

## HONDURAS

*Government participation is critical for catalyzing agricultural innovation. CDAIS aims to facilitate the implementation of a national vision for capacity development in agricultural innovation systems.*



### Beans National Commission

The niche aims to become a network of the value chain stakeholders, serving as a point of reference at the national level. This partnership and related ministry-led initiatives are spreading CDAIS methodology to other production areas, stimulating dialogue among actors, and responding to issues at the policy level. The niche is focused on improving a stakeholders Platform by promoting self-sustainable business development through innovation, training and quality standards in the beans' field.

Lead NIF: Julia Cruz, DICTA



### Potatoes' added value in Intibuca

This niche aims to increase the average income of potato producers in Intibuca and La Paz, by adapting the crop production to climate change and plagues, as well as developing a financial strategy between producers and financial support. The main challenge was identified as the lack of a domestic seed potato supply system. The niche aims to improve producers organizations on negotiation skills, best practices application, added value process and improvement of commercialization channels.

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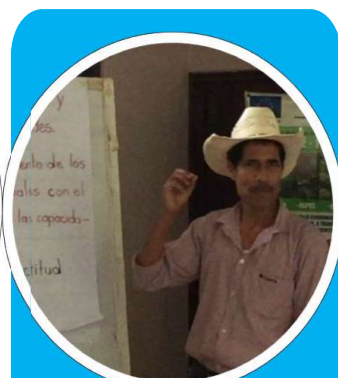
### Commercialization of Cocoa

This niche aims to encourage producer partnership to improve postharvest handling and quality, in order to increase exports.

Most of the cocoa plantations in Honduras are concentrated in the northern coast, which has the ideal climatic conditions for cocoa production. However, only 10% of national production is exported as high quality cocoa.

The partnership works at strengthening management and entrepreneurial vision, improving access to technical and financial services, storage facilities and other infrastructure, and the standardization of quality cocoa.

Lead NIF: Verónica Bejarano and CURLA staff



### Small-batch coffee commercialization

The aim of this partnership is to improve smallholder livelihoods in Lempira department by improving the quality of coffee.

Even though International demand for specialty coffee is increasing, not all the national production reaches the quality standards to enter in this specialty market.

The niche is focused on strengthening cooperative organization and business management, improving market links and coordination with other rural development actors, and improving investment capacity and access to finance and to export.

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