A PROUD POTATO FARMER
Maria Cirila Pineda, Aldea Malguara, Intibucá, Potatoes, maize and cabbage

Maria grows potatoes, maize and cabbage in the mountains of western Honduras. Her family has always been farmers and she is proud to be making her living off the earth. But she is now even more proud to be able to finance her children in their education due to increased crop yields.

“We’ve been on the USAID ACCESO project for three years. We produce more, as we’ve been trained and have more knowledge, and we can now afford our children’s education. I’ve got five children – one is at university and two have graduated from high school.”

Now that she knows how to deal with pests and diseases Maria says her potato crop has done especially well, allowing her to keep investing in the farm.

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“We’ve had some really good yields and now have enough money to keep planting and harvesting, fighting and working our land.”