

# Voices OF HOPE

## Colombia

Boyacá is a mountainous region in the Andes of central Colombia. Agriculture, animal husbandry, mining, trade and tourism all contribute to the local economy. But climate change is threatening harvests and the health and livelihoods of those living in the region. Unhealthy working and living conditions, low levels of sanitation and hygiene and a lack of access to basic needs such as education, safe water supplies and housing, are all being felt as climate change worsens. Meanwhile, the migration of youth and men in search of opportunities elsewhere is also impacting communities.

In 2023, PWRDF renewed its partnership with the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ECLOF) Colombia for three years to empower small-scale farmers and micro-entrepreneurs in the region, building on the success of its previous project. ECLOF has already noted an increased awareness of sustainable farming practices, including the proper use of land, water and available resources. Women are developing activities in the countryside that contribute economically to their families and communities, while home gardens are supplying a healthy source of food.




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