# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## SPRING · FY2022 · COUNTRY REPORT

#### Your support is making a difference to farmers like Genaro. Thank you!

### GENARO'S STORY



Prior to Plant With Purpose, I was in a difficult situation. To have enough money to support my family and farm, I resorted to borrowing from lenders with extremely high interest rates of 20-25%. Because I didn't have a habit of saving, I quickly spent everything I had. I fell into drinking and gambling because I was so discouraged that my farm was failing.

After I partnered with Plant With Purpose, I started learning how to better develop my farm and earn more. I've planted over 14,000 coffee plants, combined with many other native plants. My income has grown by 80% and the money I used to spend on gambling is now saved or used on my house.

This community has changed significantly. All our community's leaders participate in savings groups. So many trees are being planted. My family and I have changed the way we look at ourselves; we treat each other with respect. Ultimately, my relationship with God has improved.



## HIGHLIGHT

PROGRESS REPORT

In the community of Arroyo Majagua, members of Purpose Groups have acquired an incredible sense of agency. Through savings group loans, they have built an aqueduct, which provides 157 kWh of hydroelectric power for their community.