



## Sustainable Development Application Form

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<p><b>Project Name:</b> Sustainable Agriculture project  <b>Partner:</b> Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras (IERH)  <b>Location:</b> San Pedro Sula, Cortés, Honduras</p>			
<p><b>Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:</b>  The Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras (IERH) is a historical partner of the denominations of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where mission co-workers from Global Ministries predecessor mission bodies were present for the creation of the church. In 2021, the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras will celebrate one hundred years as a church. Today, the mission of the IERH is to share the Good News for the holistic formation and redemption of individuals. The church is active in ministries of sustainable development, education, worship and music, and church leadership development.</p> <p>IERH has been present with the rural communities of San Pedro Sula through providing opportunities for well-being. San Pedro Sula is the second largest city in Honduras, located in the northwest corner of the country, near the Caribbean Sea and the Guatemalan border. This region is home to the most fertile agricultural soil, which has grown and exported products such as corn, beans, rice, tomatoes, cane sugar, coffee beans, citrus fruits, bananas, and vegetables. Additionally, this is an area of great departure of families migrating toward the United States. Therefore, the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras and the Mennonite Social Action Committee are working in this region through projects such as this to assist families with new income-generating projects and help create opportunities for families to stay in Honduras and to assist families who have been deported back to Honduras.</p>			
<b>Description of Project</b>			
<b>Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):</b> Sustainable Agriculture project			
<b>Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):</b> The target population will focus on rural, farming communities with an emphasis on the participation of the whole family. Therefore children, men, women, and elderly persons will be participating actively in the success and activities of this project. The first phase of this project will give a priority to pastoral families to participate. Following the first phase of the project, the church has plans to expand the project and multiply the number of families participating in the project.			
<b>How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?</b> The project will include approximately 15 families in the first year with plan to double the number of participants in the following growing season, multiplying the number of families benefiting from the project.			

**Key Objectives:**

This project seeks to provide an initial investment of resources to promote community development and agricultural sustainability. The project will provide training and resources to begin the production of corn, beans, and eggs. To do so, the IERH has identified three objectives for the first year of the project.

1. To provide an initial investment to families for agricultural production, as access to commercial credit has been a challenge in this region.
2. To generate new sources of income for families and community structures in the area.
3. To strengthen family unity and intergenerational dialogue.
4. To reduce migration by creating more sustainable and nurturing communities.
5. To support agricultural projects that are viable for the region. As not all agricultural projects are viable in the region, this project will focus on the production of three items – corn, beans, and eggs.

**Key Activities:**

For the corn production project, key activities will include:

- Clearing and preparation of designated land for seed planting
- Seed planting
- First fertilization
- Second fertilization
- Crop monitoring for birds and other animals
- Doubling the crop, a process to plant a second round of corn on the same land to produce two harvests in the same year
- Corn harvest
- Corn shucking

For the bean production project, key activities will include:

- Buying the seed
- Clearing, preparing, and maintaining the land
- Pest treatment
- Harvesting the beans
- Transporting the beans

For the egg production project, key activities will include:

- Purchase of materials to build hen houses
- Construction of:
  - Feeders
  - Drinkers
  - Electrical systems
  - Conservation tanks
  - Water systems
- Purchase of hens and roosters
- Purchase of food
- Health monitoring and vaccinations
- Ongoing supply for food and maintenance

**Duration of Project:**

The first phase will take place over one year with the plans for the project to continue sustainably.

**Project Budget**

**Total Budget:**  
\$9,000.00

**Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:**  
\$7,000.00

**Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?**  
This project is on-going and will seek support for the second phase of the project, based on the implementation within the first year.

**Please provide a cost breakdown for the requested funds (A detailed, itemized budget is required. May be provided on a separate sheet, if easier):**  
A cost breakdown of the project is attached.

**Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:**  
This is the first proposal to support the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras

**Other Funding Sources:**  
The Evangelical and Reformed Church in Honduras works with several ecumenical partners on leadership development, church growth, education, and income generation projects including agriculture. The E&R Church in Honduras works closely with the Mennonite Social Action Committee (CASM), which is another Global Ministries partner present in the region. The two entities provide mutual support to one another in sustainable development for communities at-risk of migration. They coordinate in efforts for education, training, financial resources, and scholarships to assist families in the San Pedro Sula area. The church also receives support from the government of Honduras for sustainable development projects. For this specific project, Global Ministries is providing an additional \$2,000.00 for the education and training of families participating in this project.

**Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so, how much?**  
This project of the E&R Church in Honduras does not receive funds from UCC OGHS.

**What is the overall percentage of funds requested that will be used for administration/overhead?**  
Funds from this grant will not be used for overhead costs of the E&R Church in Honduras.

**How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)**  
IERH has a project committee, which oversees the progress and completion of projects, proposals, and reports for outside, ecumenical support. The Global Ministries Latin American and the Caribbean Executive will monitor the project through visits and ongoing communication with the leadership of the church. A narrative and financial report will be provided on the project after one year of the project.

**If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?**  
As soon as funds are available.

**If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:**  
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