Nicaragua, Honduras
Reducing Gender Inequalities in Agriculture in Central America

SUMMARY
With support from Ford Foundation, The Reducing Gender Inequality in Agriculture in Central America project will build on LWR’s ongoing Learning for Gender Integration (LGI) initiative in Nicaragua to further validate, refine and disseminate an innovative methodology to help farmer cooperatives reveal business incentives for reducing gender inequalities. The approach has shown results in improved production and profit among women farmers in commercial crops such as coffee and cocoa and building positive perceptions about women’s contributions to agribusiness. LWR believes that with further documentation and dissemination of these promising outcomes, the methodology has the potential to transform how producer organizations in different areas, working in different crops and providing different services allocate resources and benefits to women.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES – BUILDING CAPACITY ON GENDER INTEGRATION
LWR’s Reducing Gender Inequality in Agriculture in Central America project will build on the above results to reach other agricultural cooperatives in the region.

Long-term Project Goal:
Gender inequality in access to resources for agricultural production in rural areas in Central America will be reduced, in particular within producer organizations and member households, resulting in increased production and income.

Key Activities and Outcomes:
- Testing of LWR’s LGI tools and practices with another farmer cooperative in northern Nicaragua
- Refining of tools and practices based on documented impact
- Validating and documenting methodology to identify and operationalize business incentives for increasing women’s access to resources for agricultural production
- Disseminating validated methodology, including practical tools, lessons learned and successful outcomes with other farmer organizations in Nicaragua and Honduras, and with agricultural development practitioner, public and private sector networks.

LOCAL PARTNER: Asociación para la Diversificación y el Desarrollo Agrícola Comunal – (ADDAC)

PROJECT PERIOD: January 2016 – December 2017

BUDGET: $216,500