

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 with the main partner institutions.

Institutional Collaboration

In 2003, CDA worked with various agencies of the Ministry of Agriculture (SAG) in production, postharvest handling and market information. These included:

- **SAG / Swisscontact / Banadesa** with a cost-sharing technical assistance program to seedless watermelon growers in Choluteca and Valle. Banadesa provided loan funds. As a result, 156 containers were exported; 35 growers and 5 grower groups participated.
- **SAG Minister of Agriculture / PRONADERS** with \$285 thousand in financing of 215 hectares of drip irrigation in Selguapa, Comayagua for 210 producers.
- **SAG Agronegocios / Swisscontact** with technical support in the installation of demonstration irrigation systems in Soraguara, Francisco Morazan.
 - **SAG Agronegocios** with the provision of market and postharvest technical information, particularly for packhouse designs and equipment.
 - **SAG DICTA** with presentations, training and provision of market, technical and postharvest information.
 - **SAG Infoagro** with market information and presentations.
- **SAG Minister of Agriculture** with field visits and provision of pest risk assessments for entry of tomato, peppers and sweet potato into the USA.



WATERMELON

Joint technical assistance program on seedless watermelon production in Choluteca with Swisscontact, SAG and Banadesa. 156 containers were exported in 2003 under this program.



TABASCO PRODUCTION

Joint CDA / Swisscontact program with 15 growers of Cohorsil, Siguatepeque. Swisscontact provided 0.7-ha irrigation systems; growers were incorporated into the CDA Tabasco production program.



BANADESA

Collaboration with loans, market links and technical assistance to watermelon growers in Choluteca and Valle, onion and jalapeño growers in Yoro, and plantain growers in Yoro and Cortes.



SAG MINISTER 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 Economy

Support was provided to the Vice-Minister of Economy with market information and technical research for Stevia, and technical and legal requirements for tamale exports to the USA.



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 IHCAFE, ACEH, SAG, AHPROCAFE and others. These include the first National Coffee Competition and cupper training.

*In processing activities CDA has worked with **INFOP** in a training of trainers program, new product development, and assistance with Taiwanese fruit processing training programs.*

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

*In financing, CDA is working with the **Spanish Mission** with Valencia yuca growers in Lake Yojoa and has started activities with a USAID-assisted **Covelo** program (in addition to **Banadesa**).*



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 2003.



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 2003 activities with **El Zamorano** included assistance with expanding the capacity of the biological control production laboratory, and participation in CDA's commercial programs including production and processing of baby corn, squash and jalapeño production.

FHIA has been involved with the preparation of Pest Risk Assessments for CDA, initiating year-round onion variety production trials, and providing laboratory services.

After initial discussions with **FOPRIDEH**, a collaborative program was developed with **CARE** (USDA-funded) in Intibuca. This included training of CARE agronomists, grower field visits and technical assistance to growers. Initial activities commenced with **Vision Mundial, Acción Contra el Hambre (EU) and Proyecto Chaya (EU).**

SAG / OIRSA / VIFINEX / SENASA have provided assistance to CDA activities with fruit fly monitoring in the original solo papaya program and food safety programs.

Support has also been provided in market information, training and presentations to **COHEP, AGAS, CEDA, UNAH, CUCRO University, Fundación Jicatuya, Caritas de Honduras, Hermandad de Honduras, Institute of Tourism, Institute of Statistics, FPX several Chambers of Commerce, BCIE, IDB, USDA, FIDE, PROMYPE/ITZ, and the Association of Independent Cane Producers.**



NGOs

Technical support has been provided to several NGO programs, including CARE (USDA-funded) with vegetable production, and passion fruit and plantain processing.



AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

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