Central America and Honduras, in particular, are some of the world's most at-risk regions for climate change. Farmers routinely face the perils of extreme weather events such as hurricanes and droughts. Crop failure and low yields, in turn, drive food insecurity, political instability, poverty, and migration.

The innovative Promoter 4 Change pilot project leverages Sustainable Harvest International's (SHI) 25 years of direct technical assistance. As part of SHI's ambitious Million Farm Transformation initiative, the project tests a farmer-to-farmer training model with the goal of increasing the regional scalability of agroecological practices among smallholder farmers.

SHI has established field schools to train Community Agroecology Promoters (CAPs) with an accredited curriculum. 90 smallholder families will learn agroecological practices that strengthen five communities' climate resilience by improving carbon sequestration, biodiversity, crop productivity, and livelihoods.



PROJECT FACTS:

- » Comayagua Department
- » 5 communities
- » 15 Community Agroecology Promoters (CAPs)
- » 90 smallholder farmers + families
- » 450 direct beneficiaries
- » 720 indirect beneficiaries

GOAL: Strengthen the climate resilience of 90 smallholder farmers and their families through the adoption of new technologies and sustainable, agroecological practices that increase crop productivity and biodiversity.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Test an innovation to SHI's training program to improve regional scalability by reducing costs by upwards of 50%
- Promote innovative and culturally appropriate farming practices
- Build community capacity and develop local leaders through training and certification

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