

Action brief

The Dry Corridor Alliance: Addressing the effects of climate change across food systems in the Dry Corridor

Country: Honduras

Themes: Nutrition sensitive

Sub-themes:

Climate change

Date: 2022



Overview



The Alliance for the Dry Corridor (ACS) was created in 2014 as part of the implementation of the National Food Security and Nutrition Strategy. Consistent with the National Government Plan, it aims to reduce poverty and food insecurity. The Dry Corridor of Honduras is a tropical dry forest region requiring urgent attention.

The ACS focuses its efforts on poverty reduction and malnutrition through strategic investments in the corridor's vulnerable communities. The main goals of the ACS are:

- Lift 50,000 families (approximately 275,000 people) out of poverty.
- Reduce stunting by 20% in target communities.
- Provide sustained farm access to markets and public services by building, repairing and maintaining roads in the corridor.

Activities have expanded to include nutrition education and hygiene within households, food production and income generation, the construction of water reservoirs and drip irrigation systems, technical assistance and training for farmers, the provision of access to agricultural credit for small- and medium-scale producers, and the prevention of pregnancy in adolescents through strengthening the capacities of 10 Dry Corridor departments.





Objectives of the action brief

The objective of this action brief is to outline key activities of the ACS.



Period covered

The ACS was created in 2014.



What action was taken?

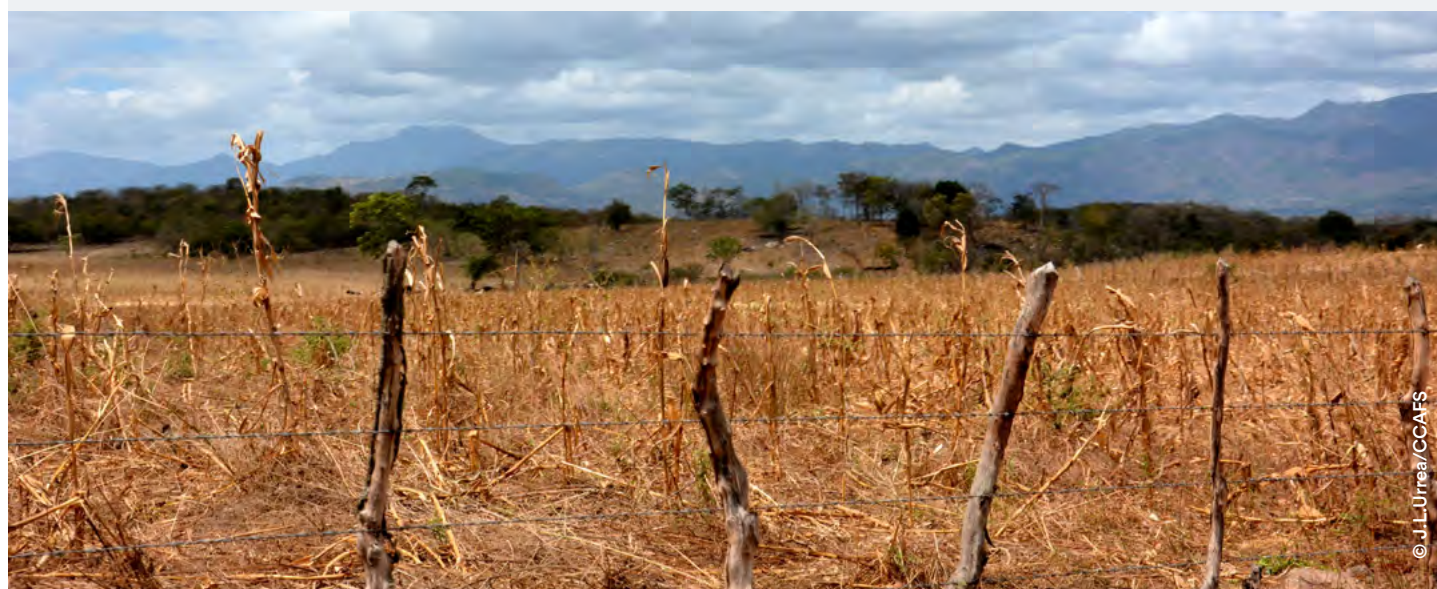
This initiative, supported by a network of donors that includes the European Union, the United States Agency for International Development and the World Bank, is coordinated by the National System of Risk Management, in conjunction with municipalities (through their local emergency committees), non-governmental agencies and local organized groups.

The implemented activities are based on the following principles:

- Focus on the most food-insecure and vulnerable populations.
- Build effective partnerships.
- Understand, define and address the links among climate risks, non-climate risks, nutrition and food security.
- Integrate environmental restoration and natural resources management into strategies and efforts to adapt to climate change.
- Include a gender, protection and nutrition lens.

Key lessons learned:

- Many of these activities are implemented at the community level using existing platforms, such as local associations (e.g. rural women, rural housing, child nutrition monitors and health volunteers) and community leaders (e.g. representatives of water boards, members of local emergency committees and school parent associations). This helps provide opportunities to demonstrate results to other families and encourage changes in crops and eating habits.
- Nutrition activities should be holistic and consider health and hygiene as components of nutrition education, informing the promotion of healthy lifestyles.
- The diversification of crops with high nutritional value is promoted to increase the production of and access to foods containing high micronutrient content (e.g. biofortified corn, beans and sweet potatoes) and help prevent micronutrient malnutrition.





Next steps

The project intends to scale up and achieve several results.

- Sustainable farming methods and better water planning will increase the food security of 15,000 households in the Honduran Dry Corridor.
- An improved health system will enhance the region's nutritional status.
- Institutions and individuals will build their capacities thanks to training, with special attention given to Indigenous and peasant leaders.
- The project will support the development of national food welfare and nutrition policies.



Further information

Food security, nutrition and resilience in the Honduran Dry Corridor:



https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/projects/eurosan-food-security-nutrition-and-resilience-honduran-dry-corridor_en#:~:text=In%202014%2C%20Honduras%20created%20the,in%20the%20Honduran%20dry%20corridor

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