



# Promoting an Inclusive Agriculture Sector in Western Honduras

## ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- 80% of targeted municipalities create an enabling business environment by adopting policies to increase women's access to resources for agricultural enterprises
- 45 rural credit institutions adopt policies and practices that facilitate women's access to financial services
- 50% of rural credit institutions increase the percentage of loans to women's enterprises, reducing current gender gaps in credit access
- 80% of targeted municipalities provide public funding for women-led agricultural enterprises
- 75% of targeted male leaders and male enterprise partners demonstrate changed attitudes toward gender equity by expressing increased support for women's equal access to social, political and economic opportunities

## REDUCING GENDER GAPS

- LWR is **increasing women's access to economic resources** by promoting gender equitable policies and practices at rural credit institutions and advocating for increased public funding for women-led enterprises.
- LWR is closing gender gaps by ensuring a portion of the municipal 5% budget allocation for gender activities is used to **build women's agricultural enterprises**, which are historically less likely to receive funding than men's agricultural enterprises.
- LWR is building participation, leadership and public administration skills to **empower 10 women's municipal networks to solicit public funding** for their members' agricultural enterprises.
- LWR is using an **innovative masculinities methodology to promote changes in male attitudes** towards equitable political and economic participation by women.



## QUICK FACTS

Lutheran World Relief and USAID are working together in Western Honduras to influence municipal regulations, institutional policies and social norms to:

- Reduce gender-based resource gaps and generate inclusive growth in the agriculture sector.
- Empower women smallholder farmers to participate equally in agricultural value chains.

*LWR has worked in Central America since 1972 to support inclusive agricultural growth. Since 2007, LWR's annual regional portfolio has exceeded \$6 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.*

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