

SUMMARY

Despite a global slowdown in the supply chain, increased costs of production, and a continuing COVID-19 pandemic, farmers—especially women—played a vital role in World Vision’s Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments (THRIVE) Project in Honduras in FY22.

Farmers sold 3,874 tons of coffee to earn \$272,560, with women producers accounting for 61% of the earnings—significant given that men traditionally lead coffee production. Women made up nearly 59% of the coffee producers who sold in the local market. Bean growers sold 500 tons, earning \$148,082, with women producers accounting for 64% of the earnings.

We worked with partners and savings groups to stockpile agricultural supplies, tools, and other inputs

to help farmers affected by the supply chain slowdown. The project provided 2,677 farmers with technical assistance, with 1,083 of them learning through field days and schools about such topics as climate-smart farming; soil, pest, and disease management; and crop spacing. More than 1,300 producers used seeds that were tolerant of climate variability.

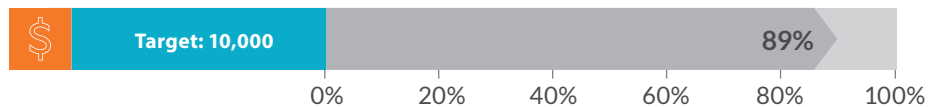
In other achievements, participants prepared 170,000 seedlings for reforestation and set aside \$94,460 of savings to manage emergencies. Nearly 1,900 participants in Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) trainings said their values and family environments had been positively transformed. Through a license with 26 agro-meteorological stations, farmers will receive weather data to help them better plan their crops.



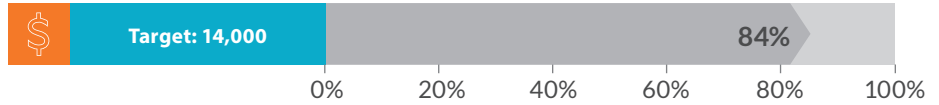
Dillma Daysi Gómez Henríquez (right) leads a group of women entrepreneurs called Working for a Better Tomorrow who bake and sell artisan bread in El-Carmen. “THRIVE came to this community and gave us a push to improve the organization of the group and guide us in the business that suited us,” she said. Juana Ramos Gómez (left) offers experience as the group’s oldest member.

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

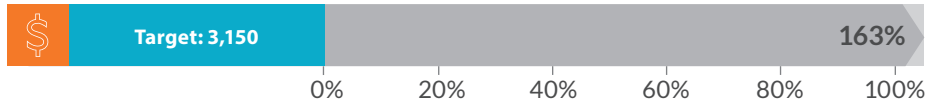
8,850 farmers using improved seeds for agriculture



11,701 people participating in Savings for Transformation groups



5,146 farmers using some form of irrigation



9,236 producer group members selling value chain products



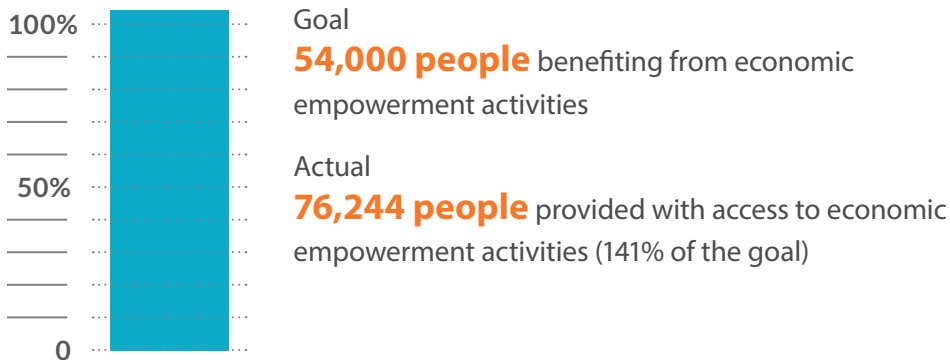
KEY LEARNINGS

- The community agricultural volunteer model helps producers adopt good farming practices in the value chains prioritized by the project. The model uses volunteers for outreach and to help farmers sustain their efforts.
- Adoption of a technical assistance strategy for agricultural services moves producers into a stronger position. Project technicians give guidance not only on farming, but on business and product marketing as well.
- Action plans based on improving participation and ownership of project interventions helps lead to quality results and sustainability.
- Partnerships enabling the project to buy in bulk at lower prices were crucial when fertilizer prices soared, as Russia, at war in Ukraine, is a key producer.



Working in groups of five, the women entrepreneurs in Working for a Better Tomorrow bake and sell their artisan bread twice a week. They always sell out. “It is not enough for everybody because people already know that we make good bread,” Juana Ramos Gómez said. The group earns \$122 per week, part of which they reinvest in their business. The rest is saved for profit-sharing at the end of the year. The women spend their earnings on food, education for their children, healthcare, clothing, and other basic family needs.

LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE



PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

- Start implementing recommendations from a midterm evaluation by TANGO, an expert in evaluating nongovernmental organizations, including: expand trainings on improved conservation practices and BEWV, update the framework to capture THRIVE results, and strengthen access to markets
- Provide technical assistance to groups in the second and third project levels in managing and implementing entrepreneurial ideas
- Promote good agricultural practices in the vegetable, bean, and coffee value chains, focusing on productivity, as well as environmentally friendly practices and micro-watershed protection

THANK YOU

Women and men plant, but the Lord brings the harvest. Thank you for joining us in helping Hondurans to be empowered economically through THRIVE. With you, we can help children and families experience a fuller, more hopeful life.

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. —Proverbs 31:31 (NIV)



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FINANCIALS

THRIVE project-to-date spending by activity (October 2016 through March 2022)

Summary	Project-to-Date Funding Released to Project	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Spending Rate
Vulnerable rural families, and especially women and youth, generate a sustainable and diversified increase in their income	\$ 8,177,746	\$ 7,344,524	90%
Communities, farms, and watersheds are managed in sustainable and resilient ways for climate variability	1,594,944	1,465,230	92%
Livelihoods of vulnerable rural families are resilient to risks and disasters	910,711	962,463	106%
Smallholder farmers and rural families are transformed from a culture of dependency to a culture of empowerment and collaboration	525,988	488,888	93%
Management and fundraising	3,736,463	3,420,368	92%
TOTAL	\$ 14,945,852	\$ 13,681,473	92%