



## TODOS AL AGUA

SUPPORTING WATER CONSERVATION  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY



Todos al Agua is an RGC 3E Sustainability Program that supports farmers in water conservation and climate change resiliency. Todos al Agua works collaboratively to develop and implement solutions in four primary axes: Community, Soil, Forests, and Water. The program was first piloted in Anserma, Colombia in 2019 and was later established in Rodriguez de Mendoza, Amazonas, Peru. The program currently supports 300 farmers and 1000 total beneficiaries. Todos al Agua has achieved amazing results, supporting communities in securing a more prosperous and sustainable future.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Todos al Agua takes a holistic approach in supporting farmers in climate change adaptation strategies with program efforts guided by four main axes: Water, Community, Forest and Soil. The following details some of the program's strategic solutions and most notable achievements.



WATER



COMMUNITY



FOREST



SOIL

### WATER

Water is a shared community resource; therefore, it is important for everyone to practice good water saving techniques. Todos al Agua implements solutions to reduce and protect water resources and provide safe and clean drinking water to families.

### COMMUNITY

Todos al Agua encourages all members of the community to be active participants in creating and implementing environmental solutions, engaging with families, schools, teachers, children, and farmers.

### FOREST AND SOIL

Soil and forests play an essential role in water conservation and climate change resiliency. Todos al Agua is committed to ensuring soil and forests are restored and protected.

Todos al Agua soil and forest initiatives include providing families with eco-friendly stoves, reducing wood use by 50%, raising awareness regarding forest conservation, establishment of a wood orchard, converting farms into agroforestry systems, conducting soil analysis and integrating precision agricultural techniques

## PROJECT PARTNERS



Café Monteverde is a coffee producer and export organization that works with over 1,000 farmers across Rodriguez de Mendoza in the production of high-quality, environmentally responsible, certified coffee. Todos al Agua currently works with two of Monteverde's associated member groups: Valle Verde and La Flor del Café.



Located in the department of Caldas, Colombia, the Anserma Cooperative is the original project partner for Todos Al Agua. The region has been suffering from water scarcity during dry seasons and water contamination during the harvest. Anserma's newest project includes a state-of-the art eco-mill.

## AVAILABLE CERTIFICATIONS



### Colombia:

- Fairtrade
- RFA/UTZ
- Conventional

### Peru:

- Fairtrade
- FTO
- RFA/UTZ
- RFA Organic
- Organic
- Conventional



## ADDITIONAL PROJECT INITIATIVES



In addition to Todos al Agua, RGC is promoting gender equity through the **Cantuta Women's Empowerment Program**. As with each of RGC's women empowerment programs, Cantuta works to enhance community prosperity by uplifting women in economic reinforcement, social recognition and coffee quality improvement while encouraging women to create a new narrative for themselves and their families.



Maximizing Opportunities in  
Coffee and Cacao in the Americas

MOCCA is a USDA funded initiative that will support both Todos Al Agua and Cantuta for the next three years. Together with Technoserve, MOCCA will provide additional resources and technical assistance to program partners, supporting their ongoing efforts in adapting to climate change, improving coffee quality, and promoting gender equity.



## TODOS AL AGUA COLOMBIA, ECO-MILL



Community Wet Mill

The success of Todos al Agua, in both Peru and Colombia is largely contributed to the program's holistic and collaborative approach in supporting farmers in climate adaptation and water conservation strategies. The program is malleable by design and therefore able to meet the needs of the community and the farmers in the region.

The early success achieved in Peru can be largely contributed to the lessons learned while implementing the pilot program in Colombia. With Todos al Agua, Colombia now in its third year of implementation, we are able to gather further insight into range of possibilities and support Todos al Agua can offer farmers.

The most recent development for Todos al Agua, Colombia is the **Todos al Agua Community Wet Mill**, which will begin operation in the summer of 2021.

Working together with the Anserma Cooperative, the new community wet mill will help magnify the project's existing efforts in water conservation, water protection, and coffee quality, and will lead to even greater opportunities for the farmers and community of Anserma.

The Todos al Agua Community Wet Mill highlights the program's ability to support farmers in a range of solutions aimed at producing quality coffee while protecting and conserving environmental resources. We are excited to be part of this journey and look forward to the continued success and developments for the entire Todos al Agua program.



Solar Panels Installation



Integrated Water Treatment System

## TODOS AL AGUA FARMER TESTIMONY

### Maria Vilcabana Sanchez

A coffee farmer and program participant in Rodriguez de Mendoza, Amazonas, Peru was asked why she believes people should buy Todos al Agua project coffee...



☺ Thanks to Todos Al Agua, we now have resources that have helped us strengthen the actions we take to care for the environment . We have been able to receive aid to change our compost bins, which were not adequate and contaminated the water. Now the one I have is very beautiful and is safe to handle organic waste on my farm, including coffee pulp and the droppings of our guinea pigs. I compost both residues and generate new compost that I apply directly on my farm.

Also, we have been able to access a forest nursery that provides us with species that are typical of this area, are healthy and help protect our resources, especially water. Now my entire farm is surrounded by recently planted seedlings. In a few years my farm will be very pretty, surrounded by big trees. I am very grateful for all these benefits that Todos al Agua has given me and, in return, I promise to take good care of my farm, to continue taking care of the resources that surround it and also produce very good quality coffee. ☺



## Project Partners

Through collaborative partnerships we are able to achieve greatness!

Our ability to create meaningful, long-lasting change in the lives and communities of our coffee partners at origin is entirely dependent upon collaboration. Working hand-in-hand with like-minded individuals, toward a common goal equips us with the capacity to ensure our projects are truly making profound and positive change.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the project partners for their continued support and commitment to Todos al Agua.

