activities were carried out in association with US buyers, IHCAFE, ACEH, SAG, AHPROCAFE and others. These included buyer visits, cupping training and handling systems.

Collaboration with NGO's and other institutions has leveraged Fintrac CDA's promotion and implementation of modern, competitive production technologies and market information to the agricultural sector for fresh and value added products.

Selected specialty coffee activities, including the Cup of Excellence and cupper training have been carried out in association with IHCAFE, AHPROCAFE, the Specialty Coffee Association, SAG, FIDE, Central de Cooperatives and ADECAFEH.

Additional activities began with coffee diversification programs with IHCAFE including a zucchini export program in Intibuca.



BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS

CDA has assisted Zamorano in the production of biological controls and promoted their use with growers. Biologicals were used on more than 5,000 hectares in 2004.



FHIA - RESEARCH

CDA is working with FHIA on onion production trials, as well as postharvest jalapeño ripening trials and the preparation of Pest Risk Assessments for exports to the US market.

CDA's 2004 activities with **EI Zamorano** included assistance with expanding the capacity of the biological control production laboratory, technical assistance to growers in the Zamorano – Sur project, development of crop fertilizer absorption curves, field and classroom training of students, and publication of a growers' guide to insect identification.

FHIA collaboration has included preparing pest risk assessments, carrying out year-round onion variety production trials, cucumber variety trials, biological controls workshop, provision of vanilla materials and providing laboratory services.

During 2004, CDA formalized relationships with **FOPRIDEH**, establishing a market information and technical assistance program which benefits eight of its NGO affiliates. A formal technical assistance collaboration program was developed with **World Vision** – Honduras in five regions with both WV and CDA presence.

Alliances have been developed with **Swiss Contact**, who has supported EUREPGAP certifications and training events, as well as financial support to CDA lead clients in irrigation and production programs, **FIDE**, with market information and market studies

Other collaborating organizations include CURLA, CUROC, Escuela Agrícola Pompilio Ortega, Caritas de Honduras, Spanish Cooperation, IADB, FPX, FUNDER, Hermandad de Honduras, IHCAFE, Land O' Lakes, MSU, Carana, COHEP, FAO and the Honduran Government / Millennium Challenge Corporation.



NGOs

Technical support has been provided to several NGO programs, including World Vision, Funder and CARE.



AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

CDA has partnered with five agricultural technical colleges, providing training and technical materials and commercial production experience.