

A woman and a man are standing in a lush green coffee field. The woman on the left is wearing a white bucket hat, a black quilted vest over a blue and white patterned shirt, and is smiling. The man on the right is wearing a light blue baseball cap and a white polo shirt with horizontal stripes, also smiling. The background is filled with dense green coffee plants.

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# QUARTERLY REPORT

JUNE-AUGUST 2021

Dear Supporter of Bean Voyage,

You are receiving this as one of the valued donors and supporters of Bean Voyage. As an organization that is on a path towards growth, we recognize the importance of **transparency and clarity on our progress with all partners**, but especially with our donors who are investing their funds and time to support this growth. This monthly report is our attempt at ensuring transparency: whether you funded one of our programs, or provided support to overall operations, this report consists of our major program updates from the past few months.

The report is formatted in a way to ensure that it does not take too much of your time to review. If you have any questions on a particular element of the report, please feel free to reach out and we will be happy to provide additional information or details.

Over the next few pages, you will find the major program updates from June - August 2021.



# Care Training

12-week training on sustainable production

- **Farmer Recruitment:** We completed the recruitment of 250 smallholder women into the signature training program.
- **Facilitator Training:** Our team has been busy training 5 community-based facilitators, who will be leading the training process between August and November, 2021.
- **Curriculum:** The focus of Care Training 2021 is Climate Change, and Gender and Community. We were fortunate to collaborate with local institutions such as CATIE, La Ruta Del Clima, UN University for Peace, and Coffee Institute of Costa Rica (ICAFFE) in the development of the curriculum.
- **Resource Mobilization:** This year, we received the support of Yara International, Neues Schwarz, the Coffee Institute of Costa Rica, and Western Union towards the execution of this program.

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# Care Market

access to global markets

- **Roasters Recruitment:** This year, we recruited 15+ new partners into the Care Market program, seeing a 500% increase in our customer base.
- **Export Quantity:** We have exported roughly 11 tonnes of green coffee from the farms of smallholder women coffee farmers in different regions of Costa Rica. The average size of each lot was 345kg.
- **Quality:** After multiple rounds of quality control, we guaranteed that all of the coffee that is being exported has attained a score of 82+.
- **Roasted Market Launch:** We are excited to re-launch our domestic coffee program with a subscription model in Costa Rica. We launched this campaign in early August, and are focused on providing specialty coffee to customers on a monthly basis, from a different farm and region each month.
- **Resource Mobilization:** This program has been supported by Bridge for Billions, and through revenue earned from the Care Fund (\$0.10-0.15 of each pound sold through our partners is donated to Bean Voyage).

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# Care Engagement

advocacy and inclusive governance



- **Gender Policy Development:** We are in the final stages of completing the development of the gender policy in coffee for Costa Rica in partnership with Tríptico. The process thus far has included consultations with 6 smallholder women farmers, with 9 more consultations with other stakeholders in the value chain to take place in the next two weeks. The program is on track to be completed by November 2021 and will then be adapted and published by the Coffee Institute of Costa Rica.
- **'Mas Que Un Cafe' Documentary (#Stronger Than Coffee):** We are in the editing phase of this program, which has been developed in partnership with Needle & Frame. At this stage, the Needle & Frame team is leading a series of consultations and focus groups to get feedback on the 5 short films that were filmed, narrated and edited by smallholder women farmers in our network.
- **Resource Mobilization:** We have received the contribution of IICA for the development of the gender policy, and have received the generous donations and thought partnership of Alexa Romano and Maika Isogawa towards the documentary project.

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# Care Support

health & well-being support

- **Food Basket (phase 1):** In the initial phase, we provided food baskets to 26 smallholder women and their families from different coffee-producing regions of Costa Rica. The baskets included basic essentials such as rice, beans, oil, and sanitary products.
- **Food Basket + Adaptation Training (phase 2):** After the initial success of our food basket program, we have grown the program and over the next six months, we will be providing food baskets to 100 smallholder families across Costa Rica. At the same time, we will also be providing them with training on adaptation measures as well as micro-funds for the producers to be able to implement their ideas. These could include starting a home garden, or introducing beekeeping or hen-keeping at a farm level.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Phase 1 of this program was sponsored by Neues Schwarz Roastery in Germany, and Western Union's office in Costa Rica. The phase 2 program is growing thanks to a generous grant from the Starbucks Foundation.

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We hope you enjoyed reading these brief program updates. In addition to the program specific contributors, we want to thank the Red Empress Foundation, Skees Family Foundation, and the Roddenberry Foundation for their support of our general operations.

Finally, we hope to finalize our 2022 program plans over the next quarter, and look forward to sharing our ideas with you. In the meantime, if you have questions or ideas for how we can continue collaborating in the coming years, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

On behalf of Bean Voyage and our entire family of 400+ smallholder women farmers, I would like to thank you for your trust and support of our work.

We wish you a wonderful week ahead!

Best,  
Abhi and Sunghee  
Co-Founders, Bean Voyage