

PURPOSE

- **Overall objective:** Improve development opportunities for young students and graduates through quality rural education programs as a basis for welfare, sustainability and settlement in the rural area.

- **Specific objectives:**

- Better rural education and access to technology
- Stronger family and community coexistence
- Better incomes through Sustainable Farming

TARGET GROUP

- **Direct:** 100 young high school students and graduates of the Florentino Gonzales Rural School in Coromoro, Santander (15 to 25 years old).

Extended benefits to 300 family members of the 100 coffee-growing families involved in the program.

- **Indirect:** Younger students and teachers of the school and 200 neighbour farmer families of the beneficiaries indirectly benefit from the actions and improvement of education programs (+800 people).

“EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE” IN SANTANDER

COLOMBIA - approved by the Efico Fund on 01/07/2014

Location

Coromoro, Santander

Description

Education for the Future is a local initiative to foster capacity building, peaceful coexistence and income generation for 100 youngsters and their families. In three years, the Coffee Growers Committee of Santander together with the Florentino Gonzales Rural School and SENA, will implement an innovative education and training program for young students and graduates that integrates use of ICT technologies, practical training on the field, family support and certification of technical skills, for effective preparation for work in the rural areas.

Project Budget

Total budget: € 359,000

Efico Fund contribution: € 80,000

Project Duration

October 2014 to February 2018

PARTNERS

Regional Coffee Growers Committee of Santander

www.santander.federaciondecafeteros.org

- Project applicant

FNC

The National Coffee Growers Federation of Colombia

www.cafedecolombia.com

- Provides support

SENA

www.sena.edu.co

- National Learning Services

COLLIBRI FOUNDATION

www.collibrifoundation.org

- Foundation established by Belgian retailer Colruyt Group - www.colruytgroup.com
- Supporting educational projects in developing countries and Belgium to stimulate young people in difficult situations to develop their talents
- Funding partner



EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Better access to education for young students and graduates (15-25 years old) through an innovative learning program via a new pedagogical approach;
- 2) Reduction of the technological gap between urban and rural areas;
- 3) Contribution to consolidation of peace and poverty reduction via stronger social networks;
- 4) Improvement of regional competitiveness and promotion of a new generation of coffee growers;
- 5) More inclusive communities through promotion of gender equity and participation of youth;
- 6) Protection of natural resources and rural ecosystems by fostering environmentally friendly agricultural systems.

EDUCATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN COLOMBIA

