

PURPOSE

1) To support the social empowerment of women coffee growers in all aspects of safe water drinking, healthy practices to eliminate contamination: a benefit for public health. The training sessions are organized in the local Mayan native language.

2) Environmental improvement through promoting eco-friendly safe water consumption; the projects advocate not to use plastic bottles nor firewood to boil water. Less pressure on natural resources preserves the planet.

3) Economic relevance, both purification of water by chlorine and/or purchasing bottled water are avoided. Before, families headed to the river to fetch "clean" water. The water filters not only give easy access to fresh and clean water, but also contribute to time saving, either at home or on the work place.

TARGET GROUP

The target group consists of small coffee farmers depending directly on their activities for survival. They live in rural areas in modest conditions, it concerns large families, all of them lacking access to basic services; safe drinking water is one of those.

268 families project: During 2 years, the association has voluntarily chosen to limit the group to ensure the success of long-term project by providing spare parts. These 268 filters promote around of 1 731 persons all of rural communities of Guatemala.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Women and families of coffee workers' health conditions are improved through clean water
- 2) Better health allows a better ability to work
- 3) Physical well-being and healthy working living is prolonged by reducing inconvenience of dirty or risk water
- 4) The income potential for equipped women is increased as the clean water asks a minimum time, consumption and no purchase of plastic bottles anymore; Anacafé will follow the results for possible replication
- 5) The allocated budget of the project was only used to purchase a maximum of filters. The other costs for the organization of the training sessions and the logistics were supported by the Women Association volunteers.

EQUIPMENT OF WATER FILTERS PROVIDING SOURCE OF LIFE AND LEVERAGE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GUATEMALA - approved by the Efico Fund on 20/12/2011

Location

6 regions, in coffee producing areas

Description

The project will provide filters for 268 families improving the health and reducing the consumption of firewood or fuel out for boiling water and eliminate herewith also the health problems that result from indoor smoke. BY generating this bottom-up solution among the coffee producing villages of 268 women we provide a safer and more healthy environment for their families.

Project Budget

Budget Total: € 10 500

AFAL/EURACEN contribution through Efico Fund: € 10 500

Project Duration

January 2012 to January 2013

PARTNERS

Mujeres en café - Guatemala

www.mujirescafe Guatemala.org

- Project applicant
- Not-for-profit organization
- Gives its associates workshops, conferences, field trips to coffee farms and helps the women who work in their associates' farms
- Supports women to become more efficient and sustainable, by improving their production method, management and conditions

AFAL

- Association des Femmes d'Amérique Latine
- Funding partner

EURACEN

- Chamber of Commerce Europe - Central America
- Funding partner

EFICO Central America

- Provides supervision and coordination of the projects

WATER FILTERS TO IMPROVE WOMEN COFFEE GROWERS' EMPOWERMENT IN RURAL COFFEE PLANTATIONS IN GUATEMALA

