

## September 2010 – Update from pilot groups

### Más Café, Mexico:

The learnings from AdapCC are being taken up by the entire cooperative as part of its 2010-2015 strategy. One of the four central themes is “Promotion of climate change adaptation strategies”. This means that the work done on a pilot level in two of the organisation’s 8 member cooperatives (incorporating over 2,000 individual farmers) will now become a key focus for them all and will be backed by the financial resources of Más Café and supporting partners.

The strategic theme involves two types activities:

- 1) Training and awareness raising regarding climate change – This will involve workshops on an environmental awareness, conservation and improving soil fertility, as well as carbon capture and pest management.
- 2) Implementing adaptation measures – This will involve supporting reforestation through tree nurseries, integrated pest management and carbon capture as part of a national REDD+ project in the Chiapas region. In addition, they will seek funding to source renewable energy for the factory at cooperative level and to build infrastructure drying the coffee more ecologically at farm level.

### CEPICAFE, Peru:

Adaptation activities continue in two key areas among the pilot groups within CEPICAFE:

- 1) Improving water management infrastructure: This includes improving irrigation canals and expanding small-scale irrigation systems on coffee farms.
- 2) Improvements to the coffee drying and storage infrastructure: This includes installing platforms and shelters for drying coffee at farm level and protecting coffee quality during storage by refurbishing warehouses.
- 3) In coordination with their partner, NORANDINO, they are also implementing a reforestation project that will create carbon credits to be sold on the international voluntary carbon market. A percentage of the income from these credits will be used to fund the adaptation measures in the coffee communities.

### PRODECOOP, Nicaragua:

The focus for PRODECOOP has been on raising awareness of climate change and potential adaptation strategies among its farmer members. Over recent months the cooperative has run 10 workshops reaching nearly 300 individual farmers. The conclusions reached by the various groups included:

- Feeling that the topic is of great importance to the entire community beyond the cooperative

- A desire for additional workshops on adaptation to climate change for all the member cooperatives
- Increased understanding of the effects of climate change will help them combat the pressing issue of deforestation (legal and illegal)
- Educating the youth should be a key priority going forward

**Michimikuru, Kenya:**

Adaptation strategies at Michimikuru have continued to expand during 2010 and key activities include:

- In coordination with the Kenyan Forest Service, they are replacing non-native/water-hungry trees along local river banks with eco-friendly native tree species. In 2010, over 500 seedlings have been planted along 10 rivers in the local area.
- They have trained 20 'River Scouts' on soil and water conservation techniques
- Workshops were carried out with 200 farmers whose land borders river banks. They were educated on wetland protection and soil and water conservation techniques, especially the use of terracing to plant grass and crops.