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Oikos has an ongoing Project at Honduras with the main purpose of reducing poverty through generating alternate income sources and employment, contributing also to a rational management of the natural resources on the Pespire County. Functioning from January 2008, the Project benefits a total of 6.760 persons in 15 rural communities.

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Among the initiatives aimed at sustainable agriculture, the idea is to create an association of producers in each of the 15 beneficiary communities to manage local development. This should involve about 300 families, who will be introduced to the knowledge and skills to implement sustainable technologies, as well as the cultivation of alternative crops.

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In the video you can hear a small testimony of Mr. Ritter Oyuela, responsible for coordinating the environmental committee of the UMA.