

Tigh Sgoile Trust Annual Report

2025-2026

This year, the Tigh Sgoile Trust has continued to work with the Lenca Foundation for Community Development (FUNLEDCOM) in the west of Honduras. Here is some news to share with you about what we have collectively achieved.

Coffee harvest generated sales of US\$ 30,000

32 small farmers had a good coffee harvest in 2025 and produced about 5,500 kilos of coffee. FUNLEDCOM negotiated a collective sale of the coffee to intermediary processing and export companies, which generated an income of 30,000 US dollars, (about US\$1,000 per family).

In addition, FUNLEDCOM helped 40 farmers gain official certification as coffee farmers from the Honduran government, which entitles them to apply for benefits such as access to low-cost credit.

Here are two of the coffee producers who have sold their coffee through FUNLEDCOM, Maria Maudalena Lopez and Francisco García.



Looking ahead to 2026, FUNLEDCOM will expand its outreach to incorporate 8 more families from the neighbouring community of El Cedro (The Cedar).

The current harvest of 2025-2026 is abundant and promises an even higher level of production than last year, as more coffee bushes become mature enough to produce beans.

As a next step, FUNLEDCOM intends to do a marketing study, with a view to setting up a coffee processing facility so that local farmers can get a better price for their harvests. The site under discussion is further down the mountain from the communities, where the climate is drier and warmer and therefore more suitable for coffee processing.

Francisca has qualified as a nurse

Francisca is a former student of FUNLEDCOM's education programme, who went on after high school to study nursing. Here she is, two years on, graduating as a nurse. Her ambition now is to continue her nursing studies at a more specialist level, so as to be able to work in a hospital.



Francisca graduating as a nurse in December 2025

High school education provided for 52 young people

Year on year, enrolment numbers have increased for the education programme and this year 52 students registered for classes with FUNLEDCOM. 10 young people studied at basic level, up to the equivalent of O' level, and 42 at intermediary level, equivalent to A' level or Scottish Highers.

Here are some photos from the graduation ceremony held in Los Puentes on 6 December 2025, in which 22 students received their qualifications.



2025 high school graduates with their teachers, Feliciano, Arturo and Wilfredo



Feliciano, founder of FUNLEDCOM, congratulating Christian Noé Pérez, one of the students.

Adult literacy classes run for 38 adults

Some of the high school students linked to FUNLEDCOM volunteered to run literacy classes for adults who had never learned to read or write. The programme called “Yes I can”, which is part of the Ministry of Education’s literacy programme, benefited 38 people. They gained their certificates in literacy on 6 September 2025.

Here are high school students Araceli and Kathryn, dressed in red T shirts, giving literacy classes to Dania and Teresa.



Looking ahead to 2026, a school building and scholarships programme

Looking ahead to 2026, one of the big projects will be the construction of physical premises for a modest high school. It will be the only high school within reach of the communities in this area and enable many more students to access a high school education.

The land has already been donated for the project by a local family and is located in the community of Los Puentes. Once the winter weather has improved and the coffee harvest is over, building work is expected to get underway.

In addition, FUNLEDCOM hopes to develop a scholarships programme to provide more opportunities for further study for young people who have graduated from high school. In other words, the support provided to Francisca, the nurse, will serve as a pilot experience for similar initiatives.



In Los Puentes, coffee farmers carry sacks of organic fertiliser donated by FUNLEDCOM in 2025



These are some of the 25,000 coffee plants that are being prepared for 2026