



PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Location:

Belize, Cayo and Orange Walk Districts

MIF Grant Contribution:

USD550,500

Counterpart Contribution:

USD325,200

Partners:

Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA)

La Inmaculada Credit Union (LICU)

The Agronomic Centre for Tropical Research and Education

IMPROVING LIVESTOCK SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN BELIZE

Executing Agency:

Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA) is a private non-profit organization which supports primarily cattle producers in the development and improvement of their production systems. It is a membership organization comprising over 2450 individual members.

The Project:

This project will contribute to the reduction of the vulnerability to climate change of small and medium size cattle farmers in Belize, by fostering the adoption of climate resilient practices and green financial products to increase livestock production in Belize.

Objectives:

1. Increase the productivity of livestock farmers by introducing new practices that will respond to climate change and natural hazards, and at the same time preserve forests and prevent further land degradation;
2. Design and pilot a new green finance product tailored to the needs of small and medium cattle farmers, enabling them to adopt and invest in these new practices to build their resilience to climate change; and,
3. Generate farmer outreach and capacity building as well as strategic knowledge for public policies and private-sector expansibility.

Impacts of the project:

- The project will benefit the owners and employees of 250 small and medium-sized livestock farms.
- 600 family members will benefit indirectly.
- At least 250 livestock farmers will be reached through workshops, technology fairs and other types of activities that will be provided by **BLPA** and the Ministry of Agriculture.
- A group of 150 farmers will receive technical assistance, provided by the extension officers trained by **CATIE** on a demand-based program.
- 150 cattle ranchers will pilot the green finance product offered by **La Inmaculada Credit Union (LICU)** and tailored specifically to the needs of the livestock sector.
- 24 livestock extension officers and tertiary-level agriculture teachers to receive enhanced technical training.
- The **BLPA** and **LICU**, will each benefit from dedicated technical assistance to build their institutional capacity to implement key aspects of enhancing climate resilience of the livestock sector.

