

**Program Title:** MELYT: Women, local economy and territories (Economic empowerment program for women in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador)

**Geographic area**: Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador with priority in the border region of Trifinio

Implementing agency: UN Women Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Partners:** Center for the Promotion of MSMEs (CENPROMYPE), Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), Trinational Commission for the Trifinio Plan (CTPT), Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) and Technical Secretariat of the Council of Ministers for Women in Central America (COMMCA)

Duration: 24 months

AICS financing: 3,500,000 euros

**Overall objective:** To improve the living conditions of rural and urban women in three countries of Central America, in line with the sustainable development goals

**Specific objectives:** I) Support sectoral institutions in the implementation of public policies for the economic empowerment of women. II) Promote the axis of economic autonomy of the Regional Equality and Gender Equity Policy of the Central American Integration System - PRIEG / SICA. III) Promote the economic autonomy of women through their access to business and financial resources. IV) Promote the management and exchange of knowledge instruments, methodologies and practices of local economic development between CSEM / LEDA and CAM networks

**Theory of change:** The Theory of change establishes that: (1) if the public policy and the programs related to the SICA PRIEG are improved to increase women's access to and control of resources and (2) the products and services for women entrepreneurship are used by them to increase their economic opportunities; then (3) the living conditions of the women will improve since (4) they will obtain greater access to the assets of their territories.