

## SUMMARY

In November 2020, hurricanes Eta and Iota swept across northern Honduras. More than 2 million people, with lives already shattered by the effects of COVID-19, faced massive destruction to homes, infrastructure, crops, and livelihoods. Thankfully, smallholder farmers (producers) participating in World Vision’s THRIVE (Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments) project were prepared, executing a plan to reduce disaster risks and reactivate agricultural activity to help rebuild communities.

In the first half of fiscal year 2021, the THRIVE project also made possible:

- 32 grain banks located in key areas in the towns of San Marcos and Florida. The banks were established in collaboration with the World Vision Honduras MANA Project and will help to ensure food security in hurricane-affected communities.
- Increased social funds by 43%

compared with the previous six-month period. Farmers participated in Savings for Transformation where they saved money and contributed to loan and social funds, which help families in need.

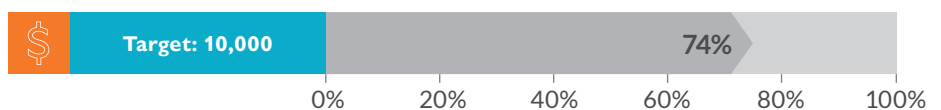
- Training of 367 producer groups in Citizen Voice and Action (CVA). Participants then advocated for the provision of 12 latrines and six homes for vulnerable families. CVA promotes engagement between communities and governments to improve social services.
- Training for farmers to care for the environment and sustainably manage natural resources, resulting in 6,655 acres of land farmed with soil and water conservation techniques (a 146% increase from FY20) and nurture of 400,000 forest trees.
- Access to formal markets for 2,758 farmers, generating \$9,426,306 in income (mostly from coffee sales).



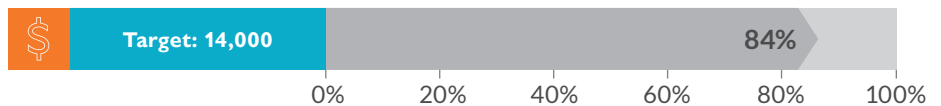
*In the El Pacayal community in Honduras, children can enjoy school because their parents’ farms help pay for their education. Through THRIVE, smallholder farmers access resources and learn new skills to produce high-yield crops, which in turn supply local markets and provide increased income for producers.*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (LIFE OF PROJECT: FY17-FY23)

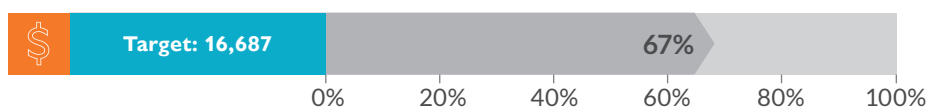
7,449 farmers using improved tools and practices



11,701 savings group members



11,209 acres farmed with soil and water conservation techniques



## KEY LEARNINGS

- THRIVE provides young producers the opportunity to attend field schools, helping to strengthen their capacities in improved agricultural practices and promote leadership in their communities. “From a very young age, my brothers and I had to support my mother to generate income to support our family,” said Cristian Quintanilla, 19. “[Now], I am part of and lead the THRIVE field school training for our community, strengthening economic income, improving food security, and integrating and forming values.” To date, 52 youth participants (35% women) have completed field training through THRIVE.
- Through cellphone messages, 5,000 farmers now can be alerted to national emergencies and climate problems via AutoSEND, our early warning system.



## LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE (FY17-FY23)



“I managed to implement a greenhouse with a capacity of 20,000 seedlings. Together, with the support of my father, we produce our own plants. I provide a service to other producers who seek me [for] seedlings because they prefer very good quality. I will continue to acquire knowledge in agriculture in the [THRIVE] training to have a clear, more developed mind and increase my income.

“I am grateful to World Vision for showing me the way, and strengthening my Christian knowledge and values.”

—Ever Alexander García, 34,  
Ocotepeque, Honduras

## PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

In the second half of FY21, the THRIVE project will continue to support the growth and independence of smallholder farmers. We plan to (1) provide specialized assistance to producers of coffee as well as beans and other vegetables; (2) link producers to formal markets, promoting entry into the Walmart supermarket chain; and (3) promote savings for emergencies.

## THANK YOU

When you support THRIVE, you help Honduran families build successful and resilient businesses, so they can begin to move out of extreme poverty and into their God-given potential. You also help vulnerable children and their families to recover economically from major disasters. Thank you for partnering with World Vision in God’s work and in making a difference in Honduras.

The work of their hands brings them reward.

—Proverbs 12:14 (NIV)



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## FINANCIALS

THRIVE project-to-date spending expressed as a percentage of project-to-date funding  
(FY17 through FY21 Semiannual or October 2016 through March 2021)

\$10,974,265 spent on economic empowerment activities, including microloans



THRIVE project-to-date spending by activity  
(October 2016 through March 2021)

Activity Description	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Funding	Project-to-Date Spending Rate
Vulnerable rural families generate sustainable and diversified increase in their income, especially women and youth	\$ 6,067,042	\$ 6,294,101	96%
Communities, farms, and watersheds are managed in sustainable and resilient ways in preparation for climate variability	1,320,192	1,517,332	87%
Livelihoods of vulnerable rural families are resilient to risks and disasters	422,218	714,014	59%
Smallholder farmers and rural families are transformed from a culture of dependency to a culture of empowerment and collaboration	421,247	419,297	100%
Management and fundraising	2,743,566	2,981,582	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,974,265</b>	<b>\$ 11,926,326</b>	<b>92%</b>