

Federación Regional de Asociaciones de Pequeños Cafetaleros Ecológicos del Sur del Ecuador

Strengthening the fair trade coffee value chain in Ecuador



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TRADE Fair trade  Green

Federación Regional de Asociaciones de Pequeños Cafetaleros Ecológicos del Sur del Ecuador (FAPECAFES) was established in 2002 to help coffee growers' associations sell their products in the local and export markets. The federation gives technical assistance and runs various development projects. FAPECAFES represents approximately 1,200 small-scale fair trade coffee farmers in the provinces of Loja, Zamora Chinchipe and El Oro, in southern Ecuador.

FAPECAFES has a strong focus on social performance and has demonstrated commitment to the development of a group of small coffee farmers in a vulnerable region. The average plot size of the farmers is 1.5 hectares. In addition to coffee, most farmers grow complementary crops such as sugarcane, yucca, bananas, coconuts or avocados. These are used for domestic consumption and sold, in order to generate additional income.

FAPECAFES is an enthusiastic promotor of organic farming in a spirit of cooperation, social responsibility and respect for the environment.

Federación Regional de Asociaciones de Pequeños Cafetaleros Ecológicos del Sur del Ecuador has been an Oikocredit partner since 2011.

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FACTS	
Sector	Agriculture, agri. services and processing

SOCIAL PERFORMANCE	
Female clients	8.2%

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