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The United States Forest Service International Programs Honduras (USFS) works closely with implementing, local and strategic partners to support the efforts of the Honduran forestry sector, providing expertise in the areas of wildland fire management and prevention, and the development of environmentally and socially conscious youth leaderships.

These activities are developed with the purpose of creating harmony with the environment in Honduras, through joint activities with institutions and organizations, strengthening leadership, improving local entrepreneurship and generating job skills for youth at risk of migration.

Our effort is to care for the land and serve the people.



**JÓVENES PARA LA
CONSERVACIÓN
HONDURAS**



The Honduras Youth for Conservation Corps (YCC) program, implemented by USFS and funded by USAID, aims to create a new generation of socially and environmentally conscious young leaders. Since 2017, the program has developed exceptional youths who have become agents of change and inspiration in their communities. The program's training of 1,400 hours over 8 months, develops and strengthens key competencies and skills to youth leaders with the knowledge, skills, and values to work with discipline, quality, and conviction.

The Honduras YCC program has graduated 271 youth to date and is on track to graduate an additional 87 students in 2023 for a grand total of 358 graduates by December 2023. The program strives to maintain gender parity and inclusive participant selection across each cohort. Our graduates are certified by the National Formation Institute of Honduras as Environmental Promoters and more than 80% are currently working or studying. In addition, during their training process these young men and women have conducted approximately 2,400 advocacy activities in diverse communities to address key challenges related to environmental education, youth leadership, reduction of irregular migration, and gender equality in Honduras.

The Honduras YCC Program, originally focused to benefit youth from rural areas of western Honduras, has expanded its implementing region nationwide, including Olancho, Atlántida, Choluteca and Gracias a Dios. Furthermore, the program continues improving and strengthening its gender social inclusion objectives by training women and LGBTI youth groups.