



Reducing inequalities

Inequalities in income are issues of worldwide concern, which demand for global solutions. These include improving regulations and control of the market and financial institutions, foster development aid and facilitate the safe migration and mobility of people. As LWF / DWS CA we are aiming to strengthen local markets by contributing to the sustainable development of the communities and improving livelihoods in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Also LWF / DWS CA is working on immigration in the region, providing humanitarian assistance in crisis and providing accompaniment to those returning home in Honduras, through the strengthening of their means of life and economic development.



Gender equity

To empower women and promote gender equity is fundamental in increasing sustainable development. From LWF / DWS CA we promote gender roles from all areas of action, through the participation of women in public spheres and a new ratio of gender relationships, aiming to destroy the stereotypes defined for the roles of both men and women in the society.

We have a gender justice policy and promote an educational platform in masculinity for men and women, which will add more knowledge and empowerment to men and women and their organizations and social movements.



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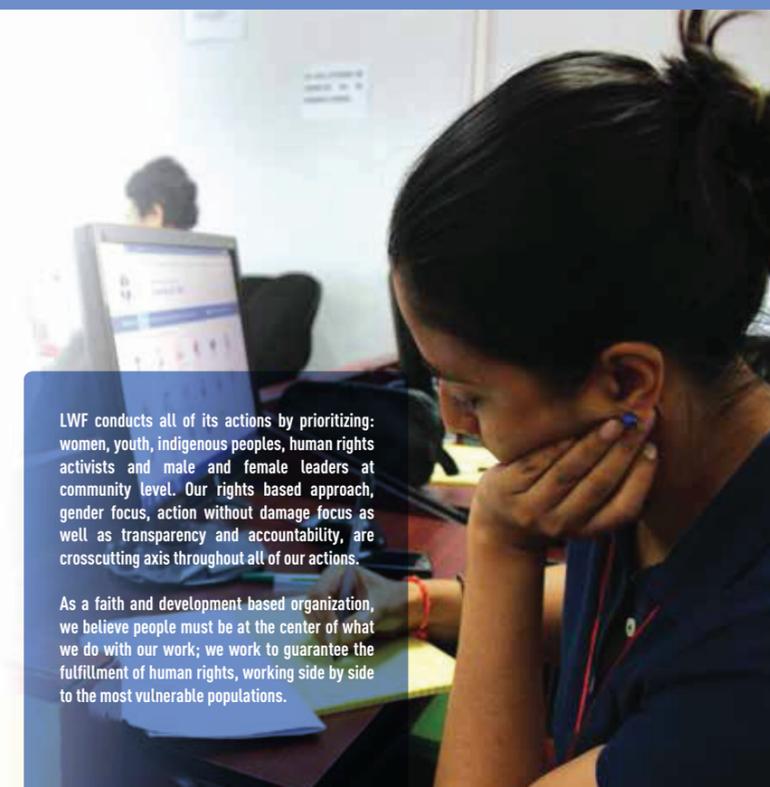
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In Alliance to accomplish our objectives

The Sustainable Development Goals will only be accomplished by committing to worldwide cooperation alliances. The world is now more interconnected than ever. Improving the access to technology and knowledge is an important way of exchanging ideas and foster innovation.

From LWF / DWS CA and in partnership with civil society organizations, social movements, grassroots organizations, women and youth groups and the church; we believe in the creation of networks and strategic alliances. The LWF is a member of the ACT Alliance and International networks in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

We also believe in information technology and communications, therefore LWF / DWS CA has its own e-learning platform that develops on-line courses on different topics and provides diverse sources of information. Also under WebEx, it delivers a virtual platform for the development of on-line meetings.



LWF conducts all of its actions by prioritizing: women, youth, indigenous peoples, human rights activists and male and female leaders at community level. Our rights based approach, gender focus, action without damage focus as well as transparency and accountability, are crosscutting axis throughout all of our actions.

As a faith and development based organization, we believe people must be at the center of what we do with our work; we work to guarantee the fulfillment of human rights, working side by side to the most vulnerable populations.

Central America adding to the global agenda for sustainable development

2015 was a historical year in reuniting all countries and people from around the world when deciding to embark on new paths toward the future and improving the lives of people around the world. Countries, International Cooperation and Civil society organizations all have an opportunity to adopt an agenda, which will lead to the accomplishment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

As Lutheran World Federation/ Department of World Services, Central America Program, we are currently working on adding on to this world agenda, taking our work from local to global levels. Our strategy Life, Dignity and Justice for Central American people, 2014 - 2019, has directly and through partner organizations worked to provide care for 30,200 people.

From a total of 17 SDG, we are adding to the areas of:

- **Climate action**
- **Ending poverty and zero hunger**
- **Peace, Justice and strong Institutions**
- **Reduced inequalities**
- **Gender equality**



Climate action

Most countries around the world are witnessing the dramatic effects of climate change. Its impact is strongly affecting the Central American region and greater affecting the most vulnerable populations.

LWF / DWS CA is working to increase resilience and adaptation of these populations to climate change, manage climate risk and loss and damage for communities in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; thus facilitating the implementation of innovative actions in risk management at local level.

Also, from both regional and international level, we are providing support and facilitating efforts to raise awareness on the causes and effects of climate change and promotion of public policies, which may limit the increase in global temperatures by 2^o Celsius.

Ending poverty and zero hunger

To eradicate all manifestations of poverty continues being one of the main challenges faced by humanity alike.

There are too many human beings in the world, trying all to satisfy their most basic needs.

LWF / DWS CA is contributing to end poverty and hunger with actions made to improve livelihoods. We are currently developing innovative projects in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua based on the diversification of crops, creation of home and community gardens, preserving native seeds and implementing irrigation systems.



Peace, Justice and Solid institutions

Peace, stability, human rights and effective governance based on law are important means to sustainable development.

LWF / DWS CA is contributing to justice, peace and the respect of human rights through protection actions, rescuing historic memory and transitional justice in the Central American region, while prioritizing on issues such as immigration, internal displacement and safety.

LWF / DWS CA works in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to promote the rights of women, youth and to protect human rights activists. We promote actions at regional level, which will make the situation in the region more visible and will systematize violations to human rights. All actions promoted by the program are done taking into consideration the rights based approach.