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ACRONYMS

ACC	Adaptation to Climate Change
AMHON	Asociación de Municipios de Honduras
AMUPROLAGO	La Asociación de Municipios del Lago de Yojoa y su Área de Influencia
ASHO	Asociación Hondureña de Ornitología
BDS	Business Development Services
BMP	Best Management Practices
BPM	Buenas Prácticas de Manufacturero
CANATURH	Cámara Nacional de Turismo de Honduras
CATIE	Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza
CTC	Technical Certification Committee
CODEL	Comité de Emergencia Local
CODEM	Comité de Emergencia Municipal
COHORSIL	Cooperativa Cafetalera Siguatepeque Limitada
COP	Chief of Party
COPECO	Comisión Permanente de Contingencias
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative
DAI	Development Alternatives, Inc.
DAPVS	Departamento de Áreas Protegidas/Vida Silvestre
DCOP	Deputy Chief of Party
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
EMMP	Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan
EMS	Environmental Management System
ESNACIFOR	Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Forestales
EWS	Early Warning System
FAPVS	Fonde de Áreas Protegidas y Vida Silvestre
FAS	Field Accounting System
GIS	Geographic Information System
GOH	Government of Honduras
HO	Home Office
HOPEH	Asociación de Hoteles Pequeños Honduras
ICF	Instituto Nacional de Conservación y Desarrollo Forestal
IHT	Instituto Hondureño de Turismo
INFOP	Instituto Nacional de Formación Profesional
IR	Intermediate Result
IT	Information Technology
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JAA	Juntas de Aguas Asociadas
LT TA	Long Term Technical Assistance
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAPANCE	Mancomunidad de Municipios del Parque Nacional Montaña de Celaque
MOCAPH	Mesa de ONGs Comanejadoras de Áreas Protegidas de Honduras
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSME	Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprise
N/A	Not Applicable
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPS	National Park System
NRM	Natural Resource Management

OFDA	U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
OPTURH	Operadores de Turismo Receptivo de Honduras
PA	Protected Area
PAG	Proyecto Aldea Global
PES	Payment for Environmental Services
PMP	Performance Management Plan
PN	Parque Nacional
PNMC	Parque Nacional Montaña de Celaque
PO	Purchase Order
PROLANSATE	Fundación para la Protección de Punta Sal, Lancetilla y Texiguat
PUP	Plan de Uso Público
Q15	Quarter April – June 2015
Q16	Year Four, Q 16
Q17	Quarter October – December 2015
RECOTURH	Asociación Procomunidades Turísticas de Honduras
REHNAP	Red Hondureña de Reservas Naturales Privadas de Honduras
RFP	Request for Proposal
SAG	Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería
SANAA	Servicio Autónomo Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillados
SERNAM	Mi AMBIENTE, Secretaría de Recursos Naturales, Ambiente y Minas
SICCS	Sistema Integrado Centroamericano de Sostenibilidad y Calidad SICCS
SINAPH	National Protected Areas System
SINFOR	Sistema de Investigación Nacional Forestal, Áreas Protegidas y Vida Silvestre
SOW	Scope of Work
STTA	Short Term Technical Assistance
SUB-IR	Sub-Intermediate Result
TAMIS	Technical Assistance Management Information System
TBD	To Be Determined
TR	Terms of Reference
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TWG	Technical Working Group
UMA	Unidad de Manejo Ambiental
UNAH	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras
UNA	Universidad Nacional de Agricultura
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USNPS	U.S. National Park Service
WWF	World Wildlife Foundation
WAB	Water Association Boards

INTRODUCTION

The USAID ProParque project, with an anticipated timeline of five years, is the Honduran Mission's flagship natural resources program, and seeks to realign the country's economic and social development trajectory with the sound management of its rich natural resource base. A holistically integrated program, USAID ProParque focuses on consolidating the system of protected areas in Honduras and includes work in biodiversity and natural resource management, rural enterprise growth (tourism, forestry, agroforestry), climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and clean energy development (hydropower, biomass, biofuel). USAID/ProParque will improve Honduran biodiversity conservation, create jobs for Hondurans, and strengthen national capacity for mitigating and adapting to global climate change.

This Annual/Quarterly Report covers the sixteenth quarter of project implementation (the fourth quarter of the project's Option Period) and provides an overview of Year Four of the project. It has been prepared in accordance with Section F.6 II (Quarterly and Annual Progress/Financial Reports) of the Contract No. AID-522-C-11-00004. It consists of five principal sections – 1) a section on Technical Programming, including project status as of the end of Year 4/Q16, plus detailed reporting by technical area; 2) A section on Program Management; 3) a forward looking section focused on Quarter 17 and beyond; 4) a Financial Report for Q16; and 5) Annexes.

SECTION I

TECHNICAL PROGRAMMING

SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS AT END OF YEAR FOUR

As Year Four of ProParque comes to a close, several observations can be made. First, the project continues to consolidate its reputation with USAID and other projects as a source of innovative, practical and highly replicable implementation models and strategies in almost every technical focus area. Second, it is evident that the continuation of many of the project's models and strategies would contribute greatly to the Mission's ability to meet its objectives under the new CDCS, particularly those under Development Objective 2 (Extreme poverty sustainably reduced for vulnerable populations in Western Honduras). This is particular true in the aspects of landscape level conservation and natural resource management; non-ag rural economic growth (such as tourism); and the team's holistic approach that integrates climate change adaptation and vulnerability reduction into conservation and economic growth activities. Last but not least, it can be noted that the project is on track to meet or exceed all Option Period indicator targets. As Year Four closed, 10 of the 12 Option Period targets for Component One had already been surpassed; 5 Option Period targets for Component Two had been met; and the team was on track to meet or surpass all Component Three targets by June 2016.

On the administrative and contractual front, Year 4 was smooth, including the processing of a contract modification with USAID that incorporated a new Scope of Work, a revised Performance Management Plan, and a realigned budget. There were no operational, administrative, or contractual issues encountered that were not resolved, and the team's administrative and operational "engine house" continued to function smoothly as it transitioned from the Base into the Option years.

Table 1 on the following page provides an update on progress towards meeting Option period goals and indicator targets. Project highlights for Year 4 are the presented in the following section, by focus area. Additional activities and details for Q16 and overall are provided in Section III.

DELIVERABLES STATUS SUMMARY

The deliverables table below summarizes progress made to date by IR, Sub-IR and deliverable. Overall the project has met or exceeded all Year Four targets, with only minor and explicable exceptions.

TABLE 1: PROGRESS MADE TO DATE BY IR, SUB IR AND DELIVERABLE

Deliverables Option B (FY15 and FY16) September 26, 2014		
IR 2.1: RURAL MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (MSME) GROWTH INCREASED (all MSME will be linked to the Tourism and Forestry/Agroforestry Sectors)		
IR 2.1.1:	New Net Sales of Participating Rural MSMEs (disaggregated by gender of owner)	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	\$2.5 MM	\$7.089 MM
End of Q20	\$2.5 MM	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	\$5 MM	
IR 2.1.2:	Number of New Employment Created In Participating Rural MSME (Full-Time Equivalents – FTEs) (disaggregated by gender)	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	250	770
End of Q 20	750	YEAR 4 TARGETS SURPASSED
TOTALS	1000	
Sub-IR 2.1.1	RURAL MSMEs' ACCESS TO INPUTS, PRACTICES, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR MARKET PARTICIPATION IMPROVED	
Sub-IR 2.1.1.1:	New MSME Investment (disaggregated by sector–tourism, forestry/agroforestry)	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	\$0.250	\$2.805 MM
End of Q20	\$0.750	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	US\$ 1 MM	
Sub-IR 2.1.1.2:	Number of MSMEs that Have Successfully Adopted New Inputs, Technologies, and Practices	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	500	2154 Baselines are complete per sub-project;
End of Q20	1000	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	1500	
Result 2.1.1.2.1.:	MSMEs Implementing Best Business Management Practices	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	250	2166 Baselines are complete per sub-project;
End of Q20	750	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED

TOTALS	1000	
Sub-IR 2.1.1.3:	Number of Organizations/Companies Providing Development/Extension Services to MSMEs	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	5	12
End of 20		OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	5	
SUB-IR 2.1.2: RURAL MSMEs' ACCESS TO NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES INCREASED		
Indicator 2.1.2.1:	Number of Brokers Providing Market Linkages to MSMEs	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	5	13
End of Q20		OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	5	
Result 2.1.2.1.1	Number of MSMEs Accessing New Market Opportunities Through A Broker	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	250	1180 Baselines are complete per sub-project
End of Q20	750	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	1000	
Result 2.1.2.1.2	Number of MSMEs Receiving Regular Market Information from A Broker	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	250	1505 Baselines are complete per sub-project
End of Q20	750	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	1000	
Sub-IR 2.1.2.2:	Number of MSMEs That Have Been Verified To Meet Market Standards for Their Products	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	250	1221 Baselines are complete per sub-project
End of Q20	750	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTALS	1000	
SUB-IR 2.1.3 BARRIERS TO COMPETITIVENESS OF RURAL MSMEs REDUCED		
Sub-IR 2.1.3.1:	Number of MSMEs Accessing Market-Based Financing As The Result of USG Assistance	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	200	542 Baselines are complete per sub-project
End of Q20	300	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED

TOTALS	500	
Sub-IR 2.1.3.2:	Number of Value Chain/Sector Constraints Identified And Resolved (tourism and forestry/agroforestry)	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16		In progress
End of Q20	4	
TOTALS	4	

IR 2.2:	HONDURAN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVED	
IR 2.2.1:	Score on the Honduran National Protected Areas Systems Ecological Integrity Assessment	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	Baselines complete for 10 PAs and 9 Private Reserves; Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015
End of Q20	Baselines or re-scores in 10 PAs; 10 Private Reserves; 10 PES watersheds	
TOTAL	Baselines or re-scores in 10 PAs; 10 Private Reserves; 10 PES watersheds	
Result 2.2.1.1:	Number of Threat Assessments Conducted for Each Targeted Protected Area	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	10 complete; Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015
End of Q20	10 Private Reserves	OPTION PERIOD GOALS MET
TOTAL	10 Private Reserves	
Result 2.2.1.2:	Number of University Alliances Established to Conduct Ecological Monitoring Fieldwork (MOUs)	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	3	4
End of Q20	2	YEAR 4 GOAL SURPASSED
TOTAL	5	
Result 2.2.2.1:	Number of Legally Declared Private Reserves	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q20	5	1 declared; 11 in process
TOTAL	5	

SUB-IR2.2.1: MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM		
Result 2.2.1.1.1:	Number of Protected Area Management Plans Evaluated	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	Training underway; 5 plans in pipeline; Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015
End of Q20	10 Private Reserves	
TOTAL	10 Private Reserves	
Result 2.2.5	Number of Hectares of Biological Significance and/or Natural Resources under Improved NRM practices	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	87,430 as of end of FY15; Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015
End of Q20	63,000	OPTION PERIOD GOALS MET
TOTAL	63,000	
Result 2.2.1.3.1:	SINAPH Tourism Strategy Developed in Consultation W/Private Sector and Civil Society	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	PUP implementation underway in PANACAM and Celaque; Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015; Strategy development methods replicated by ICF and MOCAPH
End of Q20	2 PA-level strategies implemented; Strategy development methods replicated by ICF and MOCAPH	OPTION PERIOD GOALS MET
TOTAL	2 PA-level strategies implemented; Strategy development methods replicated by ICF and MOCAPH	
Result 2.2.1.3.3:	SINAPH Regulation for Private Sector Concession for Tourism Facilities Established	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	2 Pilot concessions procured	Linked to PUP implementation – No Progress due to numerous factors explained in Progress Report
TOTAL	2 Pilot concessions procured	
SUB-IR 2.2.2: PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION PROMOTED		
Sub-IR 2.2.2.1:	Number of Payment-For-Ecosystem Services Agreements Developed, Approved and Operating	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	4	28 PSE mechanism established 21 different watersheds with over 113 JAA engaged; ultimate number of mechanisms will depend upon level of consolidation/association between JAAs
End of Q20	6	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTAL	10	

Sub-IR 2.2.2.2:	Number of institutions/organizations undertaking capacity/competency strengthening in natural resource management as a result of USG	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	10	19 organizations currently undertaking capacity/competency strengthening training
End of Q20	5	OPTION PERIOD GOALS SURPASSED
TOTAL	15	

CAPACITY TO MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE STRENGTHENED		
IR 2.3.1	Quantity of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Measured in Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent, Reduced, or Sequestered As A Result of USG Assistance	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q20	.750	To be calculated at conclusion of field activities (June 2016)
TOTAL	.750	
SUB-IR 2.3.2: CLEAN/RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITATED		
Sub-IR 2.3.2.3	Number of Households with improved access to renewable or clean energy	
Dates	Deliverable	
End of Q16	3000	2135 stoves installed; 2965 in production pipeline
End of Q20	2000	
TOTAL	5000	
SUB-IR 2.3.3: DISASTER VULNERABILITY REDUCED		
Sub-IR 2.3.3.1:	Honduras National Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Assessed Capacity Score	
Dates:	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q15	Baseline for 5 municipalities and 35 communities	Baselines complete for 6 municipalities and 42 communities
TOTAL	Baseline for 5 munis and 35 communities	OPTION PERIOD GOALS MET
Result 2.3.3.2	Number of municipalities and communities with increased resilience and capacity to prepare for and respond to climate change impacts	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	Progress Report	Training and equipping underway for 6 municipalities and 41 communities. Linked to baseline results (see above); Progress Report Delivered to USAID in October 2015
End of Q20	5 municipalities and 35 communities	
Total	5 municipalities and 35 communities	

Sub-IR 2.3.3.3	Improved access to climate change and ecosystem monitoring data for use in adaptation and mitigation strategies	
Dates	Deliverable	Results to Date/Observations
End of Q16	4 systems	Working with COPECO to identify gaps and needs; two systems piloted; project on track to meet/surpass targets by June 2016
End of Q20	6 systems	
TOTAL	10 systems	

OVERVIEW OF YEAR FOUR AND Q16 ACTIVITIES BY TECHNICAL AREA

TOURISM

Year Four Highlights

Important advances made by the Tourism Team in Year 4 included:

Expanding the SICCS sustained quality program for restaurants and hotels nationwide.

In order to contribute to the development of a national system of tourism quality, the project subcontracted national institutions to provide quality training to hotels and restaurants in order to strengthen them as service providers. In addition, a letter of understanding was signed with public and private institutions to strengthen the network of actors involved in the quality system and to leverage resources to permit more extensive coverage. With project assistance, the process was led by the Honduran Tourism Institute (IHT) and the Honduran National Chamber of Tourism (CANATURH), which trained specialized technicians and auditors. To date, more than 200 hotels and restaurants have implemented SICCS; HOPEH and CANATURH have been strengthened in order to provide quality service implementation systems; and INFOP and IHT are using their own resources to contract certified technicians in SICCS implementation in new areas like the Bay Islands and Trujillo to replicate the pilot project.

Continued strengthening of the institutional and legal framework for guide training and certification so Honduras is offering skilled workers that respond to market demand.

After working with IHT and INFOP for three years to restructure the tourist guide certification process, this year new norms adapted to market demand were established, and the training guide for local and national guides (with its respective curriculum) was completed and approved by INFOP. The new norms and the manual have been shared at 5 national universities that offer tourism programs, and the Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (UNITEC) has confirmed its interest in offering a training program for national guides. A manual for specialized tourist guides was also prepared and has been used to train 30 guides from different parts of the country.

Continued strengthening of local chambers of tourism in Western Honduras and the Lago Yojoa area. With project assistance, the local chambers are achieving a significant boost in their capacity to offer training to their members; market their destinations; and design, organize and market marque cultural events to attract tourists. Currently, 7 destinations have compiled extensive tourist information and participated in 12 national and international tourism promotion fairs; cultural and artistic events drawing on each destination's unique characteristics have been held (Gracias Convoca, ExpoCopan); and the national ExpoVerano fair has provided a space to promote the project's tourist destinations for the national market. These efforts are consistently resulting in increased sales, higher occupancy rates (up to 100% during events) and increased local economic activity.

Development of bird-watching tourism as a national priority, including the development of a groundbreaking national Aveturismo strategy and the construction of high impact, market specific infrastructure.

One of the year's biggest initiatives was the formulation of a national bird-watching tourism strategy. Starting with the difficult task of creating a public-private alliance focused on the topic (spearheaded by IHT, CANATURH and ICF), the project moved on to facilitating a series of stakeholder workshops, helped convene the first national bird-watching tourism stakeholder conference; helped set-up and motivate specific thematic working groups; and aided IHT in producing the first draft of the national strategy. In Q17, the national strategy will be formally

launched by the President of Honduras and should provide a pragmatic blueprint for investment and growth in this important niche tourism sector.



Vermiculated Screech Owls are observed in Celaque Mountain National Park, Copan Ruins, Pico Bonito National Park and surroundings

Linked to the strategy assistance, the project continued to support new companies establishing themselves as bird-watching operators; 4 such specialized companies promoted their bird-watching tours at international fairs, such as the British Bird Fair and the American Birding Expo 2015, and were able to establish new commercial relations with regional operators and to market tours to bird-watching groups. A number of different specialized birdwatching events have also been held (Birding Blitz, bird counting, rallies, etc.), and a grant to PANACAM for the construction of specialized bird watching towers has resulted in a massive increase in visitor traffic and overnight stays in the park.



Our partners participating in the British Bird Fair

Training tourism operators in social media marketing and e-marketing/corporate branding so they can better position their destinations and services in the domestic market. Another important activity in developing the destinations is digital marketing, considering that two thirds of travelers consult the web to make their travel plans and that 57% of reservations are made on line. The Honduras.Travel portal, developed with project assistance in the base period, has been updated and is generating increasing amounts of traffic from international users interested in Honduras destinations and products. This year more than 53,000 new users visited the site with 180,000 page hits. In addition, there has been training for key personnel at the destinations to manage social media fanpages, and increasing numbers of hotels have established web pages giving them an international presence.

Conceptualization and promotion of the Western Coffee Trail (Ruta de Café) in coordination with IHCAFE, IHT and HWC. Increasing the tourist attractions at each destination is an important goal for the sector; in the past year the IHT and IHCAFE have joined forces to establish and promote the Coffee Trail. The Project has worked to support the strategy's formulation, in addition to working with Honduras Western Coffee on a plan to strengthen the practices of MSMEs on the Trail and to promote the Trail itself. In the future, it is expected that national and international tour operators will promote the Trail so that coffee tours will be a sustainable part of the tourist offering in the country's western region, especially in the city of Santa Rosa de Copán, where there is already a culture of drinking fine coffee on a local level.

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

Specific to Q16, it is worth highlighting the following:

- There was intense activity at the different destinations involving event development and progress for the companies affiliated with the Quality and Sustainability System (SICCS). In the final quarter, SICCS consultants finished their diagnoses of participating hotels and restaurants, and they are currently progressing on the preparation of action/improvement plans for +100 MSMEs. IHT and INFOP are providing financial and logistical support to the technical assistance process and are working on their own to replicate the SICCS trainings with new companies in areas like the Bay Islands and Trujillo.
- In bird-watching tourism, the British Bird Fair was held in Rutland from August 21-23, and for the first time the Honduran Tourism Institute sent a representative; there was a decorated stand, and four specialized guides were provided with airfare so they could participate and market their services. Each Honduran company was able to establish an average of 10 contacts with British travel firms and received requests for packages involving at least 30 birdwatchers. Distinguished visitors at the Fair included Tim Appleton, director of the British Bird Fair, and Bill Thomson, director of the American Birding Expo and a writer for Birdwatchers' Digest, both of whom expressed interest and support for Honduras' increasing market activity. The stand provided information about Honduran bird-watching, and personalized presentations were offered by the project-trained guides. Over 300 potential clients were exposed to bird-watching opportunities in the country.

- Related to the upcoming launch of the national bird-watching strategy, multiple workshops were held with members of the public and private sectors to refine the draft strategy and to finalize objectives, strategic actions and priority sites. The Strategy will be officially launched at the Presidential Palace on November 9.
- Two important events were held in project-prioritized destinations: “Gracias Convoca” was held in July in the city of Gracias, and the 2nd Sustainable Rural Tourism Congress was held in the city of Santa Rosa de Copán. “Gracias Convoca” counted with the participation of 167 artists, and cultural activities were carried out in 23 different parts of the city and the municipality of Belén, leading to hotel occupation rates of 90-100% during the festival and boosting the city’s overall economy. The destinations continue to develop their marketing skills as a key element for sales and new training sessions have been held in tourism culture, social media marketing and corporate images. The project also provided support for sports and adventure tourism at the destinations at the ExpoXtreme Fair.

Overall, the tourism component made significant contributions over the year to the project’s performance in meeting all relevant Component 1 indicators targets (i.e. sales, employment, investment); and continued to make noteworthy contributions to the competitiveness and quality of the national tourism industry, as validated by Government of Honduras and CANATURH in awarding the project a special recognition in the Premios Copan 2015.

AGROFORESTRY

Year Four Highlights

In Year Four, the project continued to see good replication by partners of the successful embedded services model, and continued on track to surpass Option Period targets in MSMEs assisted, sales, employment and investment. The primary platform for the project was the implementation of eight agroforestry projects to promote the economic growth of families in communities located in and around the protected areas of Mount Celaque National Park (MCNP) and Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park (PANACAM). All told, the project is now working with 2,675 MSMEs in co-investment with four brokers, including two producer cooperatives, a community association (MAPANCE) and the National Agricultural University (UNA). The projects encompass coffee, cocoa, sugar cane, and livestock production (see table 2) and hold true to the project’s strategy of working in value chains that represent both threats (to conservation) and opportunities (for producers). A quick summary of each project is provided below.

Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at MCNP: The project is executed through a PPP with the company Beneficio de Santa Rosa, as a continuation of the project implemented during the Base Period. A baseline for 400 new producers and a training and technical assistance plan for 1,000 MSMEs was prepared. The project targets the municipalities north and northeast of MCNP. Projected sales for the 2014-2015 harvest are Lps.225,114,924.00, which surpasses the 2014-2015 harvest (baseline) by Lps.40,601,363.00 (new sales US\$1,845,516). 964 producers are implementing better agricultural and manufacturing practices and obtain their market information through the company Beneficio Santa Rosa. Out of the 1,000 producers, 918 are certified with at least one socio-environmental seal; the most widely used is Fairtrade USA.

Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in the biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca I Biological Reserve (BR): The project is executed through a PPP with the company Beneficio Santa Rosa with the participation of 250 new producers. The project is located in the municipalities of Erandique, San Andrés, Belén and Santa Cruz in the department of Lempira, as well as the municipalities of San Francisco de Opalaca, San Juan, Intibucá, San Miguel Guancapla, Yamaranguila and Dolores in the department of Intibuca. Projected new sales for the 2014-2015 harvest are Lps.4,132,484 (US\$ 187,840.00). 150 producers are implementing better agricultural and manufacturing practices and receive market information through the company Beneficio Santa Rosa. 98 of the 250 producers are certified by Fairtrade USA, and 93 are currently undergoing the certification process.

Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in the biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca II BR: The project is executed through a PPP with Fundación Co.Honducafe with the participation of 250 new producers. The project targets the municipalities of San Juan in the Department of Intibucá and Belén in the Department of Lempira. 115 of the 250 producers are currently undergoing the 4C certification process.

Production and marketing of sugarcane panels at MCNP: The project is executed through a PPP with the Community Association of Municipalities in Mount Celaque National Park (MAPANCE). A baseline and a training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) was prepared for 75 sugarcane producers located around MCNP. To date, 15 panela manufacturing centers have been installed with ecological ovens and steel evaporators, which use sugarcane bagasse as fuel instead of wood. Wood use in the new centers has been reduced to zero. In addition, 30 existing centers are being improved. It is expected that the 45 manufacturing centers will benefit approximately 300 producers.



Boiling sugarcane to make panelas

Field schools for the production and marketing of milk and its derivatives at MCNP: The project is executed through a PPP with UNA. A baseline and a training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) was prepared for 200 dairy and livestock producers located around MCNP. It includes 8 theoretical and practical field school (FFS) modules covering the subjects of management, pasture management, animal breeding, animal nutrition, agroforestry systems, production centers for milk and its derivatives, etc. The project includes the municipalities of

Belén Gualcho in the Department of Ocotepeque; Corquin, San Pedro and Cucuyagua in the Department of Copan; and Talgua, Las Flores, Lepaera and Gracias in the Department of Lempira. To date, the following training modules have been taught: a) management and administrative aspects, b) animal nutrition and feed, c) animal health and; d) environmental management of livestock farms. As in the case of the original project in Olancho in the Base Period, many producers are seeing a doubling of yields and incomes due to project assistance.

Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at PANACAM: The project is executed through a PPP with the COHORSIL Cooperative, as a continuation of the project executed during the Base Period. A baseline was prepared for 100 new producers and a training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) was generated for 300 MSMEs. The project targets the central and southern municipalities of PANACAM, specifically the municipalities of Siguatepeque, Taulabé and Meámbar in the department of Comayagua. Projected sales for the 2105-2016 harvest are Lps.7,680,000.00 (US\$349,000.00), which will generate 260 permanent and 450 temporary jobs. 80 of the 100 new families are implementing best practices and technologies on their farms.

Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa: The project is executed through a PPP with Fundación Co.Honducafé and the participation of 400 new producers, for which a baseline and a training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) was prepared. The project covers the municipalities located in the biological corridor between PANACAM and Santa Barbara NP located around Lake Yojoa. The target municipalities are: Santa Cruz de Yojoa in the Department of Cortés; and San Pedro de Zacapa, Concepción del Sur, Las Vegas and Santa Bárbara in the Department of Santa Bárbara. 216 of the 400 producers are implementing good agricultural practices in their farms and have started the 4C certification process.

Promoting the production and marketing of cacao in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa: The project is executed through a PPP with the COAGRICAL Cooperative and the participation of 200 new cacao producers for which a baseline and a training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) was prepared. The project targets municipalities located around the biological corridor between PANACAM and Santa Bárbara NP, which is located around Lake Yojoa. The target municipalities are: Santa Cruz de Yojoa in the Department of Cortes; and San Pedro de Zacapa, Concepción del Sur, Las Vegas and Santa Bárbara in the Department of Santa Bárbara. Through December 2015, new sales are projected at US\$115,803.00, which will generate 98 permanent jobs and 575 temporary ones. 174 producers are implementing best agricultural practices.

An additional strong focus during the year for the agroforestry team was the integration of climate change adaptation into technical capacity building curriculum, including educating producers about the realities of climate change; how to empirically assess its impact at a local level; and practical adaptation steps that can be taken. The project also collaborated closely with USAID's Regional Climate Change Program and IHCAFÉ to produce a climate change adaptation manual for coffee producers. More details about this work can be found in the section on Climate Change Adaptation.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF AGROFORESTRY PROJECTS

No.	Projects	Families participating and co-investing partner organizations					Procurement mechanism
		Families	Budget				
			Total	USAID ProParque	Partner organizations		
	Western Cluster						
1	Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at MCNP	1,000	6,897,586	2,197,586	4,700,000	Beneficio Santa Rosa	Purchase order
2	Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca I BR	250	2,714,686	757,750	1,956,936	Beneficio Santa Rosa	Grant
3	Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca II BR	250	1,975,200	748.882	1,226,318	Fundación Co.Honducafe	Grant
4	Production and marketing of sugarcane panels at MCNP	75	1,159,160	711,616	447,544	MAPANCE	Grant
5	Field Schools for the production and marketing of milk and meat at MCNP	200	2,096,000	1,050,000	1,046,000	UNA	Grant
	Cluster PANACAM – Lago de Yojoa						
6	Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at PANACAM	300	4,025,619	1,069,516	2,956,103	COHORSIL	Grant
7	Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	400	2,962,000	1,069,482	1,892,518	Fundación Co.Honducafe	Grant
8	Promotion of production and marketing of cacao in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	200	2,751,584	756,000	1,995,584	COAGRICSAL	Grant
	Total	2,675	24,581,835	8,360,832	16,221,003		

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

During Q16, agroforestry activities were primarily routine and directly tied to sub-project training and technical assistance work plans (PCATs). The team did respond to various client requests for field tours and project participation in evaluations, such as the kick-off meeting for the 2015/2016 Programmatic Environmental Assessment, and the coordination meeting between USAID and INVEST Honduras projects operating in the Western Region. As the year and quarter came to a close, all eight agroforestry projects were on track to meet their individual and collective goals before June 2016, as planned.

BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

Year Four Highlights

As mentioned in the Q15 report, one of the most exciting aspects of Year 4 in Component Two was not a single activity or event, but the growing evidence that improved tools and approaches to biodiversity conservation and protected area management are being systemically embraced by the GOH and relevant organizations. This included the preparation

of 5 new PA management plans in areas not-directly assisted by the project (Yuscaran Biological Reserve, Yerbabuena Biological Reserve, the Lago Yojoa Multiple Use Area, the Golfo de Fonseca wetlands, and the Lancetilla Botanical Gardens); and the preparation of four new Public Use Plans (Golfo de Fonseca, RVS Laguna de Guaimoreto, Turtle Harbor, and the Bay Islands).

That said, the main focus of the project in Component Two in Year Four was threefold. First, the team placed a priority on improving the effective management and co-management of protected areas by strengthening the organizational and technical skills of ICF, MOCAPH and co-managing organizations; and consolidating and expanding the technical and methodological tools for the effective management of protected areas (said tools were prepared with support from the Project during the base period).

Second, the team sought to replicate advances in publically owned protected areas by promoting the continued expansion of private nature reserves in the biological corridors and landscapes between national parks. This entailed strengthening REHNAP's organizational capacity; increasing its membership through the creation and registration of new reserves; and improving its members' skills and knowledge to effectively manage their reserves and increase their business opportunities.

Both of these objectives were achieved through joint efforts with MOCAPH and REHNAP in alliance with ICF, co-management organizations and private nature reserve owners. The areas around Lago Yojoa, PANACAM and MCNP were the principal areas of action, though capacity building efforts have had a national impact, and partner organizations are actively replicating project approaches outside of the aforementioned target areas.

Last but not least, in the area of Payment for Ecosystem Services, the team entered Year Four with a sound foundation of lessons learned, valuable critical analysis and an innovative model for promoting and creating conservation mechanisms centered on local Juntas de Agua. The model not only made PES mechanisms comprehensible, obtainable, and desirable to local actors, it also helped connect micro-watershed conservation and ecological integrity to the larger, national park and landscape level conservations efforts of co-managers, ICF and municipalities.

Related to these three principal focus areas, the following subsections highlight Year Four progress for Component Two by area, under the leadership of the Biodiversity and PES teams.

Biological Monitoring and Ecological Integrity: In 2014, the team assisted ICF, REHNAP and MOCAPH to undertake a process of systematization and dissemination of the ecological integrity baseline results at the 10 protected areas from the Base Period. During the process, officials from ICF, REHNAP, MOCAPH and the co-managing organizations were trained about the methodology's importance and its application. These elements were incorporated into the MOCAPH effective management grant and the REHNAP organizational development grant.

Pursuant to the ecological integrity baseline results, plans identifying priorities for biological research were then prepared in coordination with the co-management organizations; these priorities now form the basis for ICF and co-managers to identify strategic alliances for research and biological monitoring.

Also during the year, the private nature reserves where the full suite of effective management tools were to be applied (thus expanding effective management into the private reserve realm)

were identified in coordination with REHNAP. The private nature reserve owners began to receive trainings about the importance of the ecological integrity tool starting in May 2015, and as the year closed out REHNAP and the project were piloting improved monitoring approaches in 5 reserves (details in ensuing section). As mentioned in the introduction, the project also developed a simplified version of the ecological integrity scorecard and monitoring tool for use at a micro-watershed level for use by JAAs – as the year came to a close, this innovative concept had been piloted in 5 watersheds with promising results.

Private Nature Reserves: The conservation of private land is a key element for the conservation of biodiversity in the country. Starting in the Base Period, the project has been supporting REHNAP in its organizational processes and supporting the Honduran government to establish conditions for the promotion of private nature reserve conservation. From September to December 2014, a work plan was jointly identified with REHNAP to contribute both to organizational strengthening and effective management of the private reserves

In January 2015, a grant to REHNAP was approved in order to strengthen the institution with an action platform to promote private conservation, improve registry systems and consolidate the tools and methodologies for planning and management of protected areas.

During Year Four, the team worked with REHNAP at two levels: a) a strategic and organizational level to create the technical and financial conditions for the promotion of private conservation; b) at the level of the selected private reserves, supporting the development of management plans, business plans and the development of regional projects.



Embalse de Yure, Private Nature Reserve by PANACAM

As a teaching and operational platform 10 private nature reserves that will serve as management models were selected; of these, 5 now have management plans and other reserve-specific plans, while the other 5 are in the process of preparing their management plans (of these 5, and additional 2 already prepared business plans). The definition of the two regional projects is still pending, as well as the establishment of a REHNAP-managed trust to promote private conservation. These elements will serve as a base for the launching of a new organizational image for REHNAP and the establishment of new relationships with strategic actors.

Increased Effectiveness of Protected Area Management: MOCAPH and its partner organizations are key actors for the effective management of the SINAPH protected areas. Project efforts in this thematic area have focused on MOCAPH as an umbrella organization, and on two partner organizations - the Global Village Project (Aldea Global) and the Association of Municipalities of Mount Celaque National Park (MAPANCE). These two organizations co-manage the Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park and Mount Celaque National Park, respectively.

Starting in September 2014, work plans (with specific benchmarks for determining organizational improvement in PA management) were defined with MOCAPH, MAPANCE, PAG and ICF (the latter as an observer). The three grants are complementary and seek to strengthen MOCAPH's organizational and technical skills, but at the same time to improve the application and expansion of the effective management tools and methodologies for the SINAPH protected areas. Grant related activities during the Year included the development of strategic plans, management plans and other specific plans for 5 new protected areas; the preparation of public use plans in two prioritized protected areas; and the continuation of the second phase of the boundary delineation and land tenure conflict resolution initiatives in PANACAM and Celaque. In all cases, grant activities have included the participation of ICF and other GOH actors and co-managers from outside the project's primary target area, as part of continuing to build systemic improvement across SINAPH. The success of this approach is being validated by evidence of the replication of strategies and management models by non-project supported co-managers, as well as widespread acceptance of the new management tools (see details in ensuing section).

Tourism in Protected Areas: If it is well planned, tourism may offer an effective strategy for providing value to protected areas and contributing to environmental education. Both Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park and Mount Celaque National Parks (MCNP) have high tourism potential, but they still do not receive a sufficient quantity of visitors to make this idea attractive within the protected areas.

To begin to address deficiencies in tourism promotion and services, therefore, public use plans were prepared for PANACAM, MCNP and La Tigra National Park (PNLT) during the Base Period. Beginning in Year 4 and drawing upon this previous work, a collaborative effort between ICF, MOCAPH, PAG and MAPANCE to promote tourism at prioritized protected areas was initiated. Amongst other activities, this process included the review of methodological guides for Public Use Plans preparation; training via the MOCAPH grant in how to apply the PUP methodologies; and a review of the enabling environment for concessions and commercial services. The overall process has strengthened the relationship between ICF – IHT- MOCAPH and the co-managing organizations, which has been a plus.

In the framework of this inter-institutional alliance, nine protected areas were selected for application of the PUP methodology during Year 4 and 5, and the methodology was simplified for application at private nature reserves. Training activities have strengthened the co-managers' capabilities for planning tourism offerings and services; the design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure and trails; and for establishing alliances with key actors. As Year 4 closed, the PUPs for PANACAM and Celaque had been substantially moved forward (with concrete action items beginning to be addressed); the PUP methodology was beginning to be replicated via MOCAPH; and PUP concepts had been introduced to REHNAP, with piloting of PUP preparation underway for numerous private reserves (see ensuing section for details).

In terms of commercial services, the team and ICF undertook an analysis of the tourism norms and conditions in protected areas and of the realistic opportunities (or lack thereof) for

commercial services. Based on this analysis, adjustments to the norms have been proposed, commercial service options have been prioritized and a feasibility study was carried out for each prioritized option.

Lastly, it is appropriate to mention here that the entire Component 2 team, ICF, MOCAPH and its members, and REHNAP have all been deeply involved in the advancement of the national bird-watching tourism strategy process, and the clear link to this important strategy to PUPs and commercial services development is self-evident.

Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Mechanisms:

As mentioned in the introduction, the team entered Year Four with a sound foundation of PES lessons learned, valuable critical analysis, and an innovative model for promoting and creating conservation mechanisms centered on local Juntas de Agua. The model not only made PES mechanisms comprehensible, obtainable and desirable to local actors, it also helped connect micro-watershed conservation and ecological integrity to the larger, national park and landscape level conservations efforts of co-managers, ICF and municipalities. The team's intervention strategy was based on raising awareness of the importance of **water** as an environmental good and of the direct relationship that water has with a community's quality of life.

Due to the fact that new Scope of Work restricted activities to Western Honduras and the Lago de Yojoa area, the team built upon Base Period watersheds such as the Las Pavas region and expanded in order to seek maximum impact and identify the most feasible sites for sustainable PES mechanisms. In coordination with MAPANCE, the new Celaque intervention area was extended to the municipalities of San Sebastián, Las Flores, Belén Lempira, San Manuel de Colohete, La Campa and Belén Gualcho-Corquín, and Lago Yojoa, it was extended to the municipalities of Santa Cruz de Yojoa, San José de Comayagua and Taulabe. Within these areas, the PES team focused on the following priorities during Year 4:

Characterization of Training and Rapprochement with Stakeholders:

In the MAPANCE communities, there was already awareness of the PES mechanism as a result of the coordinated work with ProParque. This was also true at the area where the Global Village Project had had influence. However, in the Lake Yojoa area, the PES activities, which began in Q13, were totally new. Systematic rapprochement with stakeholders was therefore undertaken from October to December 2014, via informational workshops about PES Mechanisms. Participants included MAPANCE, AMUPROLAGO, PAG and the community JAA, and significant interest was generated. There were visits to a broad spectrum of local organizations, such as municipal mayors and Municipal Environmental Units (UMA), local organizations and incorporated JAA, in order to propose and socialize the actions that ProParque could support pursuant to local interest. To the surprise of the technical team the acceptance levels were so high that it will be impossible for ProParque to meet the demand during the remaining life of project.

Selection of communities and watersheds:

Based on information provided by the Global Village Project, MAPANCE, the municipalities and compiled at the different meetings, an initial watershed selection process was undertaken from January to April, based on the following criteria: i) Interest level in participating in the process; ii) JAA's organizational level; iii) Number of beneficiaries at the watersheds (number of aqueducts and users); iv) Watershed size and level of deterioration. The information compiled demonstrated that the 99% of the JAA were not incorporated, which is an indispensable requirement for establishing PES mechanisms. There was notable interest on the part of authorities and the community to protect watersheds that provide household water because of growing awareness that watershed deterioration is causing a scarcity of water in the communities. It was also observed that there is limited understanding

about how to undertake an organized process of water governance necessary for ProParque intervention. Because the biophysical and socioeconomic knowledge about the municipalities and communities was so limited, rapid diagnostics of the selected watersheds were also carried out during Q13 and Q14.

Legal Incorporation of JAAs: The incorporation process for different JAA began in February 2015, and the process will last until Q18, when over 100 JAA are expected to have been incorporated. In order to legally establish PES Mechanisms, JAA must be incorporated, allowing them to legally regulate any actions they take to protect watersheds. The JAA's articles of incorporation establish their faculty to create PES Mechanisms in order to contribute to watershed conservation. The legal incorporation is the de facto establishment of a PES mechanism, and the project is on-track to surpass the Option Period targets by possibly up to 10 times the original goal. Currently the project is working with over 113 JAAs over 21 discrete watersheds or micro-watersheds.

Complementary Actions: In addition to the legal and administrative creation of the PES mechanisms, work was carried out in the field to support JAA strengthening through the organization of environmental fairs at community schools. The purpose of these fairs and trainings is to raise the community awareness of the importance of supporting the JAAs in such tasks as fire control, fencing in water sources, watershed demarcation, definition of water fees, conflict resolution, the importance of paying water fees, purchase of land around watershed, designation of areas to promote the natural regeneration of the forest and reforestation, etc..... Over 100 JAAs are currently receiving technical assistance in these areas, which are critical to making the PES mechanisms effective over time.

Also during the Year, ICF requested project assistance in the drafting of a national regulation that will provide a long term path for the definition, creation and oversight of ES mechanisms. The team has strong opinions regarding the nature of an optimal framework that will incentivize and not suppress local PES efforts (i.e. highly decentralized, locally controlled, fiscally prudent, bureaucratically streamlined), and as the year closed, work on this task was ongoing with MiAmbiente and ICF.

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

Component 2 activities during Q16 were in line with those outlined in the project work plan, as summarized below. Additional detail on an initiative-by-initiative basis is available in the ensuing section.

- Activities during the quarter continued normally with respect to monitoring, follow up and support to grants under execution with MOCAPH, PAG, MAPANCE and REHNAP. In addition, coordination was improved in order to provide more effective technical assistance and achieve the established objectives.
- The project continued to provide training to strengthen the capacities of partners in relevant subjects in order to properly execute grants, improve management effectiveness in protected areas and replicate effective management tools in other protected areas.
- Maintaining adequate coordination among REHNAP, MOCAPH, Co-managing Organizations, ICF and IHT continues to be a challenge. Regular meetings continue to

be held to streamline processes, resolve conflicts and ensure compliance with agreements.

- During Q16 the activities to create Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) have focused on compiling the documentation for incorporation of the Water Administration Boards (JAA). There was motivational follow up and training in the advantages of incorporation. A total of 113 JAA are undergoing the incorporation process; 28 have completed the process, and official formalization is underway for the other 85. The incorporated JAA have approved their internal regulations, which include the creation of PES mechanisms, and a percentage of the fees will be dedicated to that purpose. The other 85 JAA are expected to have been incorporated by the end of Q18.
- There was continued support to municipalities, community councils, JAA and local organizations to identify activities for increasing land cover and improve the quantity and quality of water in the watershed. The Q16 drought confirmed the communities' interest in protecting water sources and motivated them to request additional efforts from technical teams and the JAA to prevent forest fires, especially in the area of MCNP.
- The HidroSonic equipment for measuring flows and precipitation has been installed, and the quality of the data is being evaluated. To date there is a lack of consistency in the data reported by the equipment, and the validation stage has been prolonged so that the equipment can be checked to identify the cause of the errors. The idea of installing this kind of low-cost equipment to strengthen early warning systems is promising, but further testing time is indispensable for achieving the level of confidence necessary to introduce the technology on a more extensive basis.
- Meetings have continued with MiAmbiente and ICF to prepare the National Regulations for Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES). The technical team has been meeting weekly to make progress on the issue. At the same time, on a local level the technical personnel working on Payment for Ecosystem Services have participated in multiple meetings to help coordinate efforts on the issue and in training sessions with municipalities, UMA and regional and local organizations in order to promote the principles of PES and its benefits for communities as they become involved in the conservation of environmental goods and services.

CAPACITY TO MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE STRENGTHENED

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Year 4 Highlights

ProParque's Option Period objective in climate change adaptation is to improve the methodologies for identifying adaptation priorities for producers and communities via pilot programs in the agroforestry value chain subprojects and at a municipal and community level via coordination with the PES and DRR teams. This was achieved through the three prioritized activities that are described below:

Activity No. 1: Selected climate change adaptation activities identified and prioritized in action plans of CODEMs & CODELs.

In late 2014 the project undertook a participative review of the baseline tools and CODEM and CODEL plans for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events, based on results obtained through work done in the Base Period. This analysis led to the inclusion of select new elements (see ensuing section) so that after a second application of the vulnerability assessment tools in new communities and partner municipalities, the results will show improved attention to the area of climate change adaptation. In order to achieve this improvement, there was an effort to raise awareness with talks about the subject, dealing with climate change and carbon value in colloquial language, in addition to facilitating training sessions about climate change adaptation concepts. Efforts were also made to provide assistance to CODEMs in their analysis replications to ensure that lessons learned were applied at a local level. As the Year closed, project assisted CODEMs and CODELs had a better understanding of the practicalities of climate change; how to prioritize adaptation and mitigation measures; and how to insert tangible actions into their preparedness and response plans. Moving into Year 5, the project will continue to assist these groups to mainstream adaptation measures into their forward planning, and replicate the experience with groups that have not yet been trained.

Activity No. 2: Training on climate change adaptation in a holistic manner with project partners, and the piloting of adaptation strategies/actions at a watershed and community level.

This focused on municipal environmental management unit (UMA) partners and producers of sugarcane, sustainable cattle and cacao. The sugarcane partners have already been trained in climate information analysis to improve their decision making in the face of climate change; the training sessions included the participation of 13 leaders of producer groups and the MAPANCE economic growth specialist, who will be in charge of replicating the training for other producers. As a result of the process, it was possible to validate the content of the training materials so that they can continue to be used with other partners. The objective of the trainings was similar to that of working with the CODEMs and CODELs – to improve producer level understanding of climate change; share practical methods for identifying current and potential impacts; and integrate adaptation analysis and response into the strategic and tactical framework of the groups' operations, including the inclusion of climate smart agriculture best practices.

Activity No. 3: Identify best practices for climate change adaptation implemented in the improvement of agroforestry value chains and livelihoods.

To kick off this activity, all of the agroforestry partner baselines included primary climate change information that made it possible to identify changes perceived in the climate by producers and the principal impacts and the actions that the target producers and value chains clusters were/are carrying out. Using this information, the training and technical assistance plans (PCATs) for partners were upgraded to increase the emphasis on climate change and the inclusion of climate smart agriculture best practices. This integration process is being monitored by the project's climate change specialist as all 8 of the PCATs are implemented, and an impact assessment will be completed as part of the project's final phase.

Of note for partners in the coffee sector, an alliance was made by the project with the USAID Regional Climate Change Program (PRCC). In late 2014, the two projects made a joint agreement to prepare manuals on coffee production and climate change, which were subsequently used in the training of 48 Honduran facilitators from groups including IHCAFE, Beneficio Santa Rosa, HQC, Honduracafe, BECAMO, MAPANCE, and COHORSIL. These groups now have the capacity to estimate the vulnerability of producer families, as well as to offer options for mitigation and adaptation to climate change at a household, farm and producer

group level. This experience was a pilot program for the Central American region in strengthening climate change mitigation and adaptation processes in coffee producing families.

Also during the year, ProParque received 5 requests to share its vision of climate change adaptation in different national forums; participated as part of the Inter-institutional Technical Committee on Climate Change and of Mi Ambiente; and provided input for the Honduran report to the UNFCCC.

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

While full details regarding Q16 climate change adaptation activities are provided in the following section, some worth noting include:

- In order to follow up on local and municipal capacity building for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events, the project supported replication of previous project-led trainings by the Zacapa CODEM, which has shown particular interest in reducing CC vulnerability within their constituency. There was also an effort to integrate CODEM members in dynamic and integral training sessions, such as those held in July for all of the CODEL about managing shelters with a focus on human rights and gender equity.
- A second iteration of the project's highly regarded climate change educational material was produced during the quarter - "Don Pichi 2: Facing variability and climate change in Honduras". The new edition will be used to integrate climate issues into decision making and permit the implementation of specialized training sessions for UMA partners (as well as those in cacao agroforestry, sustainable livestock and sugarcane production), integrating the subject into a more complete training plan. The material was validated in a training session for leaders of project assisted sugarcane producing groups, who will then carrying out similar sessions supported by MAPANCE.



Don Pichi 2: Facing variability and climate change in Honduras

- One of the main achievements of the quarter was the training of 48 technicians (12 women and 36 men) as facilitators in the coffee value chain in coordination with the PRCC and CATIE with the participation of local partners like IHCAFE and the National Meteorological Service. During the workshop, feedback was provided on the facilitation manual for strengthening climate change adaptation approaches for coffee producing

families in Honduras, to ensure the document is adapted to the Honduran reality. This inter-institutional support between USAID projects will allow local and regional efforts to join forces in order to replicate successful initiatives in the coffee growing sector in the future.

- This trimester, there was continued support for Mi Ambiente in integrating local climate change adaptation schemes to be included in the country report being prepared for the CMNUCC.

CLEAN/ RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITATED

Year Four Highlights

The objective of the renewable energy sub-component in the project's second phase is to improve access to clean energy in at least 5,000 households. The goal by the end of Year 4 was to have enabled 2,000 households to change from traditional stoves to the improved "Justa" model, which is the preferred model in the project's area of influence. During the year, work was divided into three phases:

1. Establish municipal partnerships in target regions around Celaque and PANACAM.
2. Identify beneficiaries in the priority zones who are willing to provide the counterpart.
3. Construction and registry of the improved stoves.

In order to establish the commitment of the municipalities, the benefits of the improved stoves in terms of reducing deforestation and improving living standards were presented to municipal mayors and technicians from UMAs and similar units. It was also explained that USAID ProParque would contribute the stove kit: chimney, grill, combustion chamber and chimney cleaner. Since an improved stove costs around \$100, USAID ProParque's contribution would amount to approximately 33%, with the beneficiaries and the municipal town hall contributing the remainder.

By late 2014, a number of municipalities had committed themselves to identifying beneficiaries and supporting them with counterpart funding; generally the beneficiaries contributed between 37% and 50%, with the municipality covering the difference. Several of the municipalities sought support from other local actors to complete the counterpart and increase the number of beneficiaries. In some communities the counterpart was completed by Beneficio Sta. Rosa and the MAPANCE Local Economic Development Program (with funds from the European Union), and by Aqua Finca St. Peter Fish in the area of Lake Yojoa. In this way Commitment Letters were signed and construction arranged for 5,100 improved stoves in the municipalities of: Las Flores, San Manuel de Colohete, San Sebastian, San Marcos de Caiquín, Gracias, La Campa, Talgua and Belén in Lempira; San Pedro and Corquín in Copán; San Miguelito in Intibuca; San Francisco de Yojoa and Sta. Cruz de Yojoa in Cortés; San José de Comayagua and Taulabé in Comayagua; and Gualala and Llama in Sta. Bárbara.

Before identifying the beneficiaries, it was necessary to complete the purchase of the improved stove kits. In November 2014, there was a tender for the purchase of 700 of the 5,100 kits, since at that time only the municipalities of Las Flores and Belén had confirmed. The tender was awarded to AHDESA, and since it had also won the previous four tenders, it was decided to

prepare justification for a sole supplier and contract with AHDESA for the 4,400 remaining kits. This made it possible to plan delivery dates as soon as municipalities confirmed and had their counterparts ready. In addition, this also guaranteed the cost of the kits placed in the corresponding municipalities for the full planned 5,100. The purchase of the 700 kits requested in November 2014 was confirmed in December 2014, and delivery was made in February 2015. The first delivery of the second tranche of 4,400 kits was made in April 2015, and the remaining kits will be made in five deliveries, two of which have already been programmed.

With the kits purchased, the municipalities committed and the number of beneficiaries decided on, it was now necessary to identify the beneficiaries. They were sought in the areas that constitute the greatest threat to target watersheds. These areas were identified with support from the PES and Biodiversity teams. The identification of beneficiaries is not done all at once, but rather as the municipalities are ready to provide the counterpart funding; this is because if there is a delay in construction, it leads to a lack of confidence among the beneficiaries. In the West, the delivery of the first kits to previously identified beneficiaries in Belén, Talgua, San Manuel de Colohete and Gracias in Lempira and Corquín in Copán was made in February, and the identification process continues in the Western region; in the area of Lake Yojoa it didn't begin until June 2015 as the construction of stoves was not expected to start until August.

The construction of all stoves is carried out by micro-enterprise owners that were trained by USAID ProParque in the first phase of the project. In areas with a limited presence of ProParque-trained technicians, those that exist will train small groups of local builders in order to complete construction in the expected time. ProParque field staff will be in charge of supervising the training, delivery of counterparts and the construction. In addition, the GIS and Monitoring Units are geo-referencing all of the constructed stoves. Since September 15, 2,135 improved stoves have been constructed, and 66% of these have already been geo-referenced. The improved stoves constructed are distributed as follows:

Municipality	Improved stoves Constructed	Municipality	Improved stoves Constructed
Lempira		Intibucá	
Belén	500	San Miguelito	49
Las Flores	233	Copán	
San Manuel de Colohete	219	San Pedro	200
San Sebastián	117	Corquín	206
San Marcos de Caiquín	168	Cortés	
Gracias	43	Sta. Cruz de Yojoa	146
La Campa	79	Comayagua	
Talgua	52	San José de Comayagua	36
		Sta. Bárbara	
		Gualala	87

In addition to the improved stove construction supported by USAID ProParque, the Project has continued to promote the installation of photovoltaic systems and to facilitate the work of micro-entrepreneurs involved in their installation. Both in the Western region and the Lake Yojoa area, there are micro-entrepreneurs that have installed photovoltaic systems and even biodigesters, which they studied in level 2 of the Renewable Energy Business course. In January of this year,

nine of these systems were registered, but the registration process was suspended due to time constraints. The work is expected to continue once the registry of the improved stoves constructed in the Western region is completed. There have also been efforts to link the micro-entrepreneurs with other projects or organizations working on the installation of renewable energy systems, such as PODER/FHIS, PROFOGONES/Fundación Vida and Proyecto Sistemas Fotovoltaicos with Korean funds in PRONADERS and REDMICROH.

In addition to the activities focused on improving family access to clean energy, there was continued support for the sustainable management of systems connected to the grid, as including:

- In December 2014, the Project participated in a course called, “Water Governance and Socio-Environmental Management for Hydroelectric Development in Latin America,” held in Managua, Nicaragua by the International Centre for Hydropower (ICH) in cooperation with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Energy and MiAmbiente. The course introduced a “Good Practices Guide” and “Lessons Learned in the Socialization Process,” which were prepared by USAID ProParque with the US Forestry Service, MiAmbiente and AHPER in the project’s first phase. Course participants came from Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.
- In June of this year, materials were completed for a workshop on “Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Projects” to be held for both the public and private sectors in Component 2 of the Project. In addition to presenting participants with instruments prepared by USAID ProParque in the project’s first phase, additional presentations tailored to the audience and a case study for using as a group exercise were prepared. Two workshops were held, the first for ICF and MiAmbiente representatives; the second was for co-managers and REHNAP and MOCAHP members. Both workshops were held in August of this year.



Workshop on Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Projects

- Since January of this year, there has been collaboration with the Gender and Energy Network to share USAID ProParque success stories and discuss how they have promoted the integration of women into the labor market. To that end, the Project has given copies of success stories written by the Project to the Network, including “Promoting New Business

and Improved Practices in Families with Biodigesters,” “Communities Generate Economic Income Using Clean Energy” and “Improving Student and Community Lives with Clean Energy.” In addition, to better illustrate the Project’s work, three videos of USAID ProParque success stories were filmed – two about women entrepreneurs at PANACAM and La Tigra and the other about how women’s quality of life has improved as a result of their husbands’ training at Celaque. The videos were jointly made with the Network and the National Women’s Institute. The filming was begun in March, and the final edited version was presented in September.

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

While full details regarding work accomplished during the Quarter are available in the ensuing section, the following provides a snapshot of much of the Quarter’s activity.

- The main work during this period was continuing with the construction of improved stoves. Work was begun this quarter on socialization and construction in the Lake Yojoa area, and the majority of kits were delivered there. In August, the 4th lot of kits was distributed, 550 in the Lake Yojoa area and 200 in the western region.
- The improved stove project in the Lake area faced an additional challenge because Ms. Sara Rubio left the project, and a new person had to be trained. Ms. Alejandra Pinto began working with the Project improved stove initiative in the Lake area and has proved to be proactive and a fast learner. The municipalities have already confirmed their commitment, 460 kits ready for construction have been presented to the beneficiaries, and 269 improved stoves have been constructed by micro-entrepreneurs and local builders trained by USAID ProParque.
- This quarter, the RFI’s published about “Solar Mills” were reviewed with Agroforestry. The responses were not encouraging because although there is sufficient “know how” in the country, the price range presented was extremely high. Jorge Laínez suggested working on the issue with the ITRR as was done with the evaporators. A budget was prepared to consider the option.
- This quarter, the workshops on “Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Projects” were also held as part of Component 2 activities. Two workshops were held, one for the public sector and one for the private. Public sector attendees were mainly from ICF and MiAmbiente; attendees from the private sector included co-managers and REHNAP and MOCAHP members.
- The final versions of the videos prepared with the National Women’s Institute (INAM) and the Gender and Energy Network were received: one was filmed at PANACAM, one at La Tigra and the other at Celaque. Two of the videos were about women entrepreneurs and the other was about how women’s quality of life has improved as a result of their husbands’ training at Celaque. Although the videos were reviewed by USAID ProParque, it was not possible to influence the INAM filming style; nonetheless the videos illustrate the Project’s success stories in the field.

DISASTER VULNERABILITY REDUCED

Year Four Highlights

Continuing on track to surpass Option Period contractual goals, in Year Four the team completed all baseline vulnerability and training/capacity building needs analysis for 6 municipalities and 42 communities; completed the majority of procurement actions for equipping 6 CODEMs and 31 CODELs; completed a major diagnostic exercise with COPECO to identify gaps in the meteorological data gathering systems found (or not) in Western Honduras; identified the Early Warning System (EWS) needs of 14 priority municipalities; and piloted an innovative and low cost river level and rain gauge technology that sends data direct to local users via SMS and email. Additional information by task includes:

Establishment of Municipal and Community Baselines: During the quarter from October to December/14, 42 communities from the municipalities of La Campa, Cucuyagua, San Pedro Copan, Las Vegas and San Pedro Zacapa were selected according to pre-established criteria. Terms of reference were also prepared to contract two external consultants to provide support in the preparation of the baseline. In the quarter from January to March/15, a baseline study was carried out to determine the climate change adaptation and emergency response capacities of selected communities and municipalities with project consultants and technical personnel.

The study determined that 4 of the 6 participating municipalities and 39 of the 42 communities participating have **low level** capacity in the different aspects evaluated. This situation is mainly due to the lack of or weak local organization, lack of planning instruments or tools for proper risk management, lack of information or weak knowledge about risk management and high poverty rates (above 60%) of families living in at risk areas.

Organization of CODEMs and CODELs: In March/2015 the organization of 6 Municipal Emergency Committees (CODEM), composed of 44% women and 56% men was completed. In May/2015, the organization of 31 Local Emergency Committees (CODEL) was completed, and its members (on average) are composed of 37% women and 63% men. The integration of these organizations is constantly evolving so that the percentages of women and men may vary over time depending on the restructuring in each of the communities or municipalities. In the case of the CODEL, percentages of women during the last quarter increased from 31-37%, indicating a trend of greater participation of women in actions aimed at reducing risk in their communities, which can be interpreted as greater risk awareness prior to possible emergencies and disasters.

Training for Members of CODEMs and CODELs: Starting on June 2015, subsequent to the organization of communities and municipalities, training workshops began, covering the specific subjects identified and prioritized by the participants during the baseline meetings. The workshops focused on frequent threats to participants and their condition of vulnerability. The specific subjects addressed through September/2015 with the participation of members of the CODELs and CODEMs included:

- Gender and climate change adaptation
- Management of temporary shelters with a gender and human rights focus
- Socialization of the National Risk Management System (SINAGER) Law
- Methodological Guide for risk management at educational centers.

Through September 2015, a total of 456 people have been trained, 45% women and 55% men, which represents approximately 45% execution of training workshops for CODEM and CODEL.

No	Workshop Subject	Women	Men	Total Participants	Comment
1	Gender and climate change adaptation	65	57	122	Municipal training sessions were carried out.
2	Management of temporary shelters with gender and human rights focus	78	94	172	3 replication workshops with CODEL at Celaque pending.
3	Methodological Guide for risk management at educational centers.	59	76	135	Prepared in the framework of 4 workshops with CODEM.
4	Socialization of the National Risk Management System (SINAGER) Law	11	26	37	Developed with members of CODEM.

Subjects pending to complete the training process for members of CODEM and CODEL are:

1. Management of temporary shelters with a gender and human rights focus (3 replication workshops with CODEL at Celaque pending)
2. Simulations and drills
3. Damage and Needs Assessment (DANA)
4. First Aid, search and rescue
5. Communications and monitoring (interpretation and information flow)

Community and Municipal Planning for Adaptation and Response: In order to complete the community and municipal planning, the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) sub-component has defined four methodological steps:

1. Develop at least one participatory workshop with members of CODEL and CODEM to establish procedures for action in the 3 alert phases (green, yellow and red), and to determine climate change adaptation actions to reduce their vulnerability.
2. Prepare an inventory of resources available to communities and municipalities, which can be used to respond to any adverse event. In addition, georeference the field to establish a map of threats and resources for communities.
3. Prepare the plan document with all the information gathered through participatory workshops, field visits and secondary sources.
4. Final edition and formal delivery of plans to CODEM and CODEL participants.

The preparation of community and municipal plans began in May 2015. During Year 4, approximately 44% progress of the overall programmed goal for Phase II has been achieved; progress by municipality is detailed in the following table:

Municipality/Community	Participatory Workshops	Resource Inventory and Georeferencing for Maps	Preparation of Plan Document	Edition/Delivery of Plans	Progress %
La Campa	Completed	Completed	Completed		80
Cucuyagua	Completed	Completed			50
San Pedro Zacapa	Completed	Completed	In process		60
Las Vegas	Completed	Completed	In process		60
Taulabé	Completed	Completed	In process		60
San Manuel Colohete	Completed				40
Meámbar					0
San Pedro Copán					0

A total of 687 people participated in the plan preparation workshop, 43% women and 57% men. As reflected in these percentages, there has been a significant degree of integration of women; their participation in activities that involve learning exercises and analysis and reflection of the risk situation in their communities has created spaces for interaction and discussion between women and men, generating useful learning, ideas and contributions to decide on possible solutions to the existing risk management problems.

Equipping of CODEMs and CODELs: In March 2015, the list of goods for the equipment of CODEL and CODEM was defined based per results of the baseline study. The procurement process was completed through a bidding process in May 2015, and the transfer and distribution of the equipment to municipalities was conducted jointly with COPECO in August 2015. A total of 6 CODEM and 37 CODEL received basic equipment to strengthen their capacities to respond to the threats identified and prioritized according to the results of the baseline study.

The signing of letters of understanding with municipal governments to document the delivery of goods is still pending; 95% of the activity has been completed.



Delivery of Equipment to CODEMs and CODELs through COPECO

Improvement of Early Warning Systems: In December 2014, it was agreed with COPECO technical staff of the Department of Response and the Department of Technology and Communication to undertake a diagnosis of systems that manage data and information for EWS. It was established that the Ulua River basin would be the best geographic area to carry out a diagnosis of the following two aspects:

- Physical and operational condition of monitoring and data recording equipment that contribute to the emission of warnings and forecasts; conducted in March 2015 with the support of COPECO technicians, the National Weather Service and the National Water Resource Office.
- Study the feasibility of using radio communication technology through the official COPECO network in 14 municipal systems; this will strengthen and improve the existing network. The study was conducted in April 2015 together with COPECO technicians.

Based on the needs prioritized in the diagnosis, in September 2015 the tender process for the purchase of radio communication equipment began. The improvement process of EWS has been approximately 40% achieved.

Innovations in Data Capture for Decision Making: In keeping with the team's philosophy to always encounter innovative and effective development approaches and tools, the project teamed with DAI Corporate to pilot numerous low cost, open-source river level and rain gauges. One was installed in the municipality of Corquín in the Department of Copan, one in the municipality of Chinda in the Department of Santa Barbara, and another in the Tegucigalpa metro area in collaboration with the metro area CODEM. The stations, capable of being built and installed for between \$400 to \$500 each, work off the grid via solar power and can send real time data to local users and decision makers via SMS and via the web. Early results are mixed, with the technology and the precision of the data capture being validated, but with issues being encountered in the reliability and resilience of the units. See the section of Year Four PES activities for additional comments.

Noteworthy Q16 Activities

During Q16, the project continued to carry out programmed actions and activities focused mainly on follow up to training, preparation of community and municipal Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Emergency Response plans, provision of equipment to CODEM and CODEL and improvement of Early Warning Systems (EWS) in the most vulnerable areas. All of the activities and actions have been carried out jointly with strategic local USAID ProParque partners, and undertaken in the 8 target municipalities surrounding Celaque and 6 target municipalities of PANACAM.

Activities to be carried in the quarter from October to December/2015 will focus mainly on follow up on training to members of the Emergency Committees; preparation of municipal and community CCA and emergency response plans; completing the documentation of delivery of equipment to CODEL and CODEL; procurement of radio communication equipment; procurement of climatic stations to improve EWS; and implementation of monitoring mechanism for rainfall and overflowing of rivers and creeks by installing a water metering station in the municipality of San Pedro Zacapa, Department of Santa Bárbara.

The activities planned for the next quarter will also have the commitment and participation of national and local partners in order to achieve quantifiable results proposed by the sub-component.

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

The following are snapshots of the most noteworthy activities and support provided by the team's cross cutting support staff during Year Four. Additional information and details are available in Section III.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

Preparation of the Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Reports (EMMRs): In strict compliance with USAID Regulation 216, EMMR were prepared after the respective visits and coordinated work had been carried out with each area's responsible party, regardless of the implementation mechanism, purchase order or grant used. EMMR documents were prepared for all eight agroforestry activities, all pertinent tourism projects, all clean energy initiatives, relevant DRR activities, and any infrastructure related work under Component Two.

Updating the TAMIS Environmental Management System Database: As during the first phase, all the projects to be executed under any implementation mechanism were entered into the TAMIS Environmental Management System in order to facilitate control and monitoring of documentation. The database is being updated with the latest project modifications.

Implementation of environmental training processes on Regulation 216 for project executors: In order for all project partners undergoing the second implementation phase to comply with the provisions of USAID Regulation 216, a training process was prepared for them to learn about the regulation's scope and content during the respective evaluation and approval processes. The training process will guarantee compliance with the regulation and the effective environmental management of projects during their execution.

Monitoring and follow up on environmental monitoring and mitigation plans of each of the grants, donations and purchase orders in each of the components: In order to ensure the effective environmental management of projects and their compliance with environmental prevention and mitigation measures established in the EMMR Reports, an opportune monitoring and environmental follow up system was created, which involves making periodic visits to projects in coordination with the partners to follow up on environmental protection efforts with responsible parties. Such actions and reports have been documented.

Support and coordination with the components' different responsible parties and regional technicians with regard to the projects' environmental compliance action: Environmental control and monitoring actions to ensure environmental compliance of the projects were coordinated with component heads, especially with those who manage different projects. Monitoring visits and inspections were also planned jointly with partners.

Implementation of Training Plan for Environmental Municipal Units (UMA): A new training plan was prepared based on the UMA training plan designed and implemented during Phase I for the four (4) sustainable productive landscapes. The new plan incorporates the water management boards (JAA) and the Community Associations located in the project target area and focuses on integral watershed management. During its first phase, which begins in

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November 2015, the new training plan will be implemented at 23 UMA and 53 JAA distributed in the target areas of MCNP, Mount Santa Barbara NP and PANACAM. In addition, a baseline and diagnosis were prepared for the UMA and Technical Engineering Units of community associations in coordination with the evaluation and monitoring team. There was close coordination with the areas of PES, Climate Change Adaptation and Renewable Energy for the preparation of the Training Plan.

Support to Payment for Environmental Service (PES) Activities: The project supported the design and implementation of PES mechanisms at the different selected watersheds. It also coordinated institutional strengthening actions associated with the integration and legal incorporation of the water boards. In addition, planning, coordination and supervision was carried out at Community Assemblies that were attended by approximately 93 JAA distributed between MCNP and PANACAM. In February 2015, an Environmental Paralegal, who will be directly responsible for conducting the legal incorporation process of the JAA, joined the team.



Discussing and approving status to legalize waterboards in Campuca, Lempira

Support to Institutional Strengthening actions in the framework of PES: In the framework of the government of Honduras's strategy to establish norms for the implementation of PES mechanisms, since March 2015 support has been provided to MiAmbiente and the ICF in the process of drafting the norms to promote, regulate and implement PES mechanisms. The legal and institutional analyses have been carried out, as well as a workshop to prepare the norms. In addition, support was provided in preparing the final draft with the participation of ICF and MiAmbiente.

GENDER

This year, training activities on the subject of gender started once the component and sub-component partner baselines were completed. Noteworthy activities included:

- Four training sessions were held with the Risk Management sub-component. The sessions covered the following subjects: (1) Citizen participation in measures to adapt to climate change and risk management with a gender focus, and (2) Management of shelters with a gender and human rights focus.
- The events were taught by gender consultant Marle Ponce, a climate change specialist and two risk management technicians. The training sessions on climate change adaptation and risk management with a gender focus were attended by a total of 54 men and 63 women, representatives of CODEM and UMA, members of municipal corporations, the women's network, water boards and other community organizations that make up CODEL.
- The shelter management workshops with a gender and human rights focus had the participation of 23 men and 21 women.
- In the Forestry and Agroforestry sub-component, 2 training sessions were held with partners in the sugarcane, cattle raising and coffee value chains with the participation of 12 men and 4 women.
- Likewise, training materials with a gender focus were prepared for water boards and UMA that will be trained in the coming months. Work that will be carried out with MOCAPH and REHNAP during the next quarter was also established.
- Strong leadership potential was detected in men and women attending the workshops. These people could carry out local gender actions and raise awareness about the issue.



Participants Workshop on Management of shelters with a gender and human rights focus

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and Evaluation activities during Year Four focused on making the necessary adjustments in tools, measuring instruments and field verification to adequately represent the Project's progress and achievements, pursuant to the new requirements set out in the PMP. Activities carried out during the year involved establishment of baselines for new MSME beneficiaries in the Agroforestry and Tourism components; preparation of community and municipal baselines to measure local capacities for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events; registration and characterization of households benefiting from improved stoves; registration of new CODEM and CODEL; registration of UMA and Water Boards; and providing support to partners in the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation plans for each of the sub-projects.

Noteworthy activities during the year included the review and adjustments to the DQA for each of the new indicators, as well as the development of a group of methods, instruments, tools and databases that are in line with the adjusted analysis plan for this project phase; this will be used as a means of verification and support documentation, which will guarantee data quality. The information system has a technological infrastructure and platform that supports and provides information to all users.

All actions carried out to ensure support documentation for TAMIS, which demonstrates USAID ProParque's compliance with all the results reported for each of the components during the year have been carried out.

GIS SUPPORT

The GIS team was constantly on the move in Year Four, providing assistance to all technical teams. Noteworthy contributions by area included:

Tourism: The tourism component received support in the preparation of maps in the framework of the Birdwatching strategy. The support involved providing materials for training sessions and workshops and location maps of strategic birdwatching regions. Maps were also prepared for the different trails in the Gracias destination and for coffee routes in the project's target regions.



Map of Coffee Route

Agroforestry / Forestry: Location maps were prepared for the coffee, cacao, sugarcane and livestock farms in the different clusters attended by project. Interactive maps were prepared with the achievements represented graphically; these can be found on the project website and include qualitative and quantitative data. In addition, a database was created and then processed with the Tableau ® software.

A workshop on proper GPS use was held for the ProParque technical team in two stages: the first stage covered theoretical aspects, such as the textual basis for operation and different use applications, in addition to the different errors that may occur in the field. The second stage involved the practical phase, in which project technicians and workshop facilitators traveled to La Tigra National Park to make practical applications of the subjects studied, such as the geographic location of a certain point, correct reading and prevention of geospatial errors.

Support was provided to the workshop for the introduction of new members in the western region and PANACAM. The workshop covered the following subjects: georeferencing, error sources, importance of data accuracy, different formats to represent coordinates and proper GPS use.

Biodiversity Conservation: The biodiversity component received support in the preparation of trail maps at Mount Celaque and Cerro Azul Meámbar National Parks, in addition to creating slope profiles.

Interactive maps were drawn up using the Google Maps platform. The maps graphically represent the component's goals and achievements during the project's first stage.

Support was provided in redefining the limits of Mount Celaque jointly with the Institute of Forest Conservation and Wildlife. Also in the same framework, support was given to redefining the limits of the core zone of Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park, together with the Global Village Program.

With support from ProParque, coverage, ecosystem and location maps were printed for private nature reserves (PNR) that are currently undergoing the certification process.

Support was provided in preparing maps for the PNR management plan and ecological integrity workshops. The following maps were prepared: hazard maps, tourism strategy maps, signposting maps, trail maps, coverage and current land use maps and boundary maps. The ecological integrity rates were also calculated based on the connectivity of forest cover at each PNR.

Renewable Energy: Support was provided in preparing location maps of photovoltaic systems and eco stoves that were built during the project's first stage. In addition, georeferencing of improved stoves was carried out in the Gracias, Lempira region.

Location maps of municipalities that have benefited from the construction of eco stoves were also prepared.

Disaster Risk Reduction: Location maps of the priority communities with regard to Disaster Risk Reduction were prepared. The geographical database of settlements in the municipalities was also updated.

Support in the preparation and printing of location maps for radio stations in at risk communities and for river metering stations in regions at risk of flooding.

Climate Change Adaptation: The project contributed to the preparation of interpretation maps for survey questions focused on climate change in order to create a baseline of new partners.

Interactive maps to represent the achievements of the climate change component were also prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

In order to achieve the optimum visibility for each of the Project's activities during the year, the communications area was involved in the majority of the components' activities, providing graphic and organizational support and preparing newsletters, press releases and support and audiovisual materials that adequately publicize the Project's work.

During the quarter, the Project produced a video about the successful experience of a cacao processing center constructed for the Copracajul cooperative in phase 1. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lwy0yHaAMRE>)

The Project participated in different events promoted by its different components, and press coverage was provided when necessary.

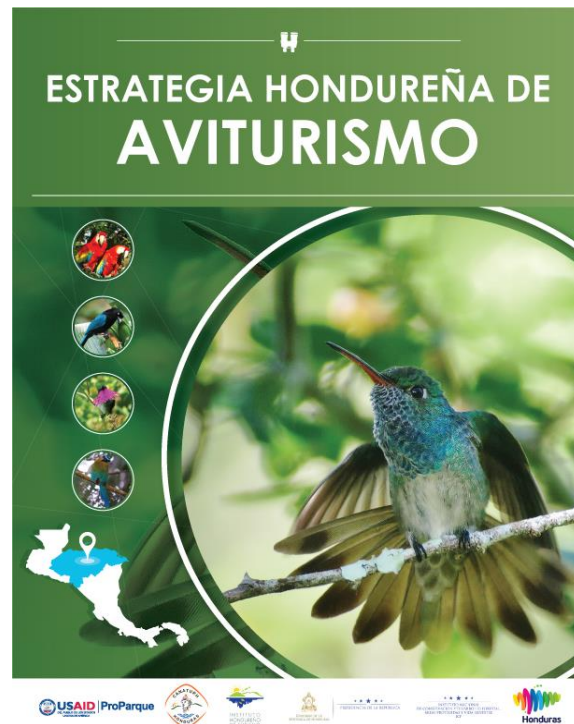
In a staffing change during the Quarter, the team lost Gabriela Villeda who resigned for personnel reasons; however she was replaced by Eva Castro at the beginning of Q16.



LOOKING FORWARD TO YEAR FIVE AND Q17

Projected activities and deliverables for Q17 are provided in Section 3 and supporting narratives. In general, Q17 is projected to be a time of routine activity however as noted below, the Quarter will also see the culmination of several high profile project endeavours such as the public launch of the national bird watching tourism strategy. Important Q17 events and anticipated milestones include:

- Launch of National Bird Watching Tourism Strategy on November 9th, in collaboration with IHT, ICF and CANATURH.



- Participation in the 3rd Annual Meeting of Inter-American Small Hotels in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- First Annual Lago Yojoa Birding Blitz, November 19 through the 22nd. In collaboration with ASHO, private operators, the Lago Yojoa Chamber of Tourism, and the USFS.
- Participation by REHNAP and project advisors in the 11th Annual Latin American Congress for Private Nature Reserves in San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Completion of intensive training for MOCAPH, ICF, REHNAP and other interested parties in the design and implementation of Public Use Plans and environmental interpretation, facilitated by Jon Kohl and the PUP Alliance.
- Participation in the 2nd Annual Congress of Investigation for Forestry, Protected Areas and Wildlife.

- Completion of all ecological integrity and threat assessment analysis in priority private reserves and public PAs.
- Continued consolidation of up to an additional 30 PSE mechanisms, including sustainability trainings focused on transparent administration of the mechanisms.
- Continued field testing of tools for assessing climate change vulnerability and the subsequent design of Adaptation Action Plans with coffee sector partners, as well as initial discussions with key informants for a possible adaptation of the methodology to the cocoa sector.
- Completion of all improved cook stove installations in the Western region, leaving only the work around the Lago Yojoa are to be completed.
- Procurement of all necessary hardware for filling gaps in CODEM and CODEL Early Warning Systems, as well as the procurement of hardware and instrumentation for priority meteorological and stream gauge improvements.

It is important to note that Q17 is also the first trimester of the last year of the project per the current contractual terms. Keeping in synch with DAI and USAID policies for closing down projects, field operations are scheduled to conclude at the end of June 2016 (slightly less than 90 days before the contract end date), with the Gracias and Siguatepeque field offices closing at the same time. Barring a situation where the project might be extended or rolled over into a new initiative, the majority of staff will also be let go at that time, with only the senior advisors and admin staff staying on to write final reports and perform other closedown tasks.

As can be seen at the beginning of this Annual Report, the team has already met or exceeded many Option Period goals, and the Contractor is highly confident that the remainder will also be met or surpassed by the June 2016 conclusion of field work. The fact that the project is entering its final phase also implies that the upcoming quarters will see an increase in activities focused upon ensuring sustainability; the rolling out of transition and exit strategies; and the capture and dissemination of lessons learned, impact achieved and recommendations for future actions. These activities will be discussed at the proper time with USAID and included in future quarterly reports.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND/OR EVENTS BY INTERMEDIATE RESULT (IR)/SUB IR

IR 2.1 – RURAL MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE GROWTH INCREASED

Tourism

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions taken place during the quarter, observations / comments and next steps that will be carried out in the subsequent period.

TABLE 3: RURAL MSME ACCESS TO INPUTS, PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR MARKET PARTICIPATION IMPROVED

<p>Activity 1: Capacity building for hotel owners –SICCS regulation certification</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200,000 in new MSME (Hotels) Investment. • 80 Hotels adopting new input, technologies and practices. • 80 Hotels implementing best business practices. • 50 Hotels obtaining SICCS certification to meet market standards. • 1 new company providing BDS services to Hotels.
<p>Status: Subcontract signed and under execution with the Honduran Association of Small Hotels (HOPEH), to train 50 hotels in SICCS Norms in 2015. Technical assistance being executed.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOPEH capacities developed: The norms were socialized at 5 destinations, and 50 hotels have agreed to implement them. (List of MSMEs implementing SICCS Standards in Annex C) • Lake Yojoa: 2 • La Esperanza: 8 • Copán Ruinas: 20 • Gracias: 20 • Progress on SICCS technical assistance at hotels: • SICCS socialization workshops completed at the 5 destinations; the last workshop was held this quarter • At Copán Ruinas on July 13 with 17 participants. • Diagnoses carried out at 20 hotels and first technical assistance completed at Gracias and La Esperanza in the months of June and July. • 3 collective technical assistance courses planned in: Quality Control and Documentation Systems, Risk and Contingency Management, Environmental Management Planning. Persons trained to date: • 51 people in Risk Prevention Plans; the workshop was given in September by José María Navarro and Carmen Lorena Alvarado from COPECO in the areas of Lake Yojoa, Gracias, Santa Rosa de Copán and Copán Ruinas. • 37 people in Quality Control and Documentation Systems; the workshop was given in September by INFOP consultant, Fernando MacCarthy, in the areas of Lake Yojoa, La Esperanza, Gracias, Santa Rosa de Copán and Copán Ruinas. • National capacity to implement SICCS: • The Country Delegation is working with the Honduran Organization for Standardization (OHN) to streamline the norms pursuant to international ISO norms. • New companies provided with business development services: • Grupo Invasa and ABC radio: Broadcasters that provide coverage of different events and promote tourist 	

<p>destinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramón Santos (Gracias, Lempira): Development of promotional and publicity materials for cultural events at Gracias. • Smart 4: Financial counselling for small and medium tourism companies; specialists in refinancing and debt consolidation.
<p>Observations/Comments: Activity carried out on time; CANATURH and HOPEH collaborated to ensure that the collective formation sessions were carried out in a homogenous form with hotels and restaurants. Each sector is progressing at its own pace in the individual counselling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHT has provided technical personnel for the formation of SICCS counsellors for hotels and training in Environmental Management Planning as part of the collective training for companies, which is part of the global technical assistance process for implementation of the norms. • In addition, IHT has supported the mobilization of hotel advisors to the different destinations. • IHT and INFOP have begun the process of recruiting companies in the Bay Islands and Trujillo as part of their own efforts to replicate the pilot project in new areas.
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue technical assistance • Program audits

<p>Activity 2: Develop capacities in restaurants to adopt good operational practices – SICCS regulation certification</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 in new MSME (Restaurants) Investment • 50 Restaurants adopting new input, technologies and practices • 50 Restaurants implementing best business practices • 50 restaurants obtaining SICCS certification leading to meet market standards
<p>Status: Subcontract signed and under execution with the National Chamber of Tourism, CANATURH, to train 50 restaurants in the SICCS Norms during 2015. CANATURH and INFOP have joined forces to provide technical assistance for the implementation of the norms at the restaurants. Last stage of technical assistance.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 restaurants have received technical assistance in the quarter (List in Annex): • 10 in Gracias • 13 at Lake Yojoa • 13 in Santa Rosa de Copan • 14 in La Esperanza • The 50 restaurants have been completely diagnosed and have received improvement plans based on the diagnosis and on the requirements of the norms, which have been updated on each of the 3 visits carried out by the advisors to date. The greatest challenge for the restaurants is systems management, which requires the preparation of quality registries and procedure manuals. • 3 counsellors provided technical assistance: • Ángela Hernández, Santa Rosa de Copán and La Esperanza • Karla Maradiaga, Lake Yojoa • Zenia Paz, Gracias • Karla Maradiaga and Zenia Paz were contracted by INFOP to support the process; their travel costs and logistics are covered by CANATURH. • National capacity to implement SICCS: Cooperation among member institutions of the Country Delegation has been strengthened. IHT, CANATURH and INFOP have been coordinating efforts for successful implementation of the norms both in restaurants and hotels at the 5 destinations. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Honduran Standardization Organization (OHN) is actively participating in the SICCS normalization process as a member of the Technical Certification Committee.
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity carried out on time and with a high possibility of finishing this stage by December 2015. It is necessary to negotiate with IHT and INFOP for funds to follow up on the restaurants in 2016.
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with technical assistance Present audit reports to Technical Certification Committee.

<p style="text-align: center;">Activity 3. Train local and national tourism guides</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 independent tour guides adopting new input, technologies and practices 40 independent tour guides implementing best business practices 2 new organizations/companies providing BDS/extension services to MSMEs 40 guides trained increasing tourism sector and brokers capacity to meet market standards and demand
<p>Status: Manual to prepare national and local guides reviewed and approved by INFOP. New study curriculum for national and local guides prepared and approved by INFOP. Support provided to IHT for socialization of the new Tourist Guide Regulations and for preparation of accreditation guidelines for universities wishing to offer Tourist Guide Programs. UNITEC has confirmed its interest in developing a Tourist Guide diploma course based on the prepared curriculum. ProJoven is coordinating with different organizations by region to implement the formation process; these will act as BDS for this service.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of final changes to the manual, which has been approved by INFOP, for use in the first validation course. Socialization of the manual and the curriculum with key actors, including 4 universities. The first pilot formation session for guides was coordinated with ProJoven. Open call for guide formation with support from the ProJoven project through INFOP. 20 local birdwatching specialist guides trained with the manual designed by USAID ProParque in different regions of the country. 	
<p>Observations/Comments: The possibility of offering courses or programs for guides will be broached with different universities.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit and print the Tourist Guide Manual. Negotiate its publication with ProJoven. With support and backing from IHT, distribute the manual and curriculum approved by INFOP to universities interested in providing formation for tourist guides. Complete the final list of course participants by area. 	

Activity 4: Institutional Strengthening of Local Tourism Chambers in the West	Expected Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing tourism sector capacity to meet market standards • Reduce the competitiveness barrier of low local capacity
Status: CANATURH grant "Institutional Strengthening of Three Local Tourism Chambers" at Santa Rosa de Copán, Gracias and Lake Yojoa under execution.	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual operational plans: Annual operational plans prepared and under execution for the Chambers of Tourism in Santa Rosa de Copán, Gracias and Lake Yojoa. • The Honduras Travel web page is being continuously updated and has been streamlined to make it more user friendly. This quarter the site received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hits: 17,167 • Users: 18,809 • Pages seen: 46,654 • 35% of the sessions are in English. • 85% are new sessions. • Countries visiting the page: US (6,221 sessions), Honduras (5,660 sessions), Guatemala (1,261), Spain (785), Other countries with high traffic levels: Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Brazil and Argentina (between 500 and 800 sessions) • Most viewed content: In Spanish (sun & beach, nature, adventure and culture), In English (adventure, culture, archeology, birdwatching) • Most viewed content: Bay Islands and the western region • Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fan page has been created for each of the destinations with information about the tourism facilities and the attractions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Yojoa Fan Page: 16,000 followers (national and international). • Santa Rosa de Copán Fan Page: More than 2,500 followers • Gracias, Lempira Fan Page: More than 5,000 followers • Three of the destinations have been trained in the development and use of social media marketing as a tool for promoting tourism. • Persons trained in social media marketing and corporate image development: • Lake Yojoa: Local Yojoa Tours operator trained in fan page follow up and monitoring and 2 Board of Directors members trained in the use of social media marketing and corporate image. • Santa Rosa de Copán: In July, 5 representatives from the destination were trained; they were affiliated with the Santa Rosa de Copan Chamber of Tourism, and included its Director and two Board members who were trained in managing and monitoring the destination Fan Page ("Santa Rosa de Copan Oficial"). • 35 people were trained in Tourism Culture on August 19; they included members of the National Tourism Police, and the transportation service of Santa Rosa de Copan. • The Lake Yojoa Chamber of Tourism was trained about how to organize the discussion board held with President Hernández at PANACAM on May 16. • 41 people were trained about the new DEI receipt process. • Technical support in streamlining the destinations' tourism potential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to three destinations (Santa Rosa de Copán, Gracias and Lake Yojoa) and to MSMEs in Gracias to organize their offering of nature and adventure sports activities for presentation at the Expo Extreme Fair on June 26 and 27 at Mall Multiplaza, Tegucigalpa and sponsorship support to CANATURH to organize the event. • Support to the Lake Yojoa destination to organize their participation in the Expo Feriadito on September 11 and 12 at City Mall. (Their participation was motivated in a sustainable fashion.) • The destination's attractions and services were promoted for the Triatlón 2015 on June 6-7 in Honduras Tips with an article about Lake Yojoa. • Technical support for the convention bureau service at Santa Rosa de Copán to be offered by the local Chamber of Tourism and for the organization of the second Sustainable Rural Tourism Congress. • Formalization of companies: Support to tourism service providers at Lake Yojoa in formalizing their companies. 	

Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Board of Directors. The Lake Yojoa Chamber has a new board of directors, which has spurred activities in the area. A direct link has been established with the destination's Chamber of Tourism for promoting the birdwatching products in Honduras. (We motivated participation in field activities with a local club called Chlorophonia) The Gracias Chamber of Tourism has undergone a reorganization process, changing its president three times in the past year, which has impeded its institutional strengthening. In the last quarter the Gracias Chamber concentrated on organizing the Gracias Convoca event; this limited its ability to deal with other activities given its limited structure. The Santa Rosa de Copán Chamber of Tourism will elect a new board of directors in the near future.
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the institutional strengthening activities for the Chambers. Collaboration and direct support for the organization of the Festival Protolenca 2016 at Lake Yojoa, including a workshop with an expert anthropologist to develop the festival's concept; it is programmed for October 17. New training sessions in customer service, tourism culture and social media marketing for tourism businesses, corporate image development and the new DEI receipt process.

TABLE 4: RURAL MSME ACCESS TO NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES INCREASED

Activity 1: New tourism products in Protected Areas	Expected Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 brokers/operators piloting new products in natural areas, leading to increase visitation rates. Increased tourism sector activity resulting in new sales, investment and employment.
Status: An agreement was signed between the Gracias Chamber of Tourism and MAPANCE, co-manager of Celaque, to coordinate the implementation of the Celaque PUP with participation of the public and private sectors. There has been no progress since the signing.	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to birdwatching activities in protected areas. Support to 2 tourism operators in Gracias: Beaks and Peaks and Gracias Tours, which are offering nature-oriented activities in Celaque. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of the adventure tourism activities in Gracias Lempira are related with Celaque, as documented above. The birdwatching activities related with the PUP are documented in the birdwatching section. Component 2 of project biodiversity will deal with the concrete progress of the PUP. Progress on commercial services in protected areas is documented in the report of the biodiversity component. 	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with the implementation of birdwatching activities in protected areas. 	

<p style="text-align: center;">Activity 2. Creation of Western Coffee Trail as a regional tourism product</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new brokers providing market linkages to MSMEs. • 10 MSMEs accessing new market opportunities through a broker. • Increased tourism sector activity resulting in new sales, investment and employment.
<p>Status: National strategy for the development of the Coffee Trail developed in coordination with IHT, IHCAFE and HWC.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Sustainable Rural Tourism Congress on September 25, the component made two presentations: Rural Tourism and the Culture of Coffee; and Birdwatching. This will contribute to strengthening the Coffee Trail. • We supported the IHT and IHCAFE in the preparation of the strategy to develop the Coffee Trail. • A diagnostic visit was made to coffee farms, cafeterias, restaurants and hotels identified by the HWC to be part of the Western Coffee Trail, and an inventory of the services was prepared. • At ExpoCopán 2015, there was coordination with Honduras Western Coffee regarding a Barista Contest and a coffee beverage contest. There was also promotion of the farms identified on the Coffee Trail. • The relationship between CANATURH SRC and HWC was consolidated for the organization of future ExpoCopan events. 	
<p>Observations/Comments: The IHT wants to launch the Coffee Trail on November 10; key actors involved in the Coffee Trail will meet to make concrete progress in late October.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on the development of the Trail. A technical consultant in good hotel and restaurant practices will be contracted to strengthen the businesses identified for the Trail. • Work jointly with HWC and IHCAFE on a coffee tourism manual. 	

<p style="text-align: center;">Activity 3. Promotion and advancement of bird watching as a key national tourism sector</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new brokers providing market linkages to MSMEs. • 20 MSMEs accessing new market opportunities through a broker. • Increasing tourism sector capacity to meet market standards with 10 new specialized bird watching guides. • Increased tourism sector activity resulting in new sales, investment and employment.
<p>Status: Development of the Honduran Birdwatching Strategy with actors from the public and private sectors.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work preparing and reaching a consensus on the Honduran Birdwatching Strategy. The strategy has been finalized and is ready to be reviewed by IHT and ICF authorities. The launch of the Strategy was postponed because the Honduran President wishes to participate so the event must be timed according to his agenda. Currently the date has been set for November 9 in Morazán Room at the Presidential Palace. • Participation in specialized birdwatching fairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BirdFair from August 21- 23 in Rutland, England: 4 national guides participated. • The IHT provided the country stand at the Fair, in addition to covering the air fare for the guides and a representative. ProParque provided the per diem expenses of the 4 guides and assisted in the 	

<p>preparation of publicity, in addition to coordinating with the IHT. The Honduran stand received many visitors; approximately 300 potential clients received information about Honduras, including the material prepared by the Project.</p> <p>The guides were able to negotiate trips with an average of around 12 companies each, and closed a deal at the fair for tours involving at least 40 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized birdwatching events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birding Blitz: We completed the organization of the Lake Yojoa Birding Blitz, which will be held from November 19 to 22, 2015. Beaks and Peaks is in charge of selling the packages for the event. Accounting for the event is the responsibility of the Honduran Ornithology Association (ASHO), and Yojoa Tours tour operator is responsible for transportation. The US Forest Service is providing support to promote the event in the US. Beaks and Peaks will promote the Birding Blitz in 2015 and 2016 at specialized fairs in Ohio, England and Holland and to European birdwatching clubs. Honduras Birding for Conservation Tour 2016: ProParque will collaborate with the sector to hold a Birding tour and Rally in Honduras from November 4-13, 2016. The Project will prepare the banners for the event to be used at the Ohio fair and will help to prepare a dedicated web page for the event.
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <p>CANATURH and IHT have demonstrated their interest in developing a birdwatching product by implementing the Honduran Birdwatching Strategy.</p>
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of the Honduran Birdwatching Strategy. Complete the final version of the manual to train specialized birdwatching guides. Support the guides in their international promotional trips. Work with the US Forest Service to develop a birdwatching tour proposal and to train birdwatching tour leaders. Participation in the American Birding Expo from October 2-4 at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Columbus, Ohio. ProParque supported the birdwatching tour operator, Beaks and Peaks with information, country materials and payment for the stand.

<p>Activity 4.</p> <p>Promotion of regional cultural tourism events and products</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased tourism sector activity resulting in new sales, investment and employment. Increase local capacity to replicate the events annually.
<p>Status:</p> <p>Cultural activities with support from the CANATURH grant "Institutional Strengthening of Three Local Tourism Chambers"</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ExpoCopan 2015 (April 12-19): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We supported the event's organization and preparation of the report on results; there were approximately 25,000 visitors; 25% of them were national visitors. Approximately L. 12,500,000 of working capital was generated. The ExpoCopan 2015 Result Report and Financial Statement were prepared. Factors that will contribute to the sustainability of the event: the event was co-organized with the Municipal Town Hall in the framework of the city's anniversary with Honduras Western Coffees (HWC), Centro de las Artes y Patrimonio (CAP) and the Santa Rosa de Copán Chamber of Tourism. There were 41 sponsors in cash and kind and 72 stands. Gracias Convoca (From July 1-21, a number of artistic expositions were inaugurated and the festival was 	

<p>held from July 22 to 26.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event, which was organized by the local Chamber of Tourism, had the participation of 167 artists. • Cultural activities were carried out in 23 parts of Gracias and the municipality of Belén. • Hotel occupancy during the festival was from 90-100% • The Honduran government through the municipality of Gracias complied with its commitment of economic support for holding the event. • Festival Protolenca (date to be defined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided to hold the festival at a park called, Eco-Arqueológico Los Naranjos. • Anthropological experts have been hired to provide training on the history of the Lake's watershed in order to establish the festival's concept. The training sessions will begin in October.
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Festival Protolenca at Lake Yojoa.

<p>Activity No. 5. Development of Western Honduran Cuisine as tourism attraction</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased tourism sector activity resulting in new sales, investment, employment. • 15 Restaurants adopting new input, technologies and practices. • 15 Restaurants accessing new market opportunities through a broker.
<p>Status: This activity was planned, but will not be executed because the product requires significant investment of both money and time in order for the interventions to be effective. The destinations that we worked with are not prepared for this activity, and it is has not been possible to generate the energy and the platform to launch the product. Developing the activity properly will require a minimum of four years.</p>	

<p>Activity No. 6. Analyze role and impact of small crafts and artisan in local economy</p>	<p>Expected Results: Value chain assessment with recommendations for future investment (if any) in small crafts and artisan products in Western Honduras, either by the project or others.</p>
<p>Status: Another planned activity that will not be executed due to the high cost of raw materials and the limited amount of tourism received by Honduras except for the Bay Islands. Sales of local handicrafts are limited and it is not perceived as a profitable activity. There are other international cooperation projects that support artisans, and the planned ProParque investment would not make a significant difference. Working successfully in the field of handicrafts would require an investment of at least four years, which the Project is unable to provide.</p>	

Activities for Q17 are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Tourism.

Forestry/Agroforestry

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps that will be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 5: Q 16 RURAL FORESTRY/AGROFORESTRY MSME GROWTH INCREASED

Activity 1: Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at MCNP	Expected Results: a) 1,000 coffee MSMEs applying BAP and BMP b) 1,000 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. c) 1 broker providing information about markets, quality standards and financing to 1,000 coffee MSMEs. d) 14 base organizations with improved business practices
Status: Deliverables 1 and 2 presented and preparing progress report for deliverable 3.	
Actions during Quarter: a) Report corresponding to deliverable 3 was presented. b) Currently executing PCAT for 1,000 families, of which 400 are new. 918 producers certified with at least one socio-environmental seal.	
Observations/Comments: The project is being executed through a co-investment with the company Beneficio Santa Rosa S. A.	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliverable 4: Progress report on the implementation of the training and technical assistance plan (PCAT) for 1,000 MSMEs (November 13, 2015). 	

Activity 2: Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca I BR	Expected Results: a) 250 coffee MSMEs applying BAP and BMP b) 250 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. c) 1 broker providing information about markets, quality standards and financing to 250 coffee MSMEs. d) 2 base organizations with improved business practices
Status: Milestones 1, 2 and 3 presented.	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milestone 4 being prepared and reviewed pursuant to the PCAT progress report (September 30, 2015). 98 of the 250 producers certified by Fairtrade USA and 93 under certification process. Execution of PCAT in Milestone 5, 	
Observations/Comments: Executed through co-investment with Beneficio Santa Rosa S. A	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 5: PCAT Annual implementation report (December 30, 2015).	

Activity 3: Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca II BR	Expected Results: e) 250 coffee MSMEs applying BAP and BMP f) 250 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. g) 1 broker providing information about markets, quality standards and financing to 250 coffee MSMEs.
Status: Milestones 1 and 2 delivered and approved	
Actions during Quarter: a) Milestone 3: Execution of PCAT and certification process begun.	
Observations/Comments: Executed through co-investment with Fundación Co.Hondurcafe.	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 4: Quarterly report No. 3 (December 30, 2015)	

Activity 4: Production and marketing of sugarcane panels at MCNP	Expected Results: a) 43 MSMEs applying BAP and BMP in cultivation and manufacturing. b) At least 43 MSMEs using ecological ovens and evaporators in sugarcane panel production. c) 43 MSMEs know about quality standards for the local and regional market.
Status: Milestones 1, 2, 3 and 4 presented and approved	
Actions during Quarter: a) Milestone 5: Installation of new processing centers. b) Milestone 6: First PCAT progress report, implementation process of BAP and BMP for producers	
Observations/Comments: Co-investment with MAPANCE and support from Vermont University.	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 7: At least 30 existing processing centers improved (October 2015). b) Milestone 8: Second PCAT progress report, implementation process of BAP and BMP for producers (October 2015). c) Milestone 9: Final report (December 30, 2015)	

Activity 5: Field Schools for the production and marketing of milk and meat at MCNP	Expected Results: a) 200 milk and meat MSMEs applying BAP and BMP. b) At least 7 Field Schools legally incorporated. c) 200 milk and meat MSMEs know about quality standards of local and regional markets
Status: Milestones 1, 2 and 3 approved	
Actions during Quarter: Milestone 4: Implementation of the animal health modules; negotiation tables; purchase and sale of milk and meat; and environmental management of livestock farms.	
Observations/Comments: Co-investment with UNA.	
Next Steps: Milestone 5: PCAT execution report including the module on genetic improvement and animal breeding (December 30, 2015)	

Activity 6: Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at Cerro Azul Meámbar NP (PANACAM)	Expected Results: a) 300 coffee MSMEs applying BAP and BMP. b) 100 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. c) 1 broker providing information about markets and quality standards to 300 coffee MSMEs. d) 5 base organizations with improved business practices.
Status: Milestones 1 and 2 approved.	
Actions during Quarter: a) Milestone 3: Implementation of PCAT for 300 MSME families.	
Observations/Comments: Executed through co-investment with COHORSIL.	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 4: Annual PCAT implementation report (December 15, 2015).	

Activity 7: Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	Expected Results: a) 400 coffee MSMEs applying BAP and BMP. b) 400 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. c) 1 broker providing information about markets, quality standards and financing to 400 coffee MSMEs. d) 5 base organizations with improved business practices
Status: Milestones 1 and 2 approved.	
Actions during Quarter: a) Milestone 3: Execution of PCAT for 400 MSME families.	
Observations/Comments: Executed through co-investment with Fundación Co.Honducate.	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 4: buying and selling of 2015-2016 contracts (October 30, 2015). b) Milestone 5: Annual PCAT implementation report (December 30, 2015).	

Activity 8: Promoting the production and marketing of cacao in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	Expected Results: a) 200 cacao MSMEs applying BAP and BMP. b) 100 MSMEs certified by Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, 4C, etc. c) 1 broker providing information about markets, quality standards and financing to 200 MIPYME de cacao. d) 2 base organizations with improved business practices.
Status: Milestone 1 and 2 approved.	
Actions during Quarter: a) Execution of PCAT for 200 MSME families.	
Observations/Comments: Executed through co-investment with COAGRICAL cooperative.	
Next Steps: a) Milestone 4: Report document (December 30, 2015).	

Activity 9: Strengthening of the HWC Designation of Origin and Geographical Indication	Expected Results: a) Equipment of HWC quality laboratory to train coffee tasters and certify quality of coffee exported by partners b) 25 young people trained in coffee tasting
Status: RFA formulated (No progress has been made).	
Actions during Quarter: Preparation of proposal.	
Observations/Comments: HWC has approximately 1,000 producers and 14 base organizations.	
Next Steps: Send proposal to Selection and Approval Committee.	

Activity 10: Support the development of the COMAYAGUA and Santa Bárbara coffee brands and designation of origin	Expected Results: a) Base documents prepared for designation of origin. b) Process initiated
Status: Workshop to identify necessary actions and support from USAID ProParque (No progress has been made)	
Actions during Quarter: Identification of actions	
Observations/Comments: The Comayagua and Santa Bárbara denomination of origin is an initiative from different actors in the region's coffee value chain, including IHCAFE, base associations, COHORSIL, etc.	
Next Steps: a) Establishment of terms of reference. b) Identification of consultants for base studies.	

Q17 Activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Agroforestry/Forestry.

IR 2.2 – HONDURAN BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVED

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps that will be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 6: Q16 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Activity No. 1: University Alliances	Expected Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 alliances established to conduct ecological monitoring fieldwork. (Result 2.2.1.1) • Biological monitoring on priority conservation targets: birds and felines
<p>Status:</p> <p>The following alliances were made during the quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPANCE- Calgary University, Canada. • PAG- Honduran Ornithology Association (ASHO) • MAPANCE- CUROC. <p>The following alliances for biological monitoring and research are under negotiation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAG- UNAH Biology Department: A draft agreement has been approved by both parties. • MAPANCE- UNAH Biology Department. • PAG- INCEBIO: Draft agreement has been prepared. • Agreement proposed with UNAH 	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPANCE continues on its own and with technical assistance from USAID ProParque with biological research at Mount Celaque National Park (MCNP). • Several meetings have been held with the UNAH outreach department to move forward with the agreements; however the situation with UNAH remains complicated. • Work plan for the establishment of a monitoring system for felines and their prey established at MCNP and PANACAM. • 15 people trained on Feline Monitoring methods (Modules I and II). (5 Co-managing Organizations and members of de REHNAP were involved). • 46 people trained in bird monitoring with the eBird Citizen Science program. 	
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <p>Although there is still interest from UNAH to sign agreements, and its outreach department continues to make efforts, the procedures to make progress on this issue are extremely cumbersome. On the other hand, co-managing organizations and REHNAP are still reviewing the draft agreements.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach a consensus on the biological monitoring agreement proposal. (Underway). • Hold meetings among key actors to discuss the content of the biological monitoring agreements. • Resume talks with SINFOR to establish a research and biological monitoring committee. • Support PANACAM and MCNP to establish a feline monitoring proposal and provide technical assistance and training to co-managers on the use of feline monitoring tools. • Define bird monitoring proposal for PANACAM and MCNP. 	

<p align="center">Activity No. 2: Ecological Integrity</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 protected areas, • 5 private natural reserves and • 10 micro watersheds with baseline on ecological integrity. (IR 2.2.1) • 5 private reserves with threats assessment reports (2.2.1.1)
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ecological integrity workshops for the private reserves with management plans have been completed. Of these, 2 technical reports have been finalized for the same number of private reserves. • Threat analysis workshops and ecological integrity baselines completed in 5 new nature reserves: a) Luna de El Puente; b) Finca El Carmen; c) El Consejero; d) Bella Vista; and e) Finca Vaquero. • Work plan for ecological integrity studies at watersheds for Payment of Ecosystemic Services (PES) agreed upon. 	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field work, threat analysis workshops and ecological integrity baselines carried out in 5 new nature reserves. • Work plan to carry out ecological integrity workshops at watersheds agreed upon with the PES team. • Information about private reserves and watersheds was collected. This information is essential for the threat analysis and ecological integrity workshops. 	
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <p>The participation of private reserve owners and REHNAP's support has been essential for achieving positive progress in these activities.</p>	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ecological integrity reports in the 8 private reserves. • Complete information on selected watersheds and conduct respective ecological integrity workshops. • Continue to collect and analyze biological data in selected watersheds. 	

<p align="center">Activity No. 3: Private Reserves</p>	<p>Expected Results:</p> <p>5 new private natural reserves legally registered and certified by ICF (2.2.2.1) and 5 under improved effective management. (IR 2.2.1.1.1 & R 2.2.5)</p>
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field work and management plan preparation workshop completed in 5 new private reserves. Approximately 1,053.76 ha will have a respective management plan. (Annex attached). • Approximately 2,921 ha of private nature with management plans (1,868 ha+ 1,053.00) • 3 private nature reserve owners have started the certification process with ICF. 9 other owners are also planning to start the process. • 2 private nature reserves (PNR) have made substantial progress preparing their business plans (Bio Parque Paradise and Quiraguara Suntul) • Approximately 50% of the grant with REHNAP has been executed. 	

Actions during Quarter:

- Follow up to grant with REHNAP and to technical assistance work plan.
- Technical assistance to provide legal support to REHNAP in the certification and registration process.
- Progress on the technical assistance work plan.
- Work plan for certification and preparation of management plans at PNR approved.
- Grant milestones reviewed and evaluated.
- Support provided at REHNAP's General Assembly.
- Results of the institutional diagnosis discussed with REHNAP and institutional strengthening work plan approved.

Observations/Comments:

The issue of ICF registration of private nature reserves is the most critical point for REHNAP. We are careful monitoring the issue.

Next Steps:

- Follow up to grant with REHNAP and to technical assistance work plan.
- Complete ecological integrity technical reports at private nature reserves.
- Support REHNAP's participation in the Private Nature Reserve Congress to be held in Costa Rica in November 2015.
- Prepare management plans for the new private reserves and socialize them with owners.
- Revisit the issue of better coordination among members of REHNAP, IP officials and the ICF to address the issue of private nature reserve certification.
- Continue to collect information on 10 private reserves for the certification process.
- Establish advocacy and financial sustainability plans at REHNAP
- Continue with the process of preparing business plans at two private nature reserves.
- Continue with the process of preparing public use plans at two private nature reserves.
- Give follow up to ICF certification process of PNR.

TABLE 7: Q16 MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

Activity No. 1: Institutional Strengthening of MOCAPH	Expected Results: MOCAPH strengthened and with the capacity to manage protected areas and improve co-management. (2.2.5 Ha of biologically significant land under improved management conditions)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 60% of the G-Teg 024 institutional strengthening grant has been executed. To date, Lps. 363,569.98 has been paid. MOCAPH Strategic Plan and basic budget approved by Board of Directors. Guidelines for Political Advocacy and Financial Sustainability projects defined. 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide follow up to and monitor the implementation of both grants with MOCAPH. Results of the Strategic Plan and basic operational budget for MOCAPH presented to the Board of Directors. Carry out several work sessions with specialists who are providing technical assistance to improve MOCAPH's organizational structure and financial sustainability.. Facilitate coordination among MOCAPH, ICF and Co-managing Organizations to execute the grant. 	
Observations/Comments: <p>During the quarter, MOCAPH continued to have administrative problems opening an account at Banco FICOHSA. This has prevented the normal implementation of the grant. Weak decision making by the MOCAPH Board of Directors has caused administrative delays.</p>	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the organizational strengthening with MOCAPH. Continue designing political advocacy and financial sustainability proposals for MOCAPH. Provide MOCAPH with workshop on Organizational Management and Strategic and Financial Planning. 	

Activity No. 2. Protected Area Management Plans	Expected Results: 10 target protected areas rescored and 5 protected areas with management plans updated. (2.2.1.1.1.)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management effectiveness grant G-Teg 026 has been executed by nearly 60%. Significant progress preparing management plans in public protected areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three management plans are currently being prepared: Yuscarán Biological Reserve (BR), Yerbabuena BR, Lake Yojoa UMA. Three management plans finalized and revised: MCNP, PANACAM and Wetlands of the Gulf of Fonseca. Specific plans are being prepared. Approximately 57,970 ha under better management conditions (MCNP and PANACAM). 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide follow up to and monitor the execution of the two grants with MOCAPH. To date, approximately 50% of the grants have been paid. Significant progress in updating and preparing management plans and thematic plans in the selected protected areas. Facilitate and support the coordination and designation of responsibilities between MOCAPH and the DAP/ICF 	

<p>through the establishment of a joint work plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate technical assistance in preparing and updating management plans and specifics plans.
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <p>ICF personnel has assigned officers to support the co-managers in the preparation of management and specific plans. MOCAPH hired Ing. Luis Lopez as the person responsible for the implementation of the management effectiveness grant.</p> <p>Legal and administrative problems with opening an account at Banco FICOHSA have prevented the normal implementation of the grant.</p> <p>Weak decision making by the MOCAPH Board of Directors has caused administrative delays.</p>
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with activities of developing management tools at 7 protected areas: management plans, conservation plans and specific plans. Provide follow up to the plan between DAP/ICF and MOCAPH's Technical Operational Unit with regard to monitoring exercises related to the implementation of the management tool. (progress meetings and scheduled visits). Begin socializing and discussing the completed management plans. Start workshop on Management Effectiveness Monitoring.

Activity No. 3. Resolution of Limits	Expected Results: New core area limits proposal for PANACAM and PNCM submitted to ICF. (2.2.1.1.1 Management plans evaluated; 2.2.5 Improved management in biologically important areas)
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAG grant 15% executed. MAPANCE grant 60% executed. Registration process of 9,200 hectares of national in the of Inalienable Public Forest Property catalog completed by ICF and IP authorities. Limit proposal for PANACAM established and socialized with Municipalities and other key actors. Community structure proposal to monitor and follow up on usufruct contracts. Limit proposal for MCNP approved by ICF. Structure and norms to monitor and follow up on usufruct contracts socialized. First monitoring exercise of usufruct contract carried out. 	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and technical support was provided to the Usufruct Contract Monitoring Norms. Facilitate an interchange of experiences among PAG, MAPANCE, MOCAPH and ICF with regard to monitoring of usufruct contracts. Strengthen land committees. Provide follow up to limit proposal at MCNP and PANACAM. Hold meeting to discuss MAPANCE's financial sustainability. Socialization meetings continued with mayors and the environmental unit heads of the 4 municipalities located in PANACAM (Taulabé, Siguatepeque, Santa Cruz de Yojoa and Meámbar) in order to discuss the certification process. Meetings with the DAP technical team to establish lines of action for the development and socialization of the proposal to redefine limits. Work session among PAG, ICF and USAID ProParque to identifying potential conflicts of the proposal to redefine limits and define conflict resolution strategies, prior to the socialization process. 	

Observations/Comments:

Close coordination with ICF is fundamental because it is the entity that determines whether the proposal to redefine limits, which is already in the approval stage, is technically and legally adequate. Likewise, coordination with municipalities is important in order to have their support during the legal and technical process to be carried out with communities.

Next Steps:**The following activities will be carried out at MCNP:**

- Provide follow up to and provide technical support to the Usufruct Contract Monitoring Norm.
- Facilitate an interchange of experiences about usufruct contract monitoring among PAG, MAPANCE, MOCAPH and ICF.
- Discuss the principal findings of the first report about monitoring of registered parcels.
- Provide follow up to Land Committees.
- Provide follow up to limit proposal at MCNP and PANACAM.
- Execution of the grant "Sustainability Strategy and Consolidation of the Land Registry and Regularization Project, implemented in the Sub Integral Special Management Zone at Mount Celaque National Park."
- Continue field demarcation of the different zones and sub-zones at MCNP using the new management plan guide.
- Provide follow up to the presentation of the MCNP management plan to ICF authorities.
- Facilitate technical assistance for specific plans.
- Continue monitoring usufruct contracts.
- Continue with the process of preparing a community development strategy at registered zones.

The following activities will be carried out at PANACAM:

- Continue with socialization workshop of the proposal to redefine limits at the core zone of PANACAM with municipalities and communities.
- Continue with the legal analysis and verification of compliance with PANACAM users as part of the process to select beneficiaries to possibly grant usufruct contracts.
- Continue with usufruct contract proposals.
- Continue process of creating a community structure to follow up on usufruct contracts at PANACAM.
- Begin preparing proposal to monitor usufruct contracts.

Activity No. 4. Tourism Strategies - PUPs	Expected Results: 2 PA- Tourism strategies implemented (PANACAM and MCNP). Strategy development methods replicated by ICF and MOCAPH. (2.2.1.3.1)
<p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In kind grant presented to MAPANCE to support PUP implementation. • In coordination with MOCAPH, several work sessions were held with FUCSA and PROLANSATE to begin process of implementing PUP at Cuero y Salado Wild Life Refuge (WLR) and Jeannette Kawas National Park (NP). • Progress implementing action plan of priority activities in order to establish PUPs at PANACAM, MCNP LTNP. • 31 people trained on designing and maintaining trails at protected areas (Coordinated with the US Forest Service) • Coordination with ICF and IHT to facilitate technical assistance to prepare public use plans in 4 new protected areas: a) Gulf of Fonseca, b) Laguna de Guaimoreto WLR, c) Turtle Harbor, d) Bay Islands. 	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of technical assistance for co-managing organizations to implement public use plans. • Facilitate coordination with IHT, Local Gracias Chamber of Tourism and MAPANCE to consolidate alliances in the implementation of the public use plan and coordinate activities at the field level. • Coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS) for technical assistance in the design and maintenance of trails at protected areas: Two courses in design and maintenance of trails in protected areas. • Talks were held with the USFS and PUP Consortium to obtain the consultancies and training on public use issues to strengthen human resources capacities of co-managers. • On site analysis and collection of field as support input for co-managers at MAPANCE, PAG and AMITIGRA in order to study the possibility of commercial services. • Technical training to MAPANCE on protected area tourism and the scope of the grant. • Follow up to work plan with MOCAPH and ICF to replicate PUP at BJKNP and CSWLR. 	
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICF has started implementing the tourist infrastructure project at 4 protected areas. The project is key to promoting actions at MCNP. • The Colosuca Community Association project could be a potential support for implementing the public use plan at MCNP. It is necessary to continue with discussions, improve coordination and define priorities to support MCNP. • PAG has contracted Mr. Sergio Midence as its new technical director, which has facilitated coordination at the field level. • MOCAPH faces a series of administrative difficulties with opening bank accounts, which has reduced the execution of field activities. 	
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue implementation process of public use plans at CSWLR, BJKNP and Bio Parque Paradise PNR. • Train personnel of co-managing institutions on environmental interpretation and education. • Initiate in kind grant with MAPANCE for tourism infrastructure. • Coordinate ongoing processes with MOCAPH, REHNAP and ICF. • Jointly with MAPANCE and PAG coordinate meetings with Local Tourism Chambers to establish agreements that facilitate the implementation of public use plans. 	

Activity 5. Commercial Services	Expected Results: 2 pilot concessions procured (PANACAM and MCNP) (2.2.1.3.3 Regulation for private sector concession for tourism facilities established)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The technical and financial analyses of each case of commercial services prioritized by AP to determine its financial and technical feasibility have been carried out. Given the high investment required and limited visitation rates at the parks, the results at the selected areas are not encouraging. 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The field visits to protected areas to determine their current infrastructure state, trail conditions, technical capabilities, etc. were carried out Meetings to discuss the most viable options for commercial service contracts at MCNP and PANACAM were held with co-managers. Workshops and meeting with ICF, IHT and MOCAPH to analyze and discuss priority cases and propose short-term actions held. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited technical personnel trained in public use both at ICF and co-managing organizations hinder the formulation process as well as the execution. In practice, often planning and sustainable development of tourism in protected nature areas is not a priority. The subject of commercial services in protected areas remains a complex due to the country's current conditions. Commercial service options are not promising (heavy investment and slow recovery, limited fee/benefit for the co-manager). 	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume discussions about commercial services with AMITIGRA and MAPANCE. Schedule training on commercial service norms and socialize priority services. Resume talks with a group of national businessmen and organizations with experience in adventure tourism activities to conduct a field survey from which the corresponding proposals for consideration by MAPANCE will be prepared. Promote better coordination between MAPANCE and COLOSUCA with regard to the subject of commercial services at MCNP. 	

Activity 6. Sustainable Financing	Expected Results: FAPVS implement technical tools and improve operation. (IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity Conserved, SUB IR 2.2.1 Effective Management of the National System of Protected Areas.)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal for reforms and approaches to financial sustainability have been duly raised to FAPVS. However, no interest has been observed by the ICF in promoting the reforms identified in FAPVS. A process of rapprochement was started with MOCAPH, REHNAP and MAPANCE to explore opportunities and provide support in establishing a financial sustainability strategy. 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance work plan and reform proposal for FAPVS presented to ICF and FAPVS 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with MOCAPH, MAPANCE, PAG and REHNAP to explore financing opportunities and define guidelines for a financial sustainability proposal.
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong political support from ICF and Mi Ambiente is required to make changes in FAPVS. Contracting an Executive Director and restructuring FAPVS's administrative and technical team are urgent to move forward with the work plan. Activities with FAPVS will remain dormant until legitimate political support to promote reforms occurs. Sluggish decision making at MOCAPH hinders greater involvement in FAPVS. According to initial discussions, there are opportunities to move forward with REHNAP and MAPANCE on the issue of financial sustainability.
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss work plan with MOCAPH, REHNAP and MAPANCE to make progress on the issue of sustainable financing. Support MOCAPH and REHNAP in preparing a financial sustainability project. Provide technical assistance to REHNAO business plans and regional projects. Present proposal for training on organizational development strategies, financial development, advocacy and institutional image.

<p style="text-align: center;">Activity 7. National Capacity Building Program</p>	<p>Expected Results: At least 218 SINAPH officials trained in protected area management. (IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity Conserved, SUB IR 2.2.1 Effective Management of the National Protected Areas System)</p>
Status: A total of 116 officials from co-managing organizations and the ICF have been trained in the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of Management Plan methodologies: 26 participants. Trail design and maintenance (Coordinated with USFS): 24 participants. Public Use Plans in PNR: 10 participants. Public Use Plans in Protected Areas: 11 participants. Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Projects: 30 participants. Monitoring of felines: 15 participants 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on technical protected area management tools carried out. It covered the following: a) Management plan methodology, b) Trail design and management, c) Public use plans, d) Hydroelectric projects. Coordination with key actors. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All training subjects have been determined based on the competency training plan, allowing the identification of specific needs of co-managing APs and NGOs. Each of the training workshops are designed to produce a specific result and involve field practices with a focus on learning by doing. Coordination still needs to be improved between ICF and MOCAPH to ensure the adequate preparation of this training plan and its adaptation to other ICF initiatives, such as the training plan for the forestry sector being prepared under a grant with MOSEF. 	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in the application of the protected area management monitoring tool and evaluation of co-management agreements. (Support from Lenin Corrales). Training in environmental interpretation techniques and protected areas. (First module taught by Jon Kohl 	

- PUP Consortium)
- Training in organizational development, strategic planning, financial sustainability for co-managing organizations.
- Facilitate interchange between MAPANCE and PAG with regard to usufruct contracts.

Other Activities

Activity 1. Support for ICF, MOCAPH and Birdwatching Strategy

Comments/Observations:

- Permanent support has been provided to MOCAPH and ICF to follow up on and provide technical assistance in order to promote conservation initiatives in line with the project's objectives.
- Constant support has been provided to the National Birdwatching Strategy in the following areas:
 - Participation in discussion roundtables.
 - Product review.
 - Selection of priority birdwatching sites.

TABLE 8: Q16 PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES CONSERVATION PROMOTED

Activity No. 1 A. PSA Development – Cluster CELAQUE	Expected Results: 10 PES (between both clusters)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The incorporation papers for 64 JAA were submitted to authorities • 22 JAA have been successfully incorporated 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical/legal team continued with the process to establish PES by holding training sessions in all the communities and municipalities that have decided to incorporate and establish PES. • Internal regulations were approved for 22 JAA, including the establishment of PES. • The motivational process continues with the organizations that have decided to incorporate at the five priority watersheds: San Sebastián, La Quebradona, Arcagual, Güergüerence and El Borbollón. Incorporation is indispensable for establishing legally recognized PES. • There was continued fire control and prevention in the areas blighted by drought in Q16 with local organizations interested in protecting their watersheds. Support and coordination with MAPANCE was indispensable for the successful execution of the activities. • There was continued revision and modification of the global plan to foster natural regeneration to prevent forest fires at the watersheds where PES has been established. • There was continued support to the Technical Operational Committee of the MCNP Association of Communities to promote natural regeneration. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAA participation has been highly effective at MCNP for forest fire prevention and control. • JAA in the west of the country have shown great interest in incorporating. • There will be continued efforts to encourage JAA to apply PES. 	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PES has been established at each incorporated JAA; efforts will be undertaken to create a second level of association by watersheds. • There will be continued promotion for the participation of women on JAA Boards of Directors. • We will promote the idea of establishing private natural reserves in properties near watersheds that are purchased by the JAA. 	

Activity No. 1B. PSA Development – Cluster Lago de Yojoa	Expected Results: 10 PES (between both clusters)
Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation was compiled for the incorporation of 49 JAA 6 organizations were incorporated The relationship with the Municipality of Santa Cruz de Yojoa was consolidated to ensure support of the JAA for establishing PES. 	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of motivational and planning meetings were held with the municipality of Santa Cruz de Yojoa and its Water Boards. The JAA in the central areas of the municipality will be included in the municipal system, and the rest may seek incorporation. Work was consolidated with the municipalities of Taulabe and San José de Comayagua. AMUPROLAGO has become involved in PES activities, supporting the JAA of municipalities near the Lake. The relationship with AMUPROLAGO has visibly increased the support from municipalities in the area. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong demand by local organizations to incorporate in order to protect watersheds by establishing PES. The JAA Board are highly conscious of the problem caused by loss of vegetation cover in terms of water quantity and quality and of regulating water flows. As a result of the current state of water demand in the Municipality Santa Cruz de Yojoa, efforts to establish transparent and sustainable water governance will be necessary to avoid conflicts in the near future. The expansion of the agricultural frontier with cultivation of coffee, cacao and African palm continue to concern JAA Boards and users. 	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on incorporation will continue. Efforts will continue to include women on JAA Boards. Contact will be renewed with the Universidad Cristiana Nuevo Milenio to create a diploma course for JAA Boards. Due to the interest of many JAA in purchasing land, which some have already undertaken, they will be advised to establish private natural reserves at the newly protected areas. 	

Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities for Honduran Biodiversity and Natural Resources Conserved.

IR 2.3 – CAPACITY TO MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE STRENGTHENED DISASTER VULNERABILITY

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps that will be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 9: Q16 DISASTER VULNERABILITY ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Honduran National Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Capacity Score Assessed	Expected Results: 5 municipalities/35 communities with new baseline for Honduran National Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Capacity Score Assessed
Status: 100% completed; establishment of baseline in 5 municipalities and 42 communities participating; 5 CODEM organized (La Campa, Cucuyagua, San Pedro Copan, Las Vegas and San Pedro Zacapa) and 31 CODEL organized (6 in La Campa, 6 in San Pedro Copan, 6 in Cucuyagua, 7 in Las Vegas and 6 in San Pedro Zacapa.	
Actions during Quarter: No actions were carried out for this activity during the quarter.	
Observations/Comments: The swearing in of the CODEL and delivery of the community and municipal base line study final results has been rescheduled for October/2015; a single event in each municipality will be held to sign letters of understanding as part of the documentation of the delivery of goods to equip the CODEM and CODEL.	
Next Steps: Hold events in 6 municipalities for the swearing in of all CODEL and formal delivery of the document "Final Report of the municipal and community baseline."	

Activity 2: Number of municipalities and communities with increased resilience and capacity to prepare for and respond to climate change impacts	Expected Results: 5 municipalities and 35 communities with increased resilience and capacity to prepare for and respond to climate change impacts
Status: Continue with training workshops for members of CODEL and CODEM and workshops on management of temporary shelters with a gender and human rights focus; continue working with the National Risk Management System (SINAGER) law and training Educational Commissions for the distribution of the methodological risk management guide at educational centers. The events were aimed at members of the CODEL and CODEM in 6 municipalities at Celaque and 6 at PANACAM, and also had the participation of representatives from co-managers, MAPANCE and Global Village. A total of 363 people were trained during the quarter, 46% women and 54% men, achieving 45% cumulative progress of total programmed activities for	

Phase II.

During the quarter, preparation of plans for the municipality of Las Vegas began and work continued in the five municipalities that joined in Q15. A cumulative progress of approximately 44% has been achieved in the preparation of municipal and community plans at: Cucuyagua, La Campa, San Manuel Colohete, Las Vegas, San Pedro Zacapa and Taulabé.

Provision of equipment to CODEM and CODEL has been 95% achieved; during the quarter all the goods were transported to the municipalities with logistical collaboration from COPECO.

Actions during Quarter

a) Training for members of CODEM and CODEL:

- Workshop on management of temporary shelters with a Gender and Human Rights focus for members of CODEL and CODEM from San Pedro, Cucuyagua, Las Flores and San Manuel Campa Colohete, with the support of a Gender specialist and COPECO technicians. A total of 56 people were trained, of which 48% were women and 52% men.
- Replication workshops on management of temporary shelters with members of the CODEL in the municipalities of Las Vegas and San Pedro Zacapa, involving a total of 116 people, of which 51% were women and 49% men.
- Workshops on the National Risk Management System (SINAGER) Law aimed at members of the 6 CODEM in PANACAM, 5 municipalities in Celaque and representatives of the co-managers, MAPANCE and Global Village. A total of 37 people participated (30% women and 70% men).
- Training workshops on the Methodological Risk Management Guide for educational centers aimed at members of the educational committees of the CODEM in the municipalities of San Manuel Colohete, La Campa, Gracias and Las Flores. A total of 135 people participated; 44% women and 56% men.

b) Community and Municipal Planning:

- Participatory workshops were held with members of the CODEL in the municipality of Las Vegas to establish operational procedures and actions for CCA that will be part of the community plans. A total of 77 people participated in the workshops, mostly women (60% of total participants).
- Field visits were made to the communities of Cucuyagua and Las Vegas for the geo-referencing of main resources and establishment of polygons of the principal priority threats; this information will be used to prepare risk maps of each of the participating communities.
- Drafting of 12 community plans for the municipalities of Cucuyagua (6) and Las Vegas (6); the information gathered through participatory workshops has been the main input for the preparation of these plans.

c) Equipment of CODEM and CODEL:

- All goods were received from suppliers; these were subsequently stored at warehouses in Tegucigalpa.
- Jointly with COPECO, all goods were transported and distributed. To that effect, a letter of understanding was signed with COPECO to transport the equipment in its vehicles. In addition, all the documentation has been prepared (letter of understanding and delivery receipts) to formalize the delivery with CODEM and CODEL. A total of 6 CODEM and 37 CODEL have benefitted from the equipment.

Observations/Comments:

- Workshops on Management of temporary shelters with a gender and human rights focus have been replicated by CODEM with technical and financial assistance from USAID ProParque.
- Several modalities have been applied in the training, such as municipal, departmental and general workshops (with all the municipalities attended by the project) in order to use the available time more effectively to develop all scheduled events and provide coverage to all CODEM and CODEL attended by the Project.

<p>The activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train members of CODEM and CODEL on all subjects covered by the DRR sub-component work plan, pursuant to the baseline results. • Preparation of community and municipal plans for CCA and emergency response. • Carry out drills to validate CODEL and CODEM plans. • Provide equipment to CODEL and CODEM.
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare training workshops on First Aid, Rescue Techniques and DANA with the municipalities of Las Flores, Cucuyagua, San Pedro Copan, Las Vegas and San Pedro Zacapa. • Finish replication workshops on Management of Temporary Shelters with CODEL in the municipalities of Las Flores, Cucuyagua and San Pedro Copan. • Develop participatory workshops with CODEL and CODEM of PANACAM to prepare community plans and the municipal plan. • Complete community plans and municipal plan at Cucuyagua. • Complete community plans in municipality of Las Vegas. • Draft community plans and municipal plan for San Manuel Colohete. • Complete documentation of the delivery of equipment to the CODEM and CODEL (signing of letters of understanding and delivery receipts by municipal governments and participating communities).

<p>Activity 3: Improve access to climate change and ecosystem monitoring data for use in adaptation and mitigation strategies.</p>	<p>Expected Results: 10 monitoring or measurement systems for improved access to climate change and ecosystem monitoring data</p>
<p>Status: Document prepared with the diagnosis results to learn about the Radio Communications station needs in 14 municipalities (8 in Celaque and 6 PANACAM). Based on this diagnosis, the equipment and accessories to be distributed to improve the communication of response entities (CODEL - CODEMs - COPECO) in case of emergencies and disasters have been established. The tender process for the purchase of equipment is underway.</p> <p>Based on the results of the diagnosis of the 28 existing meteorological stations, concrete actions to improve them have been defined. 5 existing stations will be relocated to places already defined together with COPECO, the National Weather Service and the National Water Resource Office. A new station will be installed to improve coverage in the region and a list of repairs that will be contracted to improve existing stations has also been prepared.</p> <p>In addition to the meteorological stations, tests have been carried out using water metering stations to measure rainfall and overflowing rivers and creeks at four sites; this is a pilot project that will continue to experiment in order to achieve the implementation of local EWS by using low-cost, user friendly technology</p> <p>Through September/2015, the activity has made 40% progress.</p>	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <p>a) <u>Diagnosis:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final document of the diagnosis results on the needs for improving radio communication stations in 14 municipalities attended by the projects was prepared. <p>b) <u>Definition of the Instrumentation (equipment and accessories):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly with COPECO and SERNA's National Water Resource Office, the relocation of the 5 existing meteorological stations has been defined because they were previously too close together. • It was decided to install at least one water metering station in Jicatuyo River to increase the availability of information about possible overflowing. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the results of the diagnosis, the list of equipment and accessories to improve radio communication stations in 14 municipalities was prepared; tender process for the purchase of the goods is underway. <p>c) <u>Installation of Instrumentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to continue testing water metering instruments as a technical and economically viable alternative for improving municipal EWS, two new instruments were installed; one in the municipality of San Pedro Zacapa and another in Comayagüela. A total of 4 instruments have been installed to continue to study their operation and determine if they could be an alternative for monitoring rainfall and flooding of rivers and streams. This action is being developed in coordination with CODEM and technical support from a project specialist.
<p>Observations/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The network of radio communication stations and weather monitoring stations are two complementary components that will improve EWS in municipalities attended by the Project. Tests with water metering instruments do not ensure short-term implementation of reliable local EWS.
<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize purchase of equipment and accessories for radio communication stations in 14 municipalities. Georeference exact sites where the existing weather stations will be relocated and where the new one will be installed. Action executed with technical support from COPECO and SERNA through its National Water Resource Office. Begin procurement process of a new water metering station to be installed at a strategic point of Jicatuyo River; likewise, contract repairs to improve existing weather stations. Relocate 2 of the existing 5 weather stations. Action carried out with technical support from SERNA and COPECO.

Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Disaster Vulnerability.

CLEAN/RENEWABLE ENERGY

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps to be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 10: Q16 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH IMPROVED ACCESS TO RENEWABLE OR CLEAN ENERGY

Activity 1: Households with access to clean energy	Expected Results: 5,000 households
Status: In process; 961 constructed this quarter	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alejandra Pinto and Rafael Sosa were introduced at the municipalities where they were to work: Gualala and Llama in Sta. Bárbara; San Francisco de Yojoa and Sta. Cruz de Yojoa in Cortés; and San José de Comayagua and Taulabé in Comayagua. Alejandra Pinto entered the Project to replace Sara Rubio; she will be located in Siguatepeque and will be accompanied by consultant Rafael Sosa. A number of different actions have been taken to ensure that the introduction of a new team member will not delay the work in the Lake Yojoa area. Meetings were held with the trained microentrepreneurs at PANACAM to find those available to work on the construction of improved stoves in the area. Since no people were trained in Sta. Bárbara, and there are few available people, the same USAID-trained microentrepreneurs will prepare local builders willing to participate with the supervision of USAID ProParque technicians. Three microentrepreneurs were assisted to obtain the new receipts required by the tax authorities (DEI). They also received support in filling out their respective declarations. The municipality of San Francisco de Yojoa signed the Letter of Commitment after Aqua Finca St. Peter Fish agreed to help with the counterpart so that it was not necessary to find a new beneficiary for the kits. San José de Comayagua will also receive support from Aqua Finca. Tri-partite Letters of Understanding were signed with the municipalities and Aqua Finca. The two letters were reviewed by sub-contractors. In addition to the San Francisco and San José Letters, a letter of understanding has been signed with Corquín. Additional follow up was given to various municipalities that are behind with their counterparts: Sn. Pedro de Copán, San Manuel de Colohete and San Marcos de Caiquín. Socialization and construction was begun in the Lake Yojoa areas and continued in the western region. A total of 2,135 improved stoves have now been constructed. Construction has finished at Belén, Las Flores, Gracias, La Campa, and Talgua in Lempira; San Miguelito in Intibucá; and San Pedro and Corquín in Copán. The 4th lot of kits was received in August. The first two lots have been constructed, the third lot is approximately 50% completed and the fourth is 30% completed. We received the support of two interns from ITRR in the western region, and they finished at the end of October. Four UNA students have been contacted to do their internships in the sub-component in the western region and at the Lake, respectively, from October to December. Ceramics with the USAID logo were designed, produced and received for Lot 4 of kits, and those for Lot 5 have been designed and ordered. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because the georeferencing of improved stoves takes significant time due to the distance between communities and the poor state of many of the roads, support has been requested from GIS and Monitoring Units to complete this job. Currently about 66% of the constructed improved stoves have been georeferenced, and, with the help of these Units, it is expected to be fully completed. In addition, for the construction of the improved stoves, two of the microentrepreneurs have been contracted to support verification of the beneficiary counterparts, training of the other builders and verification of the 	

improved stoves.

Next Steps:

- Complete and sign letters of understanding depending on progress on delivery and construction.
- Continue socializing and constructing improved stoves.
- Design and order of ceramics with USAID logo for the Lot 6 kits and receipt of the Lot 5 ceramics.

Other Activities

Activity 1

Consolidation of micro-entrepreneurs trained by USAID ProParque

- The USAID ProParque achievements and learned lessons were shared with PROFOGONES, which has yet to begin. There was also discussion of the progress of ISO 285 in Honduras and Central America. That is the norm that covers improved stoves, which the norm refers to as “clean kitchens.”
- Two of the microentrepreneurs trained by USAID ProParque, Natali Díaz and Ángel Santos received support to attend the Institutionalization Workshop of the Gender and Energy Network. They continue to work in renewable energy, the first working for SOLARIS at La Tigra, and the second for TECNOSOL at Sierra de Agalta National Park.
- Eva Castro, USAID ProParque communications specialist, received the videos jointly produced with the Gender and Energy Network and the National Women's Institute (INAM), and has uploaded them to the Project web page. The videos were reviewed by RE and P+L specialists, Eva Castro and Alejandrina Carrasco; they were unable to have much influence on the INAM filming style, but the USAID ProParque achievements and its “branding” were respected. Three videos resulted from the final editing process, two about women as entrepreneurs and the other about how women's quality of life has improved as a result of training received by their husbands. They were filmed at PANACAM, La Tigra and Celaque.

Comments/Observations:

- At La Tigra, Natali Díaz, photovoltaic systems specialist and Vilma Castillo, improved stove specialist were interviewed. At PANACAM, we interviewed Elsa Blanco, who works in photovoltaic systems and improved stoves, in addition in her third year at U-ESNACIFOR with a major in Renewable Energy. At Celaque, Servelio Pérez and his family were interviewed; he works in photovoltaic systems and improved stoves and has a biodigester that he built with the knowledge he gained in the second level of his RE Business course.

Activity 2

Joint efforts with other USAID ProParque components

- A workshop on “Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Projects” was held for the public and private sectors as part of Project Component 2. Participants received the instruments prepared by USAID ProParque in the Project's first phase; there were also presentations tailored to the audience and a case study to be used as a group exercise. Two workshops were held, one with ICF and MiAmbiente; and the second with the co-managers, REHNAP y MOCAHP.
- After reviewing the responses to the RFI about Solar Mills with agroforestry, it was agreed that although there is sufficient “know how” in the country, the price range presented was extremely high. Jorge Laínez suggested working on the issue with the ITRR as was done with the evaporators, and a budget was prepared. Equipment costs are estimated at about L.125,000 for 5 HP motors, provided that the owner provides the mill and a roof to install the 14m² solar panels. Smaller motors would have a lower cost.

The Comments/Observations:

- REHNAP and MOCAHP requested a second workshop for members who were unable to attend the first at a more centric location like Lake Yojoa; they were told that it was possible provided that they cover the transportation and housing costs of their members.
- The ITRR is reviewing the work they would need to do to connect the photovoltaic cells, the motor and the mill. Work will proceed depending on their response.

Q17 activities in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Clean/Renewable Energy Facilitated.

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps to be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 11: Q16 CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Selected climate change adaptation activities identified and prioritized in action plans of CODEM & CODEL	Expected Results CODEMs and CODELs prepared to mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts
Status: initiated	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for prioritized training for CODEM and CODEL: training for 1 CODEM and support for replications at Zacapa and Santa Bárbara CODEM. Two meetings were held to review the baseline tools and the plan for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events, and an updated version was prepared. 	
Review Observations/Comments: Support will be provided for future replications.	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support CODEM and CODEL training, including replications that they undertake. With support from Communications, a user-friendly diagram will be prepared to assist local partners in implementing the tools. The adaptation plans for new municipalities to the project will be finished in December and support will be provided for prioritizing measures for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events. 	

Activity 2 : Implementation of training on climate change adaptation in holistic manner with project partners; piloting of adaptation strategies/actions at watershed and community	Expected Results Increased understanding of climate change impacts, leading to tangibles actions towards adapting and increasing resilience
Status: Initiated	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project has validated the climate change and climate variables material. 13 leaders of sugarcane producing groups were trained. Photographs provided by municipalities and PAG for use in Don Pichi 1. 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material validation completed for climate change, climate variables and Don Pichi 2 material: Facing climate variability and climate change in Honduras. In order to validate the material, a training session was held for the sugarcane partners with the participation of group leaders. In a meeting with the technical team, it was decided to postpone UMA training until Q17 / Q18 and that the CC theme will not be integrated into the training for the watershed training. Photographs were obtained for use in Don Pichi 1 at PANACAM schools and from coffee producers. 	

Next Steps:

The climate change and climate variables material was validated and will be improved upon to use with partners in sustainable cattle raising and cacao, as well as with UMA members.

Activity 3: Identify best practice to adapt to climate change implemented in the improvement of agroforestry value chains and livelihoods	Expected Results: Identify good practices for climate change adaptation in value chains and increased resilience of producers to variable climate impacts
Status: Initiated	
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination meetings were held with the PRCC/IHCAFE alliance to develop specialized training in climate change adaptation in coordination with the USAID ProParque partners. • The editing, illustration and layout was completed for the coffee manual; there is also a climate change manual. These were validated at 2 training sessions for facilitators in coordination with PRCC, one in Santa Rosa de Copan and the other in Siguatepeque. • 48 partner technicians were trained in the coffee value chain (12 women and 36 men) 	
Observations/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is now specialized material for coffee and climate change adaptation for our partner facilitators in the sector to be used in Honduras. Improvements and modifications to the methodology for estimating climate change vulnerability will be introduced in conformity with the country's situation, particularly that of the western region. • There are partners trained in estimating the vulnerability levels of producers in order to prepare a plan with options for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. • With the participation of the National Meteorological Service in the training sessions, now local partners will receive periodical weather forecasts on a permanent basis sent to their email accounts. 	
Next Steps: <p>Follow up with Monitoring and Agroforestry on the field work carried out by our trained partners.</p>	

Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Adaptation to Climate Change.

INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

The principal cross cutting technical areas or support functions of the project are *gender, environmental compliance, monitoring and evaluation, GIS and spatial analysis, and communications and outreach.*

GENDER

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name, expected results, actions carried out during the quarter, observations/comments and next steps to be taken in the subsequent period.

TABLE 12: Q16 GENDER ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Incorporate Gender Considerations into USAID ProParque Technical Activities through workshops, talks and materials shared with our partners.	Expected Results: Equal Opportunities to participate in Project Activities
Actions during Quarter: One Gender workshop was carried out with the Risk Management sub-component: Management of temporary shelters with a gender and human rights focus. From July 27 to 31, 2015.	
Observations/Comments: Risk Management sub-component: Workshop on Management of Temporary Shelters with a Gender and Human Rights Focus It was held in Santa Rosa de Copan with the participation of Municipal Emergency Committees; CODEM of the municipalities of San Pedro de Copan, Cucuyagua in the Department of Copan; and the municipalities of Las Flores, La Campa and San Manuel Colohete in the Department of Lempira. A total of 11 women and 12 men participated in the workshop. The document "Guide for the prevention of gender violence in temporary shelters" was also distributed. After the workshop, work was carried out with each municipality for them to replicate the workshop in their communities. The workshop replications will be supported by the Risk Management component and will last 6 to 7 hours. Risk management specialist Ramón Salinas also participated in the workshops.	

Activity 2. 1: Strengthen MOCAPH Gender Strategy	Expected Results: Equal opportunities for men and women living in protected areas
Actions during Quarter: Products that will be created to support MOCAPH's institutional strengthening on the subject of gender have been established.	
Observations/Comments: Formal process will begin next quarter.	
Next Steps: Receive instructions from Component 2.	

Activity 2. 2: Strengthen REHNAP Gender Strategy	Expected Results: Equal opportunities for men and women living in protected areas
Actions during Quarter: Products that will be created to support RENAPH's institutional strengthening on the subject of gender have been established.	
Observations/Comments: Formal process will begin next quarter.	
Next Steps: Receive instructions from Component 2.	

Other Activities

Activity No. 1. Workshop Material for UMAs and/or Water Boards
Comments/Observations: At the request of the Environmental Compliance Unit, consultant Marle Ponce prepared workshop material to start the organization of future training sessions.

Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Gender.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name and comments on the challenges and opportunities identified as part of its current and/or anticipated implementation.

TABLE 13: Q16 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Implementation of the Training Plan for the Municipal Environmental Units (UMAs, Spanish acronym), Community Associations, Water Boards and Private Reserve Owners	Expected Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 UMAs trained • 6 Community Associations trained • 4 Co-managing organizations trained • 15 Private Reserve Owners trained • 113 Water Boards trained
Actions during Quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the scope and content of the plan's technical and legal areas. • Prepare updated budget and implementation timetable • Coordination meetings with components' responsible parties to define subjects and content 	
Observations/Comments: The final version of the UMA training plan was prepared after subsequently discussing its draft version internally within the project. The new training plan focuses on integral watershed management and incorporates JAA and UMA. During the quarter, the plan's contents were updated pursuant to a proposal made by the responsible parties of the different technical areas. In addition, the following activities were	

carried out.

- Preparation and updating of baseline for new UMA and Community Organizations to be trained.
- Preparation of materials, in particular municipal environmental management tools and guides.

Next Steps:

- Implementation of Training Plan will start at first workshop to be held at PANACAM in November, 2015.

Other Activities

Activity 1: Support Institutional Strengthening Activities in the Framework of the Payment for Environmental Services (PES) Activity	Expected Results a) 113 Water Boards legally incorporated
<p>Comments/Observations:</p> <p>The following tasks were carried out in support of activities for Payment for Ecosystemic Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in 12 socialization or informative workshops with JAA in the Celaque area and 6 legal incorporation workshops in the PANACAM cluster. An average of 10-12 JAA attended the workshops. • Participation in Community Assembly processes to approve Regulations for JAA and Regulations for Infractions and Penalties for 9 JAA in the Celaque area, specifically from the municipalities of Belen, Las Flores and San Sebastian. • Participation in 27 community meetings to define water management boards at MCNP and begin their legal incorporation process. The meetings were coordinated jointly with MAPANCE and the PES team in Gracias. • With support from the Legal Assistant, 19 legal incorporation applications from MCNP and 4 from PANACAM were presented to the Ministry of Human Rights, Justice, Governance and Decentralization. • Legal incorporation process for 19 JAA in MCNP completed. • Coordination and supervision of the legal and institutional analyses carried out for the drafting of norms to promote and implement PES mechanisms in Honduras; initiative promoted by the ICF and MiAmbiente. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise 14 community assemblies to approve the Regulations for JAA and the Regulations for Infractions and Penalties. • During the next quarter, present 26 legal incorporation applications of JAA to the Ministry of Human Rights, Justice, Governance and Decentralization. • Continue supporting the initiative to establish Norms to regulate, promote and implement PES in Honduras. 	

Activity 2: Ensure Compliance with USAID Environmental Regulations

Comments/Observations:

The activity involved close coordination with the responsible parties of the different components, particularly Agroforestry and Biodiversity. Several field visits were made to the following projects to carry out environmental monitoring and ensure compliance with USAID Regulation 216.

- Environmental follow up and monitoring of Grant Project, "Improvement of equipment and public use spaces at MCNP."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of Grant Project, "Improvement of equipment and public use spaces at Cerro Azul Meambar NP."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of the project, "Sustainable Production of Differentiated Coffee in the northern region of PANACAM and Mount Santa Bárbara National Park (MSBNP)."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of the project, "Sustainable Production of Differentiated Coffee at northern region of MCNP."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of the project, "Promoting the Production and Marketing of Cacao in the northern region of Cerro Azul Meambar National Park (PANACAM) and Lake Yojoa."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of the project, "Field Schools for the Production and Marketing of milk and meat at MCNP."
- Environmental follow up and monitoring of the project, "Production of solid and granulated sugarcane panel candy at MCNP."
- Updating the TAMIS environmental management system.

Activities for Q17 are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Environmental Compliance.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name and comments on the challenges and opportunities identified as part of its current and/or anticipated implementation.

TABLE 14: Q16 MONITORING & EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Prepare baseline studies	Expected Results: Qualitative and quantitative measurement of indicators established in Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP).
Actions during Quarter:	
Establishment of baselines for new MSME beneficiaries in the Agroforestry and Tourism components and collection of information from Water Boards and UMA.	
Observations/Comments:	

Descriptive reports for each indicator have been generated pursuant to PMP criteria.
Next Steps: <p>Ensure that all documents supporting this activity are available on TAMIS. Follow up on the georeferencing of project beneficiaries.</p>

Activity 2: Field monitoring in each of the components.	Expected Results: Activities implemented in a continuous and systematic manner pursuant to Work Plan.
Actions during Quarter: <p>Application of monitoring tools to collect quarterly information; implementation of data capturing tools for training has been continuous; recording instrument for households benefiting from improved stoves; water boards and field monitoring of agroforestry chain partners; characterization of CODEM and CODEL; crosscutting themes; registry of training sessions and management tools to measure progress in each of the Work Plan activities.</p>	
Observations/Comments: The tools developed have been widely discussed with specialized technicians	
Next Steps: This activity is carried out periodically in each of the components, and continues to be valid.	

Activity 3: Implementation of Project Information Systems compatible with TAMIS	Expected Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management tool to organize the information related to resources and information needs established.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions during Quarter: All TAMIS screens for registration of activities are available to users for years 4-5. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observations/Comments: periodic/quarterly updating 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Steps: Ensure timely entry of activities established in the Work Plan by users. 	

Activity No 4. : Strengthen M&E capacities of personnel, partners and beneficiaries.	Expected Results: Construct a "culture of performance" for better project management and establish accountability processes in the network of actors.
Actions during Quarter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support field monitoring and evaluation plans for each of the established grants. Follow up to MOCAPH and SINAPH in updating and designing their strategic plans. Training of MAPANCE personnel in the management and updating of data to the management tool of the Monitoring and Evaluation Strategic Plan Systematization process of the land registry sub-project completed in all of its phases in the core area of MCNP, concluding with the Lessons Learned Workshop about the experience. 	
Observations/Comments: Progress in activities to strengthen partners depends on their organizational structure.	
Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train more MAPANCE technicians on the use of the management tool of the M&E strategic plan. Complete the document and socialize the systematization of the Land Registry sub-project. Continue follow up on strategic planning of SINAPH and MOCAPH. 	

Activity No. 5: Annual evaluation of indicators.	Expected Results: Learn about achievement status
Actions during Quarter. Guarantee annual measurement of indicators pursuant to the PMP.	
Observations/Comments: Annual measurement, pursuant to PMP provisions.	

Activities for Q17 are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Monitoring and Evaluation

GIS/SPATIAL PLANNING

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name and comments on the challenges and opportunities identified as part of its current and/or anticipated implementation.

TABLE 15: Q16 GIS/SPATIAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Activity 1 Support to project components and sub-components	Expected results: Provide maps and analyze geographic information for the project sub-components
Actions during Quarter: Tourism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of map of the priority regions in the framework of the birdwatching strategy. Agroforestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of baseline location maps of coffee farms that entered the second phase. Preparation of baseline location maps of cacao and sugarcane farms that entered the second phase. Biodiversity Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support in workshops for the preparation of management and ecological integrity plans for private nature reserves. Coverage, zoning, location, boundary and hazard maps for private nature reserves. Support in the preparation and printing of trail maps at Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park for the Feline Monitoring workshop. Payment for ecosystem services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of coverage and ecosystem watershed map at Cerro Azul Meámbar National Park. Renewable Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the georeferencing of eco stoves to process the information and generate the respective maps. Location maps of the target municipalities in the area of Lake Yojoa and PANACAM. Risk and Disasters Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of field maps for the component's target communities. Support in printing maps for workshops scheduled by the component. Provide assistance to the component's programmed meetings to define strategic location sites for radio communications and water metering stations. 	
Comments: Support will be provided upon request.	

Other Activities

Activity 1. GIS training

A workshop was conducted with the Monitoring and Evaluation and Communications components in the use of the Tableau Software ®

Comments/Observations:

The workshop was divided into theory and practice, with basic exercises of preparing graphs and developing a geographical representation of the different components' achievements.

Activity No. 2. Interactive Representation of Achievements

The representation of the achievements for the first phase of the tourism component with the use of Tableau® software was completed. In addition, a brief workshop was provided to the monitoring and evaluation and communications components on the Tableau ® software.








Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under GIS/ Spatial Planning activities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

Achievements this Quarter (Q16)

The following tables present the activity name and comments on the challenges and opportunities identified as part of its current and/or anticipated implementation.

TABLE 16: Q16 COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Activity No. 1: Year round activities	
<p>Actions during Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 monthly news bulletins produced in English and Spanish <p>July issue: http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=17f7e21985a25a03dab41be36&id=732b3bda59</p> <p>August issue: http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=17f7e21985a25a03dab41be36&id=333b6c0431</p> <p>September issue: http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=17f7e21985a25a03dab41be36&id=ff622886db</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of the project's website (English and Spanish versions) with components activities, news, publications, job offers. 	
  	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update project's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube page with components activities and new publications 	  
<p>Observations/Comments: Digital media updated continuously.</p>	
<p>Next Steps: 3 monthly news bulletins will be prepared and work will be carried out to support the components, as requested.</p>	

Activity No. 2: Support to project components

Actions during Quarter:

Tourism:

- Design cover page of the birdwatching management plan
- Design cover page of the national birdwatching strategy and materials
- Three articles of the tourism component were published on the monthly bulleting:
 1. <http://www.usaid-proparque.org/noticias/britishbirdfair2015>
 2. <http://www.usaid-proparque.org/noticias/gracias-convoca-un-festival-artistico-y-cultural-en-un-destino-turistico-de-honduras>
 3. http://www.usaid-proparque.org/noticias/taller_aviturismo
- Design graphic material for the II Sustainable Rural Tourism National Congress



Agroforestry:

- Design banner for Sustainable Production of Differentiated Coffee Project
- Design banner for Cacao Project
- Publication of articles on the monthly report:
 1. <http://www.usaid-proparque.org/produccion-ecologica-de-panela-de-cana-de-azucar-en-la-reserva-de-biosfera-cacique-lempira-senor-de-la-montanas>
 2. <http://www.usaidproparque.org/noticias/aprendiendo-a-evaluar-la-vulnerabilidad-de-las-fincas-productoras-de-cafe-para-contribuir-a-enfrentar-el-cambio-climatico>



Biodiversity Conservation

- Publication on Heraldo newspaper:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B75MoF7w-cKGUII4ZTEzYlIBX1U>
- Publication of trail workshop on USAID ProParque social media:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1531094697112967.1073741891.1374660806089691&type=3>
- Publication of workshop on felines and their preys USAID ProParque on social media:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1531146500441120.1073741893.1374660806089691&type=3>
- Publication of articles on monthly report:
 1. <http://www.usaid-proparque.org/noticias/unesco>
 2. https://sites.google.com/site/usaidproparque/noticias/vacios_corredores



Renewable Energy

- Design of ceramics for improved stoves
- Edition of documental videos about renewable energy women entrepreneurs



Disaster Vulnerability

- Support on the delivery of equipment for CODEM and CODEL in the Western region:

La Tribuna: <http://www.latribuna.hn/2015/08/13/usaiddota-de-equipamiento-a-codem-y-codel-en-occidente/>

- Article on the monthly bulletin:

- <http://www.usaid-proparque.org/noticias/dotan-de-equipamiento-a-codem-y-codel-en-6-municipios-del-occidente-del-pais>



Observations/Comments: Project activities will be covered as requested.

Activity No. 3: Events

Actions during Quarter:

Training for Biological Monitoring of cats and their prey

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1531146500441120.1073741893.1374660806089691&type=3>

First USFS trails Workshops

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1528188317403605.1073741885.1374660806089691&type=3>

2nd USFS trails Workshops

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1531094697112967.1073741891.1374660806089691&type=3>

Material delivery for San Sebastian Stoves

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1531082820447488.1073741890.1374660806089691&type=3>

"Sustainable Management of Hydroelectric Project" Workshop

- <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1522313037991133.1073741879.1374660806089691&type=3>
- <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1523834921172278.1073741880.1374660806089691&type=3>

Consultative Workshop for National Strategy for Avitourism

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1496799120542525.1073741873.1374660806089691&type=3>

Development of management plans and ecological integrity Workshop

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1528167874072316.1073741884.1374660806089691&type=3>

Basic Environmental Interpretation for Protected Areas Workshop

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1538591673029936.1073741899.1374660806089691&type=3>

<p>2nd Sustainable Rural Tourism National Congress</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1534907243398379.1073741896.1374660806089691&type=3</p>
<p>Observations/Comments: Project activities will be covered as requested.</p>

Q17 activities are included in Section III, the table for Q17 Technical Activities under Communication and Outreach.

SECTION II

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

STAFFING

The table below provides detailed information on the USAID ProParque technical team, including name, position title, scope of work, lines of reporting, and primary location:

TABLE 17: USAID PROPARQUE CORE TECHNICAL TEAM (09/30/2015)

Name	Position	Responsibilities	Reports to	Base
Key Personnel				
Christopher Seeley (DAI)	COP	Overall project management and technical performance	USAID; E&E Managing Director, DAI	Tegucigalpa
Carlos Rivas (DAI)	DCOP	IR 2.2 activities and deliverables IR 2.1 Agroforestry Sector activities and deliverables IR 2.1 Forestry Sector activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Victor Archaga (TNC)	Senior Protected Area Management Advisor	IR 2.2 activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Isabel Perez (DAI)	Senior Tourism and MSME development specialist	IR 2.1 Tourism Sector activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Non-Key Personnel				
Alejandrina Carrasco (DAI)	Program Officer	Address the scheduling, resource allocation and technical/administrative demands of project implementation.	COP	Tegucigalpa
Sue Elen Chavez (DAI)	Tourism Specialist	IR 2.1 Tourism Sector activities and deliverables	Isabel Perez	Tegucigalpa
Luis Ortega (DAI)	Junior Tourism Advisor	IR 2.1 Tourism Sector activities and deliverables	Isabel Perez	Lago de Yojoa
Jorge Lainez (DAI)	Agroforestry Sector Specialist	IR 2.1 Agroforestry Sector activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Bani Manzanares (DAI)	Agroforestry Technician	IR 2.1 Agroforestry Sector activities and deliverables	Jorge Laínez	Siguatpeque
Alfonso Nuñez (DAI)	Agroforestry Technician	IR 2.1 Agroforestry Sector activities and deliverables	Jorge Laínez	Gracias
Carlos Sandoval (DAI)	Forestry Specialist	IR 2.1 Forestry Sector activities and deliverables	Carlos Rivas	Gracias
Mily Cortes (DAI)	Clean/Renewable Energy Specialist	IR 2.3.2 CE/RE activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Ariel Acosta (ZAM)	Renewable Energy Extension Agent	IR 2.3.2 CE/RE activities and deliverables	Mily Cortés	Gracias
Rodolfo Cuevas (CARE)	Disaster Risk Reduction Lead Specialist	IR 2.3.3 activities and deliverables	DCOP	Tegucigalpa
Roberto Peralta (CARE)	Disaster Risk Reduction Specialist	IR 2.3.3 activities and deliverables	Rodolfo Cuevas	Tegucigalpa

Name	Position	Responsibilities	Reports to	Base
José Salinas (CARE)	Disaster Risk Reduction Specialist	IR 2.3.3 activities and deliverables	Rodolfo Cuevas	Gracias
Tania Najarro (CARE)	Climate Change Coordinator	IR 2.3.1 activities and deliverables	COP	Tegucigalpa
Milton Alvarado (TNC)	PA Management Specialist	IR 2.2 activities and deliverables/ North Coast SPL	Carlos Rivas	Siguatepeque
Raquel Lopez (TNC)	PA Management Specialist	IR 2.2. activities and deliverables/ICF Central	Victor Archaga	Tegucigalpa
Pablo Rico (DAI)	PA Management Specialist	IR 2.2. activities and deliverables/ICF Central	Victor Archaga	Tegucigalpa
Marco Carias (DAI)	PA Management Specialist	IR 2.2 activities and deliverables/ Institutional development	Victor Archaga	Gracias
Jenny Cerrato (TNC)	PA Management Specialist	IR 2.2 activities and deliverables/ Institutional development	Victor Archaga	Tegucigalpa
Gustavo Acosta (DAI)	Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Specialist	Management of project EMMP and EMS; activities and deliverables linked to environmental impact of small scale hydropower development	Alejandrina Carrasco	Tegucigalpa
Edwin Sanchez (DAI)	Legal Environmental Assistant	Activities and deliverables linked to environmental impact	Gustavo Acosta	Tegucigalpa
Eva Castro (DAI)	Communications Manager	Preparation and production of documents that communicate program results both externally and to client	Alejandrina Carrasco	Tegucigalpa
Georgina O'Connor (CARE)	Sr. M&E Specialist	Management of M&E Team; compliance with PMP	Alejandrina Carrasco	Tegucigalpa
Hector Valdez (CARE)	M&E Specialist	Compliance of the PMP	Georgina O'Connor	Tegucigalpa
Yesenia Mendez (CARE)	M&E Specialist	Compliance of the PMP	Georgina O'Connor	Gracias
Ninfa Espinoza (CARE)	M&E Specialist	Compliance of the PMP	Georgina O'Connor	Tegucigalpa
Julio Jut (ZAM)	GIS Specialist	GIS support	Alejandrina Carrasco	Tegucigalpa
Susana Melgar (ZAM)	GIS Assistant	GIS support	Julio Jut	Tegucigalpa

Administrative Team

The table below provides detailed information on the USAID ProParque administrative team, including name, position title, scope of work, lines of reporting, and primary location:

TABLE 18: USAID PROPARQUE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM (09/30/2015)

Name	Position	Responsibilities	Reports to
Tegucigalpa			
Angelica Idiáquez	Finance Assistant	Supports the Finance Manager in activities including: Record all petty cash transactions including FAS Input, adhering all PC payments, Audit and review all travel advances and its liquidation as well as entering all pertaining information into FAS, and ensuring rapid clearance of the advances. Supports the payment of goods and services suppliers.	Finance Manager
Claudia Obando	Operations Manager	Oversee administrative, logistical & procurement activities, including coordinating equipment maintenance, importing administrative information (e.g. project inventory) into TAMIS, and support the USAID ProParque Finance Manager in managing all VAT & tax exemption negotiations with vendors	Director for Admin/Finance
Francia Nazar	Finance Manager	Oversee all finance activities, including: Completing FER/FAS and verifying that all expenses are supported with the documentation required by USAID policies & procedures; Submitting FER/FAS to DAI Home Office; Prepare vouchers and process payments made from the Lempira savings account; Organize training sessions on payment regulations and procedures for project staff; Prepare and submit monthly financial documentation to DAI Home Office; Submit weekly wire requests to DAI Home Office	Director for Admin/Finance
Glenda Duron	Subcontracts & Grants Manager	Customize grants manual and support approval process by the client; Compose and submit RFPs and other bidding mechanism to client for approval; Conduct pre-award responsibility and financial reviews of potential grantees; Draft all grant agreements for signature by COP; Review and analyze budget estimates and expenditures for allowability, allocability, reasonableness, and consistency ;Prepare local independent consultant agreements purchase orders, and other field based contracting mechanisms; Prepare request for consent to issue subcontract; Negotiate subcontract provisions and coordinate additions, deletions, or modifications; Maintain data on the TAMIS and Oracle accounting system for all subcontracts.	Director for Admin/Finance
Marielos Zuniga	Subcontracts & Grants Specialist	Monitor the work of grantees, including expenditures, work plans, and reports submitted; Respond to comments and inquiries from the grantees; Maintain files on all grants; Perform field visits to grantees and beneficiaries; Assist COP and DCOP in the approval of the RFPs and other contracting mechanism; Manage publication of RFPs and other contract mechanism and receive offers and bids submitted.	Grants & Contracts Manager
Marifer Martinez	Director for Admin/Finance	Review the bi-monthly finance reports for presentation to the COP and Home Office; Approve payments in accordance with the Project Schedule of Authority; Review monthly payroll packet and share with COP for approval; Provide guidance on the grants implementation; Review grants approval packets and agreements prepared by the Grants Specialist; Review and approve draft contracts and subcontracts for completeness; Ensure smooth operations in project office; Conduct post-activity reviews with relevant parties to assess the quality of administrative support; Oversee project procurement and approve per the schedule of authority; Ensure that project's IT service providers offer timely and adequate support, Liaise with DAI Home Office IT services on problems encountered in the field.	COP
Milagro Diaz	Procurement Assistant	Oversee purchase of project commodities and services, ensuring compliance with relevant policies and procedures; Maintain and update a record of all procurement procedures; Coordinate delivery of goods and services in a timely and efficient manner; Complete and submit all tax exemption forms; Maintain a record of all tax exemptions issued during the life of the project and submitting monthly reports of such exemptions.	Operations Manager

Name	Position	Responsibilities	Reports to
Reyna Gomez	Administrative Assistant	Manage logistics coordination, including making project-related travel arrangements (flights, accommodations, etc.) for LTТА, STТА and consultants; Establish relationships with hotels throughout Honduras to facilitate process of making arrangements and to ensure secure accommodations and best prices available; Conduct property inventory and disposal of items as required; Assign items in inventory to USAID ProParque staff members; Assist in the preparation of annual inventory reports.	Operations Manager
Suyapa Nuñez	Receptionist	Responsible for receiving all office visitors, answering the ProParque phone lines, taking and distributing messages, mail and documents to all staff members when received. Collaborated with Finance, Admin.& Human Resource team in: provided supplies or office equipment requested by the staff, help with the annual property inventory, manage the office filing storeroom, filling and scanning voucher generated by finance, managing of petty cash funds, weekly vendor 's payment, 1 st filter to review health insurance reimbursement forms received from employees	Finance Manager
Yessica Ramirez	Deputy Director for Admin/Finance	Register and maintain record of training completed by all USAI/ProParque staff; Monitor all authorized leave; Prepare payroll and all relevant documentation to track payments (paystubs, payroll spreadsheet and reports); Calculate all deductions applied to payroll; Maintain all personnel files in accordance with specified filing procedures; Maintain record of all payroll summary sheets, timesheets and paystubs; Pay and submit reports to DEI on tax withholdings to employees and consultants; Manage all issues regarding medical health and life insurance; Manage recruitment process of all LTТА staff and negotiate salaries as required	Director for Admin/Finance
Gracias			
Erika Amaya	Admin Assistant	Coordinate equipment maintenance; Manage office supplies; Assign inventory to staff members; Contract maintenance services as required; Provide support for travel-related logistics (flights, accommodations, etc.) for LTТА, STТА and consultants; Receive all office visitors, answering the phone and taking messages; Input all pertinent administrative information into TAMIS regarding office procurements; Input Gracias office inventory information into TAMIS	Operations Manager

Q16 LTТА & STТА Actions

TABLE 19: PERSONNEL ACTIONS Q16 – LONG TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Position Title	Candidate	Hired By	Status	
			Approved for hire	Hired date
Communications Manager	Eva Castro	DAI	July 29, 2015	Aug 10, 2015

Q16 STТА ACTIONS

TABLE 20: Q16 SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

Position Title	Candidate	Hired By	Status	
			Approved	Hired date
Pollster for the gathering of information and measurement of progress of the results of SME for the components of economic growth and environmental management	Devlin Portillo	DAI	Aug 14, 2015	Aug 17, 2015

Q16 HO STТА Actions

TABLE 21: PERSONNEL ACTIONS Q16 – HO SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Name	Assignment	Dates in Honduras	Estimated Cost
Robert Ryan-Silva	Provide technical assistance related to low cost water flow measurement equipment.	September 16 - 25, 2015	\$ 7,329.36
Total			\$ 7,329.36

ADMINISTRATION

GRANTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

No major subcontracts and no grants were signed during this quarter but there was significant activity in reviewing, monitoring, processing payments and completing reports for current existing subcontracts and grants. Below is a summary of major activities for the fiscal year that just ended:

- Issuance and administration of seven (7) Independent Consultant contracts for an approximate total amount of US\$ 59,528.61
- Issuance and administration of thirteen (13) Fixed Price Purchase Orders for an approximate total amount of US\$ 419,284.23
- Issuance and administration of thirteen (13) grant agreements totaling approximately US\$ 499,460.76
- Training to grantees with regards to reporting, compliance and grant management was provided to 10 organizations.
- Review of countless counterpart reports
- Processed countless requests for payment under three (3) types of contracting mechanisms
- Facilitation of twelve (12) training / guidance events for project staff, subcontractors and grantees
- Participation with local partners in the Workshop on financial and administrative aspects imparted by USAID / Honduras
- Request for Information (RFI) process was implemented as a method of collecting information prior to issuing Request For Proposals (RFP)

TAX EXEMPTION

- During 2014 the project was liberated of US\$ 140,533.05 in taxes using the tax exemption process.
- During 2015 the project has been liberated of US\$ 77,023.67 in taxes using the tax exemption process.

HR, LOGISTICS AND PROCUREMENT

- Property inventory has been conducted annually as per company policy.
- Materials for Ethics and Compliance training were prepared and training to all staff was provided during this last quarter.
- Safety and Security docs were updated for international travelers.
- Conducted the verification and hiring process of 7 independent consultants and 4 long term employees.

- The project has successfully complied with the monthly and annual reports for employee and consultant withholdings with DEI.
- Successfully installed a new server and IP phone system at the Gracias, Lempira Regional Office
- Installed a working space for project technicians in Siguatepeque, Comayagua.
- Performed internal audit process on all procurement and HR files for the years 2011-2015
- The team attended over 1,050 requisitions via TAMIS for events, lodging, and purchase of tickets, procurement, and more.
- Participated in the organization and logistical development of Gracias Convoca Festival, tending 40 events in total during the festival.

FINANCE

- The project submitted a reimbursement request for taxes paid during 2013, 2014 and 2015 and the following amounts were reimbursed during this fiscal year.
 - US\$ 16,477.69 corresponding to the year 2013
 - US\$ 11,556.74 corresponding to the year 2014
 - US\$ 700.69 corresponding to the year 2015
- HO conducted an Internal Audit during this period. The report portrayed a few recommendations and overall congratulated the team for strong internal controls and procedures.
- DEI trained the team on the new requirements of invoicing for local vendors. Training was implemented immediately as per the recommendations received.
- Issuance of more than 3,600 vouchers for all sorts of transactions during this fiscal year.

Q17 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Anticipated Q17 Program Management activities include:

- Independent Consultant Agreement for Training of Municipalities, requested by Environmental Management.
- Fixed Price Purchase Order for the preproduction, production and postproduction of 6 videos of visibility of the project
- Fixed Price Purchase Order (s) for the purchase of radio communication equipment.
- In-Kind Grant in favor of MAPANCE “Improvement of equipment and public areas in Celaque Mountain National Park (PNMC)”.

SECTION III

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR Q17

Q17 TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

TABLE 22: USAID PROPARQUE – SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES FOR Q17

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS	RESOURCES	DATES
IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased			
Tourism Sector			
Consulting for Hotels in the SICCS quality norms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on the HOPEH subcontract. - Follow up on the contributions from INFOP and IHT - Technical support at 3 destinations. - Program pre-audits. 	Sue Elen Chavez HOPEH	October – December 2015
Consulting for restaurants in the SICCS quality norms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on the CANATURH subcontract. - Follow up on the contributions from INFOP and IHT - Pre-audits and audits for the companies that finished the technical support process at 3 destinations. 	Sue Elen Chavez CANATURH	October – December 2015
Training of tourist guides.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First INFOP pilot training course for guides. - Follow up on new programs for training tourist guides at universities. 	Isabel Pérez INFOP	October – December 2015
Strengthening of three Chambers of Tourism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on internal strengthening processes of local chambers in the framework of the grant. - Training in the new DEI receipt processes - Training at Lake Yojoa in social media and corporate image for marketing destinations. - Support for the consolidation of the Convention Bureau Service at Santa Rosa de Copán. 	Luis Ortega Presidents of the chambers	October – December 2015
Planning Festival Protolenca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doctor Lara Pinto will train the Chamber of Tourism members about the historical and cultural elements in the watershed's history. - Pre-organization of festival activities. 	Luis Ortega	October – December 2015
Honduran Birdwatching Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the Honduran Birdwatching Strategy - Preparation of Birding Blitz at Lake Yojoa from November 19-22. - Support for the Honduras Birding Conservation Tour 2016. 	Isabel Pérez Sue Elen Chávez IHT CANATURH	October – December 2015
Development of the Western Coffee Trail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination with IHT and IHCAFE to support the promotion and training of providers on the western coffee trail. 	Isabel Pérez Sue Elen Chávez	October – December 2015
PUP implementation at Celaque and PANACAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the development of activities and services in the protected areas. 	Isabel Pérez Jenny Cerrato Mapance Chamber of Tourism	October – December 2015

IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased			
Forestry/Agroforestry			
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at MCNP	Deliverable 4: PCAT implementation progress report for 1,000 MSMEs	Alfonzo Núñez, executed with BSR	November 2015
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca I BR	Milestone 5: Annual PCAT implementation report	Alfonzo Núñez, executed with Beneficio Santa Rosa	December 2015
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca II BR	Milestone 4: Quarterly report No. 3	Alfonzo Núñez, executed with Fundación Co.Honducafe	December 2015
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at biological corridor between MCNP and Opalaca II BR	Milestone 4: Quarterly report No. 3	Alfonzo Núñez, executed with Fundación Co.Honducafe	December 2015
Production and marketing of sugarcane panels at MCNP	Milestone 7: At least 30 existing manufacturing centers improved	Alfonzo Núñez and Bani Manzanarez, executed with MAPANCE	October 2015
	Milestone 8: Second PCAT progress report, implementation process of BAP and BMP for producers		October 2015
	Milestone 9: Final report		December 2015
Field schools for the production and marketing of milk and meat at MCNP	Milestone 5: PCAT execution report including the module on genetic improvement and animal breeding	Alfonzo Núñez and Bani Manzanarez, executed with UNA	December 2015
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee at PANACAM	Milestone 4: Annual PCAT implementation report.	Bani Manzanarez, executed with COHORSIL	December 2015
Sustainable production of differentiated coffee in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	Milestone 4: 2015-2016 purchase/sale contracts	Bani Manzanarez, executed with Fundación Co.Honducafe	October 2015
	Milestone 5: Annual PCAT implementation report		December 2015
Promoting production and marketing of cacao in northern PANACAM and Lake Yojoa	Milestone 4: Report document	Bani Manzanarez, executed with COAGRICSAL	December 2015
Strengthening the HWC Denomination of Origin and Geographical Indication	Preparation of proposal	Alfonzo Núñez in agreement with IHCAFE	December 2015
	Approval by the Selection and Approval		

	Committee		
Support the COMAYAGUA and Santa Bárbara coffee brand and denomination of origin	Support plan and timetable	Bani Manzanarez, in agreement with IHCAFE	December 2015
	Identification of consultants for basic studies and preparation of terms of reference		
IR 2.2 HONDURAN BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVED			
Honduran Biodiversity Conserved			
Prepare agreement proposals for biological monitoring and provide follow up to their signing.	Agree on the text of the alliance agreements.	Direct technical assistance	October-November 2015
Prepare proposal on guidelines for feline monitoring	The proposal is based on the feline monitoring training.	Direct technical assistance	October 2015
Establish relationship with SINFOR/UESNACIFOR to explore biological monitoring mechanisms	The idea is to resume talks with SINFOR and learn about its current status.	Direct technical assistance	October 2015
Implement training courses planned for the quarter.	At least 60 SINAPH officials trained on the following subjects: management effectiveness, environmental education and interpretation, organizational development and strategic planning.	Direct and short-term technical assistance	October-December 2015
Prepare management plans and ecological integrity reports of PNR		Direct and short-term technical assistance.	October – December 2015
Facilitate at least 5 ecological integrity analyses at selected watersheds.	In coordination with the PES team.	Direct and short-term technical assistance.	October – December 2015
Provide follow up to ICF registration and certification process of PNR	In coordination with ICF and REHNAP	Technical assistance	October – December 2015
Monitor and supervise the implementation of ongoing grants with REHNAP.	Timely delivery of inputs required by the Grant Committee, support partners to improve respective technical proposals, etc.	Direct technical assistance	October-December 2015.
Facilitate discussion between members of REHNAP and IP and ICF officials to discuss PNR certification.	Support the certification process of PNR.	Direct and short-term technical assistance.	November 2015
Continue preparing business plans at PNR.	Promote the sustainability of PNR.	Short-term technical assistance	October-November 2015
SUB – IR 2.2.1 MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM			
Facilitate execution of grants with MOCAPH, PAG and MAPANCE.	Timely delivery of inputs required by the Grant Committee, support partners to improve respective technical proposals, etc.	Direct technical assistance	October-December 2015.
Facilitate workshop and technical meetings with MOCAPH and REHNAP to implement technical assistance.	Execute technical assistance work plan to promote organizational strengthening.	Short-term technical assistance	October-December 2015
Continue developing management tools at 7	Updating of management plans at 7 protected areas.	Direct and short-term technical assistance.	October-December

protected areas: Management plans, Planes Conservation plans and specific plans.			2015
Begin socialization of finalized management plans.	Follow up provided to 5 protected area management plans.	Direct and short-term technical assistance.	October- December 2015
Provide follow land registry process and redefinition of limits at PANACAM and MCNP	Includes relationships with IP, ICF, progress in contract monitoring and development of a community strategy.	Direct technical assistance	October- December 2015
Facilitate technical workshops and meetings to replicate public use plans in two protected areas and two private reserves.	The selected protected areas are Jeannette Kawa NP and Cuero y Salado WLR.	Direct technical assistance	November 2015
Facilitate REHNAP's participation in the Latin American Private Reserve Congress to be held in San José Costa Rica.		Technical assistance	November 2015
Provide follow up the implementation of in kind grants for tourism infrastructure.	MCNP	Direct technical assistance	October- December 2015.
Provide follow up action plan to implement commercial services at MCNP and PANACAM.	The plan was prepared jointly with ICF and IHT, and the opportunities for commercial services have already been identified at PANACAM and MCNP. Changes in commercial service regulations have been made in order to clarify the interventions made in protected areas.	Direct technical assistance	October- December 2015
Provide follow up usufruct contract process and redefinition of limits at PANACAM and MCNP.		Direct technical assistance	October- December 2015
Support the participation of 8 participants at the II National Forestry Research Congress.		Technical assistance	November 2015.
PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION PROMOTED			
Train JAA in the requirements they must meet for the national government and municipalities once they have incorporated.	JAA Incorporation establishes a number of obligations with the central government and municipal authorities that must be foreseen and complied with to avoid breaking the law.	USD 2,500	Constant
Support JAA budget preparation and work plans.	Preparation of budgets for each JAA based on activities established in the respective work plans.	USD 2,500	Constant
Continue to promote PES awareness and motivation and support JAA in implementing internal regulations for PES.	JAA will be supported to establish regulations and financial mechanisms to consolidate PES.	USD 5,500	Constant
Training in the creation of financial mechanisms to ensure PES sustainability.	Second phase of prior training.	USD 3,000	Constant
Provide JAA with equipment to promote watershed protection.	MOU will be signed with municipalities to promote the JAA and local organizations to carry out protection activities for watershed and the Celaque	USD 1,000	Oct 2015 to Mar 2016

	y PANACAM national parks.		
(*) These are resources for direct use by staff, in addition to the resources allocated to grants.			
IR 2.3 Capacity to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change Strengthened Disaster Vulnerability			
Strengthen capacities of CODEL and CODEM to respond and adapt to climate change impacts	Develop training workshops on First Aid, Rescue Techniques and DANA with the municipalities of Las Flores, Cucuyagua, San Pedro Copan, Las Vegas and San Pedro Zacapa.	DRR Specialists	Nov – Dec 2015
	Finalize replication workshops on Management of Temporary Shelters with CODEL in the municipalities of Las Flores, Cucuyagua and San Pedro Copan.		October 2015
	Develop workshops with the CODEL and CODEM of Meámbar to prepare community plans and the municipal plan.		Oct – Dec 2015
	Complete community and municipal plans at Cucuyagua.		October 2015
	Complete community and municipal plans at Las Vegas.		Oct – Nov 2015
	Draft community and municipal plans at San Manuel Colohete.		Nov – Dec 2015
	Finalize documentation for the delivery of equipment to CODEM and CODEL (signing of letters of understanding and delivery receipts with municipal governments and participating communities).		October 2015
Improve EWS in western Honduras.	Finalize purchase of equipment and accessories for radio communication stations in 14 municipalities.	Support to procurement unit	December 2015
	Georeference exact sites where the existing weather stations will be relocated and where the new one will be installed. Action executed with technical support from COPECO and SERNA through its National Water Resource Office.	1 SERNA technician	October 2015
	Begin procurement process of a new water metering station to be installed at a strategic point of Jicatuyo River; likewise, purchase repairs to improve existing weather stations.	Support to the Contract and Administration Unit	October 2015
	Relocate 2 of the existing 5 weather stations. Action carried out with technical support from SERNA and COPECO.	4 Technicians (1 COPECO and 3 SERNA)	Nov – Dec 2015
Clean/Renewable Energy Facilitated			
Follow up on signing of Letters of Understanding	The activity requires completion of the provisions of the Letter of Understanding; therefore, follow up is required to ensure that the letter has been signed.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Receive and deliver 5th lot of improved stove kits to municipalities.	This involves 800 new kits to be distributed at San Sebastián and San Marcos de Caiquín in the west and San Francisco de Yojoa, Santa Cruz de Yojoa, San José de Comayagua, Taulabé, Gualala and Llama in the Lake Yojoa area.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Continue improved stove construction for the 3rd and 4th lots and complete their registry.	Continue with socialization, delivery to beneficiaries, construction, georeferencing and registry in the west and the Lake area.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Design, preparation and receipt of ceramics with	The ceramics were designed and prepared for lot 6 and those for lot 5 were received. The ceramics	Mily Cortés Posas /	December

USAID logo	always include the USAID logo and that of the municipality that provides the counterpart, as well as that of the Company/Project that supports the municipality with the counterpart.	RE Technicians	2015
Supervise and support the interns' work.	This involves 4 interns from the UNA, two women and two men. They were distributed according to the work volume, one in the west and three in the Lake area.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Follow up on potential contractors for the microentrepreneurs.	Continue to encourage ties between the microentrepreneurs and actors, such REDMICROH, PROFOGONES, PRONADERS and PODER.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Follow up on the solar mill option with ITRR	Depending on ITRR's response, we will proceed to begin one or two pilot projects with mills in the agroforestry unit that have the greatest potential impact and the ability to provide a counterpart.	Mily Cortés Posas / RE Technicians	December 2015
Adaptation to Climate Change			
1: Selected climate change adaptation activities identified and prioritized in action plans of CODEM & CODEL			
1.1. Support for the implementation of adaption measures at the level of CODEM and CODEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for replications of training sessions on a local level. Support for prioritizing measures for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events. Preparation of a user-friendly diagram and electronic support for the implementation of baseline tools and plans for climate change adaptation and response to adverse events for publication. 	R. Cuevas T. Najarro	October - December , 2015
2: Implementation of training on climate change adaptation in holistic manner with project partners; piloting of adaptation strategies/actions at watershed and community			
2.1. Follow up on the implementation of the specialized training plan in consultation with partners from the coffee value chain and others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine the training material for UMA and partners in sustainable cattle raising and cacao. Train partners in sustainable cattle raising and cacao. 	T. Najarro, UNA COAGRICSA	October-November, 2015
2.2. Follow up on the integration of climate change and carbon value material into the agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile the quarterly reports from partners on the use of the awareness raising material. 	T. Najarro, Agroforestry partners	November - December, 2015
3: Identify best practice to adapt to climate change implemented in the improvement of agroforestry value chains and livelihoods			
3.1. Analysis of best practices and certification practices that support climate change adaptation, which are being implemented and should be included in plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the implementation of good coffee practices. Prepare a training plan for the sugarcane and cacao partners with the climate change and climate variables material. 	J. Laínez T. Najarro	October – December, 2015
Other activities			
Support for national climate change adaptation plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the planning process for the National Climate Change Adaptation Plan. 	T. Najarro	October – December, 2015

Cross Cutting Activities			
Gender			
Strengthen MOCAPH Gender Strategy	Facilitate the incorporation of a gender strategy at MOCAPH.	Marle Ponce	September November, 2015
Strengthen RENAPH Gender Strategy	Facilitate the incorporation of a gender strategy at RENAPH.	Marle Ponce	September November, 2015
Environmental Compliance			
Implementation of Integral Training Plan for UMAs, Community Associations, Water Boards and Private Reserve Owners.	Socialization of Training Plan with AMOHN, ICF MiAmbiente	Gustavo Acosta	October 2015
	Preparation of Materials	Gustavo Acosta	October 2015
	Implementation of Training Plan	Gustavo Acosta	November 2015
Support Institutional Strengthening Actions in the Framework of Payment for Environmental Services Activities.	Socialization of JAA legal incorporation process at Celaque Phase II. La Campa , San Manuel de Colohete	Gustavo Acosta	October 2015
	Meetings with JAA Board of Directors to approve Regulations	Gustavo Acosta	July 2015
	Legal incorporation of JAA in Celaque Phase II	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
	Legal incorporation of JAA in PANACAM	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
	Support the process of implementing PES mechanisms in Honduras; promoted by the ICF and MiAmbiente	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
Ensure Compliance with USAID Environmental Regulations	Environmental Monitoring and Follow up to Grants in the Agroforestry Component	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
	Environmental Monitoring and Follow up to Grants in the Biodiversity Component	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
	Updating the TAMIS Environmental Management System	Gustavo Acosta	October - December 2015
Monitoring and Evaluation			
Continue to register new project beneficiaries	Data entry.	Technical Team Renewable Energy, M&E, PES	October-December 2015
Implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for partners according to component.	Field monitoring and verification of monitoring plan execution.	Technical Team components, M&E Team	October-December 2015
Registry of technical activities in TAMIS	Periodic entry of information in TAMIS.	Component leaders System users. M&E Team.	October-December 2015

Systematization of land registry sub-project in MCNP.	Collect information with key actors, establish lessons learned and socialization.	M&E Team Technical team Biodiversity	October- November 2015.
Follow up on strategic planning activities of SINPAH and MOCAPH.	Participate in organizational diagnosis, SWOT workshop, and product review.	Biodiversity Team, M&E Team.	October- December 2015.
Processing, analysis and interpretation of annual results	Statistical data represented on Tableau software; this activity is coordinated with the GIS unit.	GIS Technical Team M&E Team	October 2015
Follow up on implementation of Strategic Plan at MAPANCE	Implementation of data collecting tools and techniques.	Victor Archaga, M&E Team.	October- December 2015
Participate and monitor specific field gender activities	Gender strategies with partners. Replication of DRR workshops Application of field tools.	M&E Team Technical team Components	October- December 2015
IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased			
GIS/Spatial Planning			
Support to sub-components with field and final maps.	Create digital and printed maps, as requested.	GIS team	Oct-Dec, 2015
Support to sub-components with geographic information analysis.	Provide analysis of different layers of geographic information necessary for the sub-components decision-making process in activities.	GIS team	Oct-Dec, 2015
Support field tours	Provide support during field visits in data collection and spatial analysis for which additional effort is required.	GIS team	Oct-Dec, 2015
Update interactive maps using Google Maps,	Update the interactive map database with the achievements of the second phase and new activities undertaken by the sub-component, and update the project website using Google Maps.	GIS team	Oct-Dec, 2015
Prepare interactive statistics	Update interactive statistics with the Tableau software to publicize the first and second phase achievements of USAID ProParque.	GIS team	Oct-Dec, 2015
Communications and Outreach			
Design of 3 monthly news bulletin in English and Spanish.	Process involves writing and laying out content in desktop publishing software for both languages.	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December 2015
Update project's website (English and Spanish versions) with components activities and new publications.	Website will be updated using content from the monthly news bulletins and other content produced by project components.	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December 2015
Update project's Facebook and Twitter page with components activities and new publications.	Pages will be updated using content from the monthly news bulletins, office events, press releases, pictures and other content produced by project components.	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December 2015
Planning support during the inauguration of Estrategia	Produce promotional materials for the event (invitation, banners), draft press release, and	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December

Hondureña de Aviturismo	attend journalists during the event.		2015
Stand and interviews in Congreso Forestal Noviembre 2015	Produce promotional materials for the event and record testimonials of beneficiaries.	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December 2015
Produce /edit videos for project component	Create a storyline for the different videos and office events, pictures and other content produced by project components	Communications and Outreach Team	October – December 2015

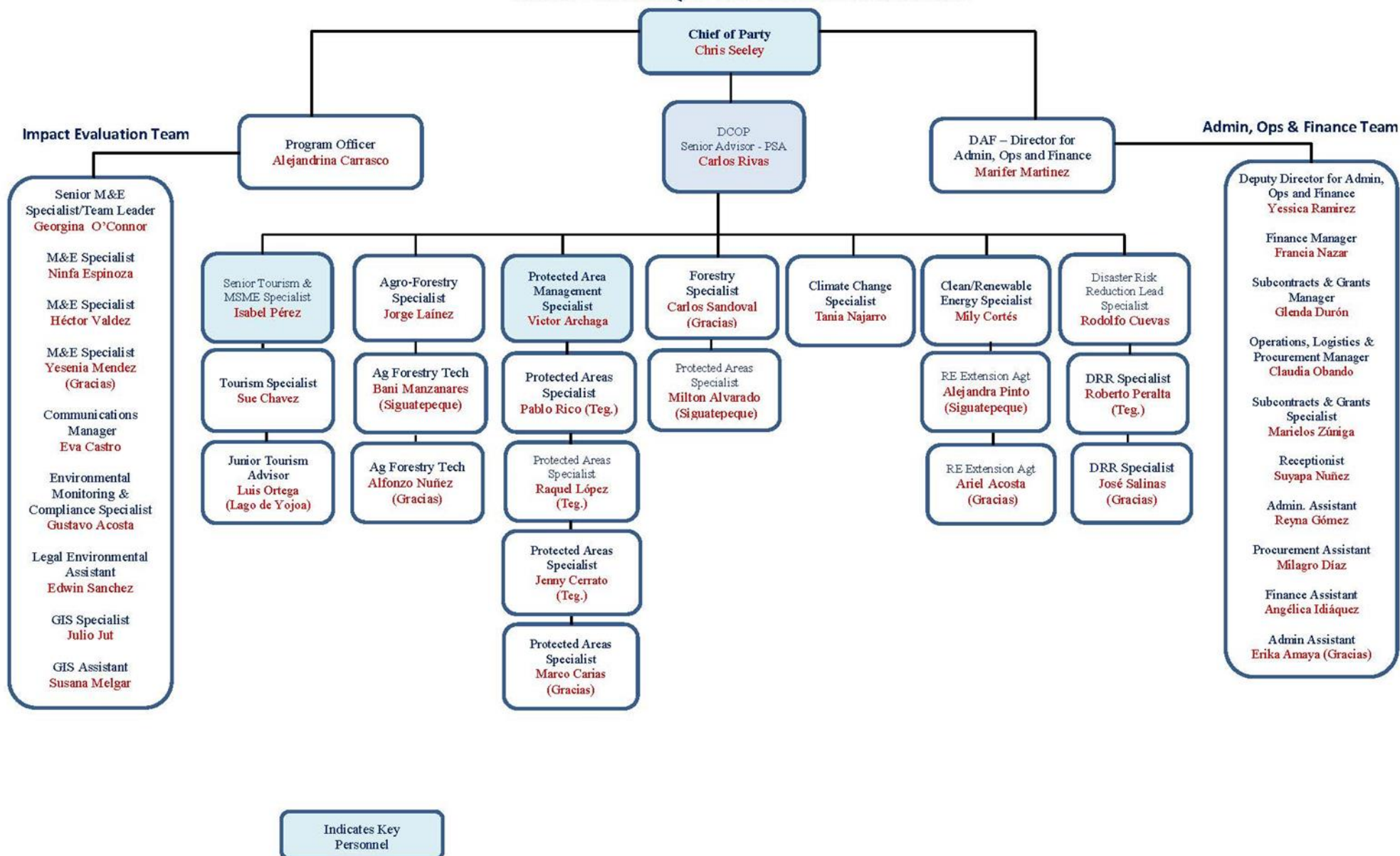
SECTION V

ANNEXES

ANNEX A

STAFF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

USAID PROPARQUE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ANNEX B

PROCUREMENT

Q16 PROCUREMENT

During this quarter the Admin and Subcontracts teams have been working hard to comply with all purchases needed in order to equip CODEMs and CODELs in 6 municipalities. Purchases in the order of \$ 63K were procured during the quarter, issuing a total of 18 purchase orders as a result of the effort.

ANNEX C

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

TABLE 25: List of MSMEs implementing SICCS Standards

RESTAURANTS

Lake Yojoa:

1. El Cortijo del Lago
2. Centro Turístico la Naturaleza
3. Honduyate Chalet del Lago
4. Antares (Hotel El Encanto)
5. Restaurante Joya Grande
6. Restaurante El Rancho
7. Mario's Restaurant
8. El Tablón Típico
9. Poultry 2
10. Rancho Bella Vista
11. Turicentro La Colina
12. Restaurante Power Fish

Gracias, Lempira:

13. Restaurante Guancascos
14. Hotel y Turicentro La Villa de Ada
15. Restaurante la Casona
16. Restaurante El Mesón de Don Juan
17. Restaurante Jardín Café
18. Restaurante La Tasca Lenca
19. Restaurante María Rosa
20. Restaurante El Kandil
21. Ecoturismo Monte Horeb
22. Hotel El Trapiche

La Esperanza, Intibucá:

23. Aqua Park el Molino
24. Rest.Opalaca
25. Café La Fuente

- 26. La Terraza de Domingo
- 27. Restaurante Opalacas
- 28. Restaurante Dom Pollo
- 29. Restaurante El Fogón
- 30. In & Out Burger
- 31. Mardú
- 32. Casa Vieja
- 33. La Hacienda Lenca
- 34. Pollito Indio
- 35. Rincón Lenca
- 36. Típicos Mexi Catrachos

Santa Rosa de Copan:

- 37. Mass Bar y Restaurante
- 38. Restaurante Plaza Centenario
- 39. Restaurante Lenca Maya
- 40. La Taquiza Restaurante
- 41. Kaldi's Koffee
- 42. Restaurante JM
- 43. El Café de las Velas
- 44. Café La Taza
- 45. Jireth
- 46. La Góndola
- 47. Las Brasas Steak House
- 48. Dos que Tres (Inversiones Exclusivas)
- 49. El Conquistador

Siguatepeque:

- 50. Restaurante Bongo's

HOTELS:

Gracias, Lempira:

1. Apart-Hotel Tierra Lenca
2. Apart-Hotel Tierra Lenca
3. Hotel y Turicentro La Villa de Ada
4. Ecoturismo Mante hored
5. Hotel El Trapiche
6. Hotel Villas Agua Caliente
7. Hotel Fernandos
8. Hotel Finca El Capitan
9. Hotel la Caxa Real
10. Hotel María Rosa
11. Hotel Patricia
12. Hotel posada de Don Juan
13. Hotel Real Camino Lenca
14. Hotel Rosario
15. Hotel San Sebastián
16. Hotel Tres Piedras
17. Hotel y Restaurante Guancascos
18. Hotelito Josué
19. Hotel San Francisco
20. Aqua Park El Molino

Copán Ruinas:

21. Hotel Escalón
22. Hotel Marina Copan
23. Hotel Posada de Belssy
24. Hotel Yaxkin Copan
25. Hotel La Escalinata
26. Hacienda San Lucas
27. Hotel Acrópolis Maya
28. Hotel Camino Maya

- 29. Hotel Plaza Magdalena
- 30. Hotel Casa Rosada
- 31. Hotel Plaza Copan
- 32. Hotel Cascadas
- 33. Hotel Brisas de Copán
- 34. Hotel Boutique Plaza Real
- 35. Hotel Yat Balam
- 36. Hotel Don Udo's
- 37. Hotel Yaragua
- 38. Hotel Casa Gabriela
- 39. Hotel Marys
- 40. Clarión Copán

La Esperanza:

- 41. Cabañas Bosque del Llano
- 42. Hotel IPSAN NAH
- 43. Hotel Las Margaritas
- 44. WAWA'S Hotel
- 45. Apart-Hotel Plaza Familiar
- 46. Posada Papa Chepe
- 47. Casa Del Arroyo
- 48. Cabañas Los Pinos

Lake Yojoa:

- 49. Honduyate Marina
- 50. Hotel El Cortijo

APPENDIX D

COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS

I. COPECO Y SOCIOS LOCALES

TABLE 26: Q16 COPECO CONTRIBUTION TO USAID PROPARQUE JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015

Líneas de colaboración	Balance Anterior		Actividad del Trimestre		Total Acumulado	
	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie
Sub IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity & Natural Resources Conserved	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub IR 2.3: Capacity to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change Strengthened	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.3.3 Gestión de riesgo y adaptación al cambio climático	-	3,169,903	-	-	-	-
Reuniones USAID ProParque - COPECO a nivel central para planificar actividades de campo, firmar carta de entendimiento, desarrollar capacitaciones y tomar decisiones sobre resultados de diagnósticos sobre necesidades para el mejoramiento de los SAT en municipios atendidos por el Proyecto y definir futuros pasos.				17,712.00		
Participación de Representantes de COPECO en las Regionales de San Pedro Sula y Santa Rosa de Copán en reuniones de trabajo con Especialistas de Reducción de Riesgo a Desastres de USAID ProParque para coordinar y desarrollar eventos de capacitación a miembros de los CODEM y CODEL.				53,773.00		
Transporte y distribución de equipamiento a los CODEM y los CODEL en 6 municipios de Occidente de Honduras				25,500.00		
Total	-	3,169,903	-	96,985.00	-	3,266,888
Grand Total Acumulado						3,226,888

Q16 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTION TO USAID PROPARQUE

Líneas de colaboración	Balance Anterior		Actividad del Trimestre		Total Acumulado		Observaciones
	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	
Sub IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity & Natural Resources Conserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub IR 2.3: Capacity to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change Strengthened	-	-	-		-		
2.3.2 Clean/Renewable Energy Facilitated	209,125	56,091					
Construcción de estufas mejoradas (compra de materiales, mano de obra, almacenamiento en bodegas y encargados de bodegas)			13,400	82,453.14			
2.3.3 Gestión de riesgo y adaptación al cambio climático	-	237,409	-		-		
Participación de Representantes de gobiernos municipales en actualización de información de organizaciones comunitarias, georreferenciación, distribución de equipamiento y capacitación de los CODEL y CODEM apoyados por USAID ProParque				128,373.00			
Total	209,125	293,500	13,400.00	210,826.00	222,525	504,326	
Grand Total Acumulado							L. 726,851



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30 de septiembre de 2015

Señor Christopher Seeley
Director de Proyecto
USAID ProParque

Estimado Señor Selley;

Me complace dirigirme a usted a fin de remitir, un resumen de las contribuciones que la Comisión Permanente de Contingencias "COPECO" ha realizado en apoyo a la implementación de las actividades del proyecto USAID ProParque durante el periodo julio – septiembre de 2015.

Estas contribuciones suman un monto de L 96,985.00 y corresponden al involucramiento de nuestros Funcionarios del nivel central y regional de COPECO para la coordinación e implementación de las actividades siguientes:

1. Reuniones COPECO - USAID ProParque a nivel central para planificar actividades conjuntas, transporte y distribución de equipamiento a los CODEM y CODEL, desarrollar capacitaciones y tomar decisiones sobre resultados de diagnósticos sobre necesidades para el mejoramiento de los SAT en municipios atendidos por el Proyecto y definir futuros pasos.
2. Participación de Autoridades del nivel central de COPECO para la preparación y firma de carta de entendimiento para el equipamiento a los CODEM y CODEL en 6 municipios del Occidente de Honduras.
3. Participación de Técnicos de las Regionales de COPECO en San Pedro Sula y Santa Rosa de Copán para realizar actividades conjuntas de capacitación a miembros de los CODEM en los municipios atendidos por USAID ProParque.
4. Transporte y distribución de equipamiento a los CODEM y CODEL de 6 municipios del Occidente (vehículos y conductores).

Atentamente,


Moisés Evaristo Alvarado Morales
Comisionado Nacional
Comisión Permanente de Contingencias "COPECO"

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Comayagüela Honduras Centroamérica

II. ICF

TABLE 27. Q16 ICF CONTRIBUTION TO USAID PROPARQUE JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015

Líneas de colaboración	Balance Anterior		Actividad del Trimestre		Total Acumulado		Observaciones
	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	
Sub IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased	9,600	28,960	-	-	9,600	28,960	
1. Apoyo al fortalecimiento de MIPYME forestales, agroforestales y turismo.	-	-			-	-	
- Talleres con comanejadores para identificación previa de amenazas y definir las cadenas a analizar.		18,160			-	18,160	
- Desarrollo de los análisis de cadena de valor y plan de acción.	9,600	10,800			9,600	10,800	
Sub IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity & Natural Resources Conserved	104,200	5121,884	3,000	340,000	107,200	5461,884	
5. Mejorar la integridad ecológica de las áreas protegidas (10 AP)	-	-			-	-	
- Monitoreo Biológico: Integridad ecológica, análisis de amenazas, alianza para Monitoreo Biológico*	27,000	995,092		50,000	27,000	1045,092	ASHO, MAPANCE y UNA
6. Ampliación del área bajo protección en tierras privadas (incentivos; trabajando con REHINAP)	-	489,000		20,000	-	509,000	
7. Mejorar la aplicación municipal de las leyes y regulaciones de las áreas protegidas.	-	292,000			-	292,000	
- Fortalecimiento de municipalidades (6)		37,500			-	37,500	
8. Mejorar la efectividad de manejo (estructura, reglamento institucional y categorización)	-	-			-	-	
- Co-manejo y sistemas de efectividad de manejo: Efectividad de manejo en áreas protegidas, evaluación planes de manejo, evaluación del co-manejo, fortalecimiento de MOCAPI, recategorización de áreas protegidas, resolución conflicto PNPB, guías técnicas para ecosistemas marinos, riparios y humedales.	37,000	1570,000		160,000	37,000	1730,000	
9. Mejorar los ingresos del SINAPH (re-ingeniería de su sistema de financiamiento)	2,000	131,492	3,000	40,000	5,000	171,492	
10. Aumentar el número de visitantes (estrategia de turismo para el SINAPH y reglamento para las facilidades de atención al turista)	-	301,000		30,000	-	331,000	
11. Implementar Pago por Servicios Ambientales (PSA) (en el área conservada bajo PSA y área piloto para créditos de carbono)	-	82,000			-	82,000	
12. Mejorar la capacidad de la municipalidad para implementar políticas ambientales (ordenanzas para controlar las amenazas en las APs)	-	60,000			-	60,000	
- Fortalecimiento institucional del ICF: Regulaciones para el SINAPH, Sistema financiero del SINAPH, Mejorar el funcionamiento del DAPVS, Establecimiento del Servicio de Guardaparques, identidad y promoción del SINAPH, Mecanismos de coordinación (3)	9,000	675,000		30,000	9,000	705,000	Incluye participacion de MOCAPI, IP, INA y comanejadores.
15. Generación de información y coordinar publicaciones sobre las temáticas establecidas.	-	104,500			-	104,500	
16. Incorporar los elementos de género en los procesos de fortalecimiento del SINAPH, creando a la vez capacidades nacionales en el ICF en el tema de género.	-	43,000		10,000		53,000	
17. Reservas naturales privadas (2)	29,200	304,000			29,200	304,000	
18. Involucramiento del sector privado en paisajes productivos (5)	-	37,300			-	37,300	
Contribucion del ICF en instalaciones y servicios		1144,300		-		1144,300	
1. Oficina de la Ceiba		350,000				350,000	
2. Oficina de Catacamas		208,050				208,050	
3. Servicios de Vigilancia en la oficina de la Ceiba		551,250				551,250	
4. Servicio de estacionamiento en la Ceiba		35,000				35,000	
Total	113,800	6295,144	3,000	340,000	116,800	6635,144	
Saldo acumulado al trimestre anterior							6408,944
Contribucion del trimestre que se reporta							343,000
Acumulado al trimestre actual							6751,944



Tegucigalpa MDC. 30 de Septiembre de 2015.

Sr. Christopher Seeley
Director Proyecto
USAID ProParque.

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Distinguido Sr. Seeley:

Por este medio le informo sobre la contribución en especie del Departamento de Áreas Protegidas del ICF, en las actividades realizadas coordinadamente con el proyecto USAID ProParque, durante el trimestre de Julio a Septiembre de 2015, la cual asciende a la cantidad de Lps. 343,000.00 (Tres cientos cuarenta y tres mil Lempiras aproximadamente).

Este monto incluye básicamente los honorarios del personal que ha participado en las actividades desarrolladas, en el Componente de Conservación de Áreas Protegidas. Durante este período las actividades se han concentrado en el seguimiento a las subvenciones de MOCAPH, REHNAP, PAG y MAPANCE y apoyo al FAPVS. Igualmente se ha apoyado el plan de capacitación y la aplicación de regulaciones técnicas, diseño de planes de manejo, planes de monitoreo e investigación, estrategias de aviturismo, catastro y regularización y reservas naturales privadas.

Las cifras anteriores fueron trabajadas en coordinación con el personal del Proyecto USAID ProParque y corresponde básicamente a nuestro involucramiento y participación en las distintas actividades que el proyecto realizó durante el período que se informa.

Le reitero el compromiso institucional de apoyar las acciones del proyecto y al mismo tiempo le agradezco el apoyo que el proyecto USAID ProParque nos está brindando en el proceso de consolidación del SINAPH y el fortalecimiento del ICF y organizaciones co-manejadoras.

Atentamente,


Alejandra Reyes Pereira
Jefe Departamento de Áreas Protegidas



Cc: archivo

III. IHT

TABLE 28. Q16 IHT CONTRIBUTION TO USAID PROPARQUE JULY- SEPTEMBER 2015

Líneas de colaboración	Balance Anterior		Actividad trimestre 16		Total Acumulado	
	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie	Efectivo	En especie
Sub IR 2.1 Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Growth Increased	1186,354.23	468,363.00			2188,818.23	551,363.00
a. Apoyo al fortalecimiento de MIPYME forestales, agroforestales y turismo.*	-	43,563			-	43,563.00
a) Apoyar los esfuerzos de legalidad y competitividad en el sector de MIPYME y prestadores de servicios turísticos a través de la creación y adopción de normas y estándares de calidad;	115,157	178,100	68,500	2,500	183,657.00	180,600.00
b) Incentivar la empleabilidad de prestadores de servicios de guías a través de la creación de programas de acreditación;	903,610	103,300	86,200	10,800	989,810.00	114,100.00
c) Promover acceso a mercados nacionales, regionales e internacionales para las MIPYME turísticas a través del uso de canales tradicionales así como soluciones tecnológicas;	67,256	67,800	847,764	69,700	915,020.00	137,500.00
d) Facilitar la creación de un sistema integrado de información y asistencia para visitantes, mercadeo e inteligencia turística y promoción de las inversiones;	100,331	75,600			100,331.23	75,600.00
Sub IR 2.2 Honduran Biodiversity & Natural Resources Conserved	-	50,689.00	-	3,500.00	-	54,189.00
h. Mejorar la efectividad de manejo (estructura, reglamento institucional y categorización)**	-	17,189			-	17,189.00
e) Aumentar el número de MIPYME que implementan en su negocio, prácticas más amigables con la conservación;	-	4,000			-	4,000.00
f) Desarrollar regulaciones para promover la oferta de servicios comerciales turísticos privados en áreas protegidas;	-	29,000		3,500	-	32,500.00
g) Aumentar el número de visitantes a las áreas protegidas en los destinos prioritarios (estrategia de turismo para el SINAPH y reglamento para las facilidades de atención al turista); e	-	500			-	500.00
Subtotal	1186,354	519,052	1002,464	3,500	2188,818	605,552
Total						2794,370

Observaciones Décimo Sexto Trimestre

En el trimestre de julio a septiembre de 2015 IHT participó en las siguientes actividades vinculadas con el proyecto USAID ProParque.

Implementación de las normas SICCS

Seguimiento al desarrollo del manual y currícula para guías nacionales y locales de turismo

Coordinación para la implementación de actividades en el destino Gracias-Lempira

Apoyo a actividades de aviturismo

Desarrollo del programa de servicios comerciales en áreas protegidas

Apoyo al desarrollo del evento Gracias Convoca

TABLE 29. CONTRIBUTIONS OF PARTNERS TO USAID PROPARQUE (TOURISM SUB-COMPONENT)

Alianza	Balance anterior		Contraparte privada	Contraparte pública	Total acumulado		Descripción contrapartes	Periodicidad 2015
	Privada	Pública			Privada	Pública		
Fortalecimiento de las Cámaras locales de Santa Rosa de Copán, Gracias y Lago de Yojoa.	L. 93,600	L.162,000	L. 139,284.00		L. 232,884	L. 162,000	Personal técnico, costos directos de actividades de apoyo a socios.	Trimestral
ExpoCopán, Santa Rosa de Copán.	L. 183,854.00	Habilitación de espacios públicos.	L. 381,657.00	Habilitación de espacios públicos	L. 565,511		Alimentación y alojamiento, compra de materiales para actividades, alquileres y montaje para el evento.	Anual
Gracias Convoca, Gracias.	L.501,104.11	L.399,128	L. 896,682.41	L. 494,022.15	L.1,397,786.52	L. 893,150.15	Gastos del evento Contraparte pública: Gobierno de la República, IHT y Alcaldía de Belén.	Anual
Portal web Honduras.Travel	L. 367,500.00	L.681,600	L. 367,500.00	L. 681,600.00	L.735,000	L. 1,363,200	Horas técnicos, mantenimiento de oficina, personal permanente, actualizaciones del sistema. Contraparte pública: IHT	Anual
Aviturismo, Participación de Honduras en la British Bird Fair	L.20,000	L.150,000	L. 124,031.30.	L. 807,764.00	L.144,031.30	L. 957,764	Movilización de participantes, gastos de la gira. Contraparte pública: IHT	Anual
Implementación norma SICCS	Adecuación de infraestructura y equipamiento en restaurantes.	L.41,000	Adecuación infraestructura, equipamiento de hoteles y restaurantes de acuerdo a requerimientos	L. 94,065.55		L.135,065.55	Pago de asesores en destinos ProParque e Islas de la Bahía. Contraparte pública: INFOP e IHT	Trimestral
Actividades promocionales en Lago de Yojoa			L. 118,217.00		L.118,217.00		Logística promoción del destino a través de medios de Prensa y TV, viajes de familiarización para reporteros.	Semestral
SUB-TOTAL	L. 1,166,058.11	L.1,433,728	L. 2,027,371.71	L. 2,077,451.70	L.3,193,429.82	L. 3,511,179.70		
TOTAL AÑO 4:							L. 4,104,823.41	
TOTAL ACUMULADO:							L. 6,704,609.52	



Tegucigalpa M.D.C.
19 de octubre de 2015

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Señor
Christopher Seeley
Director de Proyecto
USAID ProParque
Presente.

Estimado Señor Seeley,

Por medio de la presente me dirijo a Usted, con el objetivo de remitir el Cuadro de Contribución de Donante que realizó el Instituto Hondureño de Turismo en el Decimo Sexto Trimestre del año en curso.

Es importante destacar que esta contribución corresponde a las diferentes actividades de seguimiento en que han participado los técnicos al Proyecto ProParque, en sus diferentes mesas de turismo.

Sin otro particular, me suscribo de Usted.

Atentamente,

Lic. Marihela García Saucedo
GERENTE DE PLANEAMIENTO Y DESARROLLO DE PRODUCTO
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