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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

## LATIN AMERICA | NICARAGUA

# PROGRESA CARIBE: Consortium for Rural Enterprise, Health and Environment in the Atlantic Region



## EXPECTED RESULTS

- **1,128 cocoa and cattle producers** trained on **basic financial literacy**
- **3 post-harvest cocoa processing infrastructures** established to benefit **468 cocoa producers**
- **807 producers** have increased access to **improved genetic material** with the creation of **5 seed banks**
- **Developed 3 seed suppliers** so **1,250 cocoa farmers** have **better access to improved inputs**
- **1,250 farmers** trained on the impact of improved cocoa varieties, agricultural techniques, input use, and forage crops
- **Using the LWR Cocoa Toolkit**, **1,128 cocoa producers** trained in **improved techniques** and technologies for cocoa agroforestry production
- **642 cocoa and dairy farmers** trained in cocoa and dairy quality standards and improved farm management
- **8,750 hectares** of land managed with improved management techniques and technologies

## OBJECTIVES

- **Generate \$29.4 million** of incremental gross income to smallholder farmers over 4 years
- **Facilitate technical assistance** and **improved market linkage** for cocoa and dairy farmers
- **Improve productivity of both cocoa and livestock** through increased knowledge of **agricultural technologies and techniques**.
- Create **complementary short-term income** opportunities and improve **long-term sustainability** of cocoa and dairy livelihoods
- Increase **producer capacity** to implement **improved agricultural production techniques** and manage farm enterprises
- Facilitate **agricultural lending** and develop key support services such as quality **production inputs and improved genetic materials**
- **Increase market access** and leverage **private investment** in cocoa and dairy value chains
- Improve capacity of producer organizations in **management, administration, and post-harvest processing**
- **Farmers have infrastructure and knowledge** necessary to meet **quality standards of high value markets**



## QUICK FACTS

Together with Catholic Relief Services (lead) and TechnoServe, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is using USDA funding and working directly with 1,250 smallholder farmers among 13 vulnerable municipalities in Rio San Juan and the Northern and Southern Autonomous Atlantic Regions (RAAN / RAAS) of Nicaragua to:

- Increase agricultural productivity of cocoa and livestock value chains
- Expand trade of agricultural products by facilitating private-private and public-private relationships

*LWR has worked in Central America since 1972 to support inclusive agricultural growth. Since 2007, LWR's annual regional portfolio has exceeded \$10 million, including projects in agricultural value chains and food security.*

*LWR works to improve value addition and enterprise returns to smallholder farmers in high-value commodity chains, including coffee, cocoa, spices and dried fruits, among others. LWR promotes farmer aggregation and has specialized knowledge in farmer organization capacity development, including business plan and management development. LWR has also developed a series of value chain toolkits that provide specialized technical assistance to farmers.*

**LOCAL PARTNERS:** CACAONICA; ACAWAS; IPADE

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