

PROJECT NAME

Mission of data collection : Study on the costs of production and collective marketing of agricultural products

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MEX-09001

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COUNTRY:

Mexico

STUDY ZONE

Cuautla, Morelos

Aldama, Tamaulipas

DURATION (MONTHS):

4

CONTRACTING PARTY:

Unión General de Obreros y Campesinos de México "Jacinto Lopez"
(UGOCCM)

BEGINNING:

April 2009

ENDING:

July 2009

STAFF INVOLVED :

4 in Québec, 5 in Mexico

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Financière agricole du Québec - Développement International has been mandated by the UGOCCM to perform the task of gathering data in order to better understand the practices of farmers and identify their needs in regard to production costs and collective marketing. Two productions and two states have been targeted : The nopal, in the State of Morelos and cattle breeding for dual-purpose in the State of Tamaulipas. During the field mission, visits to farms and in plantations of nopal were organized. Moreover, assemblies of agricultural producers of regions explored (between 50 and 60 people in Morelos and around 100 people in Tamaulipas) have been scheduled in order to facilitate the transfer of information. This mission has led to better understand the reality of farmers. Thus, several interventions have been identified by experts to improve the current situation of the Mexican farmers. A report containing those recommendations was presented to the UGOCCM and an action plan has been proposed for early 2010.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

- ⊕ Making contact with farmers (direct beneficiaries)
- ⊕ Data collection on practices of producers / breeders in both regions under study (visits, surveys and roundtables)
- ⊕ Production of a document on the process of studies on production costs
- ⊕ Transfer of information and knowledge between specialists from Québec, farmers and members of the UGOCCM in the targeted areas.
- ⊕ Recommendations of approaches of intervention to develop production techniques and patterns of organization.