CLLD IN MEXICO: 2 LAGs IN CHIAPAS OPEN TO EU
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Lot 2. Technical assistance and services for the formulation and implementation of a Participatory Model of Sustainable Development.

REDR (Spanish LAG network) objectives in Chiapas:

1. Promote sustainable, inclusive and participatory model of sustainable local development.

2. Improve and strengthen the development process in Chiapas regions.

3. Adapt LEADER methodology and CLLD approach as a development tool to the needs of LAGs in the forest and mountain areas.

4. Contribute to multilevel governance in Chiapas.

5. Promote training, education and exchange of experiences through the transfer of knowledge on multifunctional land management.

6. Build alliances and strengthen partnerships with government institutions, associations and civil society.

Results achieved at technical and institutional level

1. Promoted associations of two territories as factors and drivers of development, providing them with identity.

2. Established contacts with different government departments and created 'Permanent Dialogue Tables'.

3. Elaborated two local development strategies of the territories in Chiapas.

4. Legally constituted LAG "Selva Maya" (Maya Forest area) and LAG "Mam Kach" (Sierra area).

5. Memorandum signed twinning the Spanish LAG Network and Chiapas LAGs .

6. Promoted the creation and constitution of Chiapas Network of Rural Development.

7. Exchanged experiences between Chiapas LAGs and Asturias LAGs (Spain).

LAG "SELVA MAYA" & LAG "MAM KACH"

Objectives achieved

1. Integration of institutions, associations and civil society in the forest LAG "Selva Maya".

2. Integration of institutions, associations, producers and civil society in the sierra LAG "Mam Kach" .

3. Adapted LEADER methodology to local processes.

4. Creation of Local Development Strategy incorporating the University and research centres.

5. Established a collaboration agreement for marketing actions in Spain on coffee & honey.

6. Established Permanent Dialogue Tables and negotiation with government authorities at the state level.

Expected outcomes

1. To influence development in the forest and sierra contexts.

2. Strengthen the LAG as an alternative for territorial development and local governance with improved social results in their territories.

3. Leverage resources to implement the Local Development Strategy (LDS)

4. Improve the living conditions of the inhabitants of the sierra and forest areas.

5. Contribute to the improvement of the environment.

Lessons learned:
- Necessity to adapt the implementation of a LAG to the local reality.
- Rural social architecture should give more prominence to the private sector, and civil society associations.
- Institutional reform is needed to overcome symmetries of power – and to empower and provide skills to national, regional and local authorities.

"We organise development with equity"

Forest Maya lacandona

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