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TROPILUNCH

RECOVERY OF NATURAL CAPITAL OF THE DRY CORRIDOR REGION AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION (GU-M1044): IMPACT EVALUATION

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SUMMARY

The main objective of the program GU-M1044 is to increase the resiliency of households located in Guatemala's Dry Corridor confronting shocks (primarily drought) made increasingly frequent and severe by climate change. Improvements in resiliency are to be realized primarily through increases in agricultural production (maize, beans, as well as chicken eggs and meat) and better management of natural resources (through adoption of sustainability-enhancing agricultural practices and conservation of forest) by households in three watersheds (Agua Caliente, Carcaj, and Torja) located in the Dry Corridor. The program is administered by the Mancomunidad Copán Chortí (MCC) and the Centro Universitario de Oriente (CUNORI) and includes multiple components.

BIO

Mayra Rivas is a doctoral student who was a beneficiary of an education-related poverty alleviation program during her childhood. This inspired her to work in interventional programs for education and agriculture for the last 10 years in both the public and private sector. She received her BS in Statistics from ESPOL University in Ecuador. She received her Masters in Food and Resource Economics from UF where she is currently studying for a PhD in the School of Natural Resources and Environment.

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