

Key results of DECOFOS impact assessment

Community-based Forestry Development Project in Southern States

Mexico

Project objectives

To improve the living conditions of poor households in marginal forest areas

Inputs and activities

1. Sustainable use of natural resources
2. Technical and financial support to small businesses
3. Organizational and managerial capacity building

 **180,000**
Total beneficiaries

 **45,000**
Female beneficiaries

Other associations

8%

Communities

12%

Ejidos

36% Participatory groups
of common interest



431
Organizations
supported

2011-2016

Total assets

+15%

Productive assets

+41%

Total income

per year

+22%

Income
diversification

+4%



Number of **parcels** sustainably operated by the household

+0.3
Campeche

Households sustainably **exploiting** natural resources

+37%
Campeche



Total **income** per year

+14%
Campeche

+39%
Chiapas

+34%
Oaxaca



Income from natural resources per year¹

+US\$52
Campeche

Income from business activities per year²

+US\$165
Chiapas

¹ Relative to an average of US\$6 for the comparison group
² Relative to an average of US\$22 for the comparison group

Lessons learned



Project implementation

Well-structured interventions were more effective in transforming rural economies and achieving impacts.



Agroforestry and forest practices

Successful results with regard to environmental benefits have been achieved in the state of Campeche.



Small business enterprises

The project facilitated the start-up and expansion of small business enterprises in the state of Chiapas.



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