



## **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND**

**Partnering with Grassroots Women to Fast-Track Risk Reduction and  
Adaptation**

**Gender and Climate Change Finance: Empowering Women to Lead in  
the New Green Economy**

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# Putting Resources in Our Hands

- We realized that there are funds for risk reduction but it is not reaching grassroots women's groups who are working everyday to build community resilience
- We called for funds to be directly channeled to grassroots organizations, enabling us to address local concerns, demonstrate our knowledge and scale up grassroots efforts by collaborating with national and local government

# Community Resilience Fund Implementation

## Phase 1

- Nicaragua
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Peru
- India

## Phase 2

- Nepal
- Sri Lanka
- Philippines
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Uganda
- Kenya
- Haiti

Support from UNDP Gender Team,  
MFA Norway, CORDAID

In Central America the CRF is endorsed by CEPREDENAC  
In India the CRF is endorsed by National Disaster Management Authority,  
Govt. of India

# CRF Implementation in Nicaragua

- We trained women to map risk and vulnerability in their communities
- We used the mapping to identify our priorities and negotiate with local authorities
- Wiwilli local authority agreed to set aside 15% of his budget to address these priorities
- We were able to access roofs from Housing Ministry, seeds for our seedbank from the Environment Ministry
- We successfully advocated for a gender desk inside the municipality
- We used the Fund to strengthen our practices in sustainable agricultural, soil conservation, environment protection and adaptation
- The Fund helped us gain the attention of decision makers and the answers to the questions which emerged from our mapping
- Because of our demands a 30 km road was repaired

# Scaling Up Grassroots Women's Work

- World Bank's Global Facility on Disaster Reduction and Recovery supporting scaling up and cross-fertilization of lessons between India and C. America
- Guatemala: DEMI : Presidential Office of the Defender of Indigenous Women has agreed to scale up the CRF in collaboration with 6 organizations.
- We are being invited as expert practitioners to collaborate with government and train other women (SESAN, Food Security Ministry of Guatemala, COPECO, SEPLAN in Honduras).

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The CRF is more than a financial mechanism, it is a tool for empowering grassroots women to build on their practices, learn from other grassroots women and influence decision making processes

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We are not waiting for big global agreements. We are already taking action in our own farms, forests and countries to show the world that grassroots women know what to do, if they are given the opportunity to do it.

