

In a partnering ALDI SOUTH Group with <u>Olam Food Ingredients' ("ofi") coffee business</u> targets to narrow the living income gap by improving market access and coffee quality in a four-year project in Honduras.

Meet Eugenio or Don Ennio to his friends. He's an agricultural worker who has spent most of his life experimenting with crops.

Whether he planted corn or beans, Eugenio faced many challenges and often failed to see the results of his hard labor. It seemed that no crop could meet his expectations. That is until a good friend suggested he tries coffee.

Eugenio planted his first seedling six years ago; since then, he has fallen completely in love with his plants.

Nestled in the mountainous region of Ojo de Agua, Lauterique, his coffee farm of 2 hectares has been able to help him earn an income to improve the quality of life for himself, his wife and his 2 children.

Dedicated to learning as much as possible to get the most out of his coffee, Eugenio began working with **ofi**'s technical team with the project one year and six months ago, where he learned about better growing and processing practices.

Today, Eugenio's farm has RFA and organic certifications, he only uses organic compost and fertilizers and has met the standards to be certified as an organic farmer, increasing the value of his coffee.

In the community, more people have become coffee farmers and workers. At harvest time, Eugenio and his employees pick the ripe cherries while his wife manages the fermentation and washing processes before drying the beans in neighbors' yards.

With this support network in his community, Eugenio can focus on helping himself and others to ensure that every new harvest has the best conditions to grow into more beautiful, healthy trees.

As his farm grows in abundance, Eugenio is dedicated to unlocking the full potential of the quality of his coffee.