Trees, Water & People (TWP) is a trusted development organization based in Colorado, USA with operations throughout Central America since 1998.

**Capacity Statement**

**Preventing Climate Migration from Central America**

Trees, Water & People addresses economic and environmental drivers of migration by leading and financing projects that create jobs, generate income, protect natural resources, empower women and Indigenous people, and improve community health and resilience. Central America needs jobs, long-term food security, and a strong civil society, to bounce back from this crisis. Trees, Water & People has the team and experience to help deliver solutions efficiently and effectively.

**Programmatic Capabilities**

- Participatory Community Engagement; Gender Equity in Development;
- Clean Cookstove Manufacture, Installation and Monitoring;
- Rainwater Capture and Storage;
- Agroforestry & Small-Scale Agriculture;
- Tree Seedling Production & Community-Led Reforestation;
- Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Protected Area Management;
- Social Enterprise;
- Economic Development;
- Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience, and Readiness

**Assets**

- Manufacturing and Warehousing Capacity;
- Multinational teams and networks;
- Regional savvy;
- Local partners, staff, and vehicles;
- rural supply chains;
- Federal Contracting (DOS-WHA, USAID)

**Scale**

- 2,500-5,000 rural families across the Northern Triangle and Nicaragua and growing;
- 6 community-based partners with 60+ trained, locally-based staff

**Illustrative USG Funding**


Responsive Disaster Relief for 1,300 Families
2 months of emergency food, water, seeds, and supplies

Honduras: 206 (COVID-19), 350 (ETA/IOTA)
Guatemala: 150 (COVID-19), 245 (ETA/IOTA)
Nicaragua: 80 (COVID-19), 179 (ETA/IOTA)
El Salvador: 90 (COVID-19)

The challenges of 2020 required Trees, Water & People to leverage its networks, logistical capacity, and fundraising skills to help those affected by COVID-19 shutdowns and the Eta and Iota Hurricanes.

Trees, Water & People is actively seeking to increase its contributions to fighting climate migration by building prosperity in Central America. We are well positioned to strengthen the U.S. response to these challenges, by proactively working to improve living conditions and livelihoods in the region.

Trees, Water & People's team is multinational and has broad networks that are regionally savvy and locally effective. Local partners, staff, vehicles, manufacturing capacity and rural supply chains allows TWP to deliver development services efficiently, in compliance with State Department and USAID administrative, procurement, and environmental regulations.

Civil Society Organization Partners
Asociación Hondureña para el Desarrollo (AHDESA) - Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Árboles y Agua para el Pueblo - Santa Ana, El Salvador
Asociación de Forestería Comunitaria de Guatemala Utz Che’ - Palín, Escuintla, Guatemala
La Cuculmeca - Jinotega, Nicaragua

Social Enterprise Partners
Ecogfón S.A. de R.L. - Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Doselva PBC and S.A. de R.L. - Diriamba, Nicaragua

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TWP staff has over 30 YEARS experience working in Central America