Capacity Development for food security in Nicaragua

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Project based on agropecuarian diversification and alternative solution to reduce food insecurity
Capacity Development Needs Assessment

- Project identification
- Design
- Implementation
- Monitoring & Evaluation

PRA
Capacity Development Needs Assessment

- Promotion of diversification of the production / irrigation system
- Needs identified with PRA = training in irrigation systems and market gardening
- Capacity building in organizational aspects not identified by community as necessary.
- A focus group was organized to discuss the implementation of the system and to identify organizational needs.
Design Capacity Development program

PRA Sessions
First assessment and ACH experience
SPFS / FAO training

TRAINING SESSIONS
+ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Implementation of the Capacity Development program

1. Coordination between local actors and organization
2. Organization of working group and identification of the promoter
3. Each group organized themselves for the construction and planned the training with ACH
4. Training during the construction
5. Technical assistance in agricultural production continued once the systems were built
Problems and difficulties

• Not major problems in the design and implementation of the technical part of the capacity development program
• Difficulties in knowledge transfer
• Access to water and Water source ownership
  ➢ Direct repercussions on the sustainability of the irrigation system
• A certain weakness in the organization of the groups and dependence on ACH technical assistance
Lessons learnt

Not only the technical aspects
Lessons learnt

• Farmers don’t see organization as essential in the irrigation system management

• Problem of education of technical staff

  ⇒ Difficulties to integrate aspects such as capacity building, organization and social aspects
Conclusions: *Improve sustainability*

**Project:**

- Training in covering the aspects of market, planning, monitoring production and management of natural resources
- Promoting discussion in the community to ensure sustainability of the solution chosen (irrigation system) and the good management of natural resources.
Conclusions: *Improve sustainability*

**ACH / organization:**

- Technical staff trained in social and organizational aspects, land tenure and water management.
- Include historical and social aspects in the study (not only technical aspects).
- Integrate irrigation in a global intervention.
THANK YOU