



## ACDI/VOCA IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Since 1967, ACDI/VOCA has supported community and economic development initiatives in 11 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), national governments, private sector partners, and others. These initiatives have increased the incomes of smallholder cacao and coffee producers in Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, and Guatemala and supported peace and reconciliation in Colombia. They have strengthened market systems in Honduras, provided workforce development in Colombia, and helped communities adapt to climate shocks in Paraguay, Jamaica, and Haiti. ACDI/VOCA's community development initiatives have also bolstered livelihoods throughout Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Panama.

**ACDI/VOCA HAS SUPPORTED LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.**

### PRACTICE AREAS

COFFEE AND  
CACAO CROPS

PEACE AND  
RECONCILIATION

WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT

RESILIENCE TO  
CLIMATE SHOCKS

MARKET SYSTEMS  
DEVELOPMENT

INSTITUTIONAL  
STRENGTHENING

### KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 1967 – 1968

Established **Jamaica's** first dairy cooperative

#### 1991 – 1996

Created a 20,000-client microfinance organization in **Honduras**

#### 2003 – 2005

Mobilized volunteers to train coffee farmers in **Guatemala** through public-private partnership with Coffee Quality Institute

#### 2003 – 2006

Strengthened the governance, infrastructure, and economy of 55 communities in **Panama**

#### 2004 – 2010

Helped communities in **Brazil** establish cooperatives through the Organization of Brazilian Cooperatives

#### 2005 – 2012

Supported community development through education, potable water, and sanitation to improve economic conditions in **Bolivia's** coca-growing regions

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 2007 – 2012

Supported licit crop cultivation in **Ecuador** to improve the livelihoods of 22,000 families, increasing incomes by 70 percent

### 2008 – 2014

Improved early warning systems for earthquake-affected areas and expanded food security for vulnerable households in **Haiti**

### 2010 – 2012

Provided 75 small grants for community development in **Nicaragua** in the areas of social inclusion, local government, health, and education

### 2010 – 2018

Strengthened cooperatives, producer groups, and infrastructure in **Paraguay** to build communities' resilience to climate shocks

### 2011 – 2014

Assisted 3,000 agricultural producers in **Peru** to strengthen the coffee value chain

### 2011 – 2016

Helped secure formal employment for 11,000 ethnic youth in **Colombia**

## WHERE WE WORK

### COLOMBIA

ACDI/VOCA implements multiple projects in Colombia, including the USAID-funded Program of Alliances for Reconciliation (PAR), which engages communities in reconciliation following 50 years of armed conflict through memory, truth telling, and collaboration with the private sector. In partnership with PAR, the Work for Reconciliation program, which is funded by USAID, Diageo, and the government of Colombia, uses its employability model to help youth overcome barriers to formal employment. Other efforts include the USAID/OFDA-funded Emergency Response in Arauca program, which tackles the pressing needs of people who have migrated due to the crisis in Venezuela and the communities that receive them.

### HONDURAS

In Honduras, the USAID-funded Transforming Market Systems activity finds opportunities to make deep-rooted systemic changes to market systems that catalyze long-term, broad-based economic growth and provide jobs and income sources for marginalized populations. This allows communities to become self-reliant and reduces incentives for migration.

### JAMAICA

As Jamaica continues to experience more frequent natural disasters, the USAID-funded Jamaica Rural Economy and Ecosystems Adapting to Climate Change II project is expanding on its first iteration's efforts by collaborating with the government and other partners to stimulate climate change adaptation and mitigation and to engage youth in climate change advocacy.

