

## PURPOSE

Develop technical capacities of 30 youngsters to fulfill the requirements of various coffee certifications and hereby giving them opportunities to improve their and the other project beneficiaries' lives.

*Examples technical capacities' development: Training on coffee harvest, cupping sessions to understand and correct defects while improving quality and so on. The coaching will be done by a coffee certification agent.*

### Specific Objectives :

1) Initiate a Technical Assistance Model led by a network of rural youth that increases productivity and quality; This new model serves as Pilot Model.

2) Unify the different internal certification processes within Aldea Global and by doing so decrease the costs that come along with the certifications: Fairtrade (FLO), Organic (NOP, USDA, CEE), Rainforest Alliance, "Con Manos de Mujer" (Women's coffee) UTZ, Cafe Practices, Smallholder Farmer Symbol.

3) Use environmentally friendly agricultural technologies and practices, including improvements in the processes for washing coffee, climate smart practices and so on

## TARGET GROUP

Directly: 30 youngsters, all sons and daughters of Aldea Global's member coffee farmers and 1,200 smallholder farms/farmers who are organized with Aldea Global. Each youngster works with 40 farms or 40 farmers.

Indirectly: +/- 5,000 members of the family of the beneficiary farms/farmers

## "ALDEA CERTIFICATION" AS A PILOT MODEL WITH RURAL YOUTH

NICARAGUA - approved by the Efico Fund on 20/12/2016

### Location

Jinotega

### Description

- Developing an economically feasible model for certification = "ALDEA Certification model", led by a network of 30 youngsters, all sons & daughters of coffee farmers/members of Aldea Global Cooperative. This will be a new, low cost model for certification that can be replicated in any other Latin American country.
- A Manual will be established on the "Aldea Certification Model" for coffee farms

### Project Budget

Efico Fund contribution: € 33,209

### Project Duration

December 2016 to November 2019

## PARTNERS

### Aldea Global

[www.aglobal.org.ni](http://www.aglobal.org.ni)

- Project applicant
- Civil association of 2,760 smallholder farmer members (of which 802 women) in north central Nicaragua
- Disposes of two business centres: facilitating micro-credits and commercialization of coffee production & one Non-Financial Services Unit (SNF) that facilitates training processes, gender work, business development of grassroots organisations, municipal engagement, and financial education with smallholder coffee growers

### CAFENICA

<https://iaf.gov/our-work/where-we-work/country-portfolios/nicaragua/2015-cafenica>

- Provide training to network youth and smallholder coffee farmers

### CIAT

International Centre for Tropical Agriculture

[www.ciat.cgiar.org](http://www.ciat.cgiar.org)

- Technical support for development of "Aldea Cert" Model

### Maison Josy Juckem SARL

[www.josyjuckem.lu](http://www.josyjuckem.lu)

- Luxembourg coffee roasting company
- Funding partner



## EXPECTED IMPACT

Developing a unified, economically feasible model for certification will increase competitiveness, productivity, sustainability and quality for the small coffee producers organized within Aldea Global. In addition, it opens up rural youth job opportunities.

In Nicaragua, adolescents and youth currently represent half of the working age population.

This project contributes directly to SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND CENTRALIZING CERTIFICATION IN NICARAGUA



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