The Evolving Role of Taiwan in Promoting Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

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TaiwanICDF’s work in Latin America and the Caribbean

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1959
Agricultural Mission to Vietnam

1961
Operation Vanguard

1962
Sino-Africa Technical Cooperation Committee

1972
Committee of International Technical Cooperation

1989
International Economic Cooperation and Development Fund

1996
International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF)

Partnerships for Progress and Sustainable Development
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Drawing on Taiwan’s Comparative Advantages

Integrating Public and Private Sector Resources

Strengthening Cooperative Partnerships

Responding to Partner Countries’ Needs

Financial Services

Human Capital Development

Technology

Partnerships for Progress and Sustainable Development
Introduction

- Food security
- Rural Development
- Climate Change
- Marine Sustainability
- Health Promotion
- Capacity Building
- Good Governance

Partnerships for Progress and Sustainable Development
Introduction

• 100 ongoing projects in 36 countries
• 21 technical missions with 250 professionals in the field

Education and Training
• Enhancing human resources

Lending and Investment
• Promoting economic expansion

Humanitarian Assistance
• Building resilience

Technical Cooperation
• Boosting socio-economic development
Although we are geographically distant, we share the same values and a strong desire to build a better future for the people. We will work closely with our partners in continuing to strengthen democracy, peace and the rule of law.
Strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean

Goal
- Openness & Stability

Objective
- Prosperity
- Inclusiveness
- Democracy
- Peace

Assistance
- Rural Development and Economic Growth
- Human Capital Development
- Good Governance
- Health for all

Partnerships for Progress and Sustainable Development
Tri-party Cooperation

- **U.S.A, Taiwan** and **Paraguay** tri-party cooperation.
- **OPIC/Citi Bank** jointly provide loan for SME financing
- **TaiwanICDF** provides Technical Assistance for capacity building, Taiwanese experts consultancy, and awareness enhancement for woman business.
Actions at National Level

- Belize
- Nicaragua
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Ecuador
- Haiti
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Paraguay
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
## Rural Development and Economic Growth

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Honduras Expanding Avocado Seedling Production Project

Boosting Development of National Avocado Industry for More Prosperity and Inclusion

• Improve the facilities and HR capacity of avocado production.
• Establish standardized operating procedures.
• Create a marketing and traceability platform for avocado seedlings.
• To achieve the target of zero avocado import with excess to export to regional market.
Demonstration through the Free Market Enhancement and Value Chain Establishment to Create Long-term Prosperity for all

Production
Processing
Marketing
Exportation

The number of papaya production firms increased from 17 to 42
The production area had more than doubled
Export to USA had increased 300%
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Mr. Juan Diego Prudot from Honduras, 2015 Hult Prize winner and founder of “IMPCT coffee”, which have invested more than 300,000 USD in school establishment and enhancement, which benefited more than 400 students in the remote areas in 7 countries.

Ms. Cinthia Carolina from Paraguay, who received a certificate of level C from Taiwan in electrical and electronic engineering and ready to start her own business.

Mr. Dieudonne Tiemul from Belize, who obtained a certificate after Healthcare Personnel Training Program which was recognized by the National Nurse Association of Belize. Now he is qualified and be able legally practice in dialysis in Belize.
## Human Capital Development

### Establish human capital needed for development

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Belize Motor Vehicle Registration and License System Project |
| Guatemala                | Information Technology Cooperation Project                               |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Intelligent Bus Management and Monitoring System Project                |
| St. Kitts and Nevis      | St. Kitts and Nevis Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project  
St. Kitts and Nevis Land Administration Information System Project |
| St. Lucia                | Government Island Wide Network Project  
ICT Technical Cooperation Project  
Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Project |
Belize National Broadband Plan

- Provide loan to improve the quality of internet service in Belize by supporting BTL (Belize Telemedia Limited) in replacing old system.
- The quality of life for all Belizeans, and efficiency of the Government can be improved through easy access to speed internet service, which can lead to good governance in the country.
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Paraguay Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project

- **Main Objective:** An improvement in management efficiency within health institutions for a better inclusion for all
- **Actions:**
  - Strengthening the e-health system function & Promoting the system;
  - Strengthening hospital management

**Before: Limited and Fragmented Treatments**
- 1.5 hrs./ registration waiting
- 200 registrations/day
- 8 patients/doctor

**After: Inclusive & Holistic Healthcare**
- 0.5 hrs./ registration waiting
- 360 registrations/day
- 20 patients/doctor
Impacts at Regional Level

- Strengthening the Control of Huanglongbing (HLB) and the Implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Citrus Project (Regional)
- Regional Lending Program for Coffee Rust in Central America
- C Abei SMME Re-lending Project
- TaiwanICDF TVET Technical Assistance Fund
- TaiwanICDF-CABEI Technological and Vocational Education and Training Student Loan Fund
Strengthening the Control of Huanglongbing (HLB) and the Implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Citrus

Locations:
Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and Nicaragua, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, and Panama.

The regional citrus industry can be destroyed by HLB and cause an estimated **US$1 billion** loss.

Through the technical assistance provided by the TaiwanICDF and ORISA, HLB was successfully controlled.
Regional Lending Program for Coffee Rust in Central America

- Signing Date: Dec 21, 2015
- Loan Amount: US$40 million

The aim was to support the recovery of production capacity of small-scale coffee producers in CABEI’s (Central American Bank for Economic Integration) founding Member Countries (Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama and Costa Rica) that have been severely affected by a coffee rust epidemic.

The program consists of Agricultural Loans (US$80 million) and Technical Assistance (US$16.447 million). The project aims to (i) plant renewal; and (ii) stumping and pruning to stop the epidemic of coffee rust disease.

TaiwanICDF made its first loan with CABEI in 1994
Conclusion

Strengthening regional cooperation, ensuring no gaps

Transferring ideals to Indo-Pacific region

Building a world of peace, prosperity and inclusiveness
Actions

- Regular information sharing
- Partnership for better efficiency of resources
- Demonstration of leaving no one behind
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