

#### Dear Friends,



As we reflect on the third quarter of 2023, two phrases come into mind: raising awareness and a renewed focus on the programmatic aspects of Bean Voyage.

During this quarter, we focused on spreading awareness about Bean Voyage through various means. We organized events, created a compelling pitch for our 3-year plan, and hosted a town hall meeting to keep our long-time supporters, like you, informed about our progress.

We also delved into the finer details of our existing programs. Our team has worked hard in recent months, fine-tuning our existing initiatives to ensure a strong finish to the year. This dedication has yielded remarkable results, including the highest retention rate ever for our flagship Resilient Communities Initiative and the recruitment of over 90 producers for the upcoming Women-Powered Coffee summit. We take immense pride in these achievements!

Your support and dedication to Bean Voyage's mission have been instrumental in our journey, and for that, we are grateful. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

With gratitude,
Sunghee and Abhi
On behalf of the Bean Voyage Team



Here we are back in 2017, after running one of those pilot programs in Frailes. Looking ahead at the next few years of growth, we're taking a moment to think about all the steps we've taken (and sometimes stumbled on) and the amazing folks who've helped us get to where we are now. A big heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you!

# voyage so far

Amount in U.S. dollars

993

\$50,800

\$606,059

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Smallholder Women Farmers Supported in Costa Rica & Mexico



Amount Financed in Micro-Grants



Extra Income Earned by Farmers



Social Return on Investment for every dollar invested in a BV program

### **Current Initiatives**

#### Resilient Communities Initiative



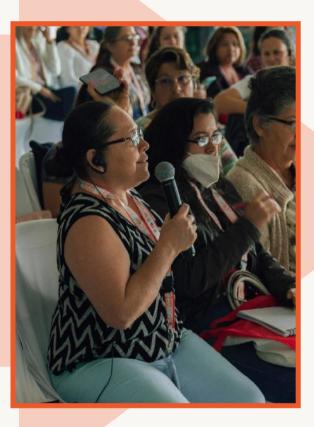
Providing 150 subsistence coffee farmers with tools and financing for resilient farm businesses.

#### Market Readiness Initiative



Supporting 100 step-up women farmers with tools and connections to access international markets.

### Women-Powered Coffee Summit



Connecting 150 marketready women farmers with access to buyers and networks.

## Sip Sip Hooray: Three Exciting Updates

- Resilient Communities Initiative (Costa Rica):): Our current program, Resilient Communities Initiative, is going exceptionally well, with an impressive 91.3% attendance rate. We attribute this success to two key factors: the introduction of regional leads for more personalized producer support and increased in-person training sessions. These in-person gatherings have boosted motivation and participation in both physical and WhatsApp-based learning sessions. Over the next month, producers will submit proposals for seed funding to kickstart income diversification projects on their coffee farms.
- Market Readiness Initiative (CR and Mexico): Women-Powered Coffee from our partner farms have reached various markets around the world. This year, we have exported green coffees to markets in North America, Europe, and South Korea.
- Women-Powered Coffee Summit (WPCS): the Women-Powered Coffee Summit is only 30 days away (November 2-3, 2023), and we are thrilled to announce the list of speakers! We have enrolled more than 150 people into our guest list including roasters, producers, baristas, and other coffee professionals.

More information about WPCS can be found here.





BV-MEXICO TEAM, ITZEI AND JUSTINO, WIT coffee to be shipped to Europe in partnership with Falcon Specialty.

# Percolating Progress: Two Next Steps



Costa Rican Care Trade graduate Ana Lourdes with her branded roasted coffee for the Costa Rican market.

- Accelerating Impact Challenge: we are excited to be selected as one of the organizations to receive this prestigious opportunity by The Resolution Project. Sunghee and Abhi will be participating in New York City in October to present our proposals, and pitch to potential funders.
- 3-Year Plan Implementation Portal: during the summer, we launched our 3 year plan. As a follow up, we are excited to launch the implementation plan. As an organization that believes in open communication, we wanted to share our implementation plan with you! Over the next quarter, we will be working on an ambitious mission to fundraise towards our goals for the next 3-years.



# Stirring Change: One Ask

Help us raise additional funds for WPCS

The Women-Powered Coffee Summit is coming up, and we're raising an additional \$9,000 to bring 30 more farmers with a full scholarship. This allows us to provide farmers coming from remote parts of the country with participation ticket, housing (for 3 nights), and meals for the entire duration.

We're making it fun - join us for a raffle sponsored by various industry partners!

Get raffle tickets here



WOMEN-POWERED COFFEE SUMMIT

### Brews and News





### Berlin Coffee Week (Germany)

Together with Falcon Specialty and Needle & Frame, we hosted a Sip & Learn event during the Berlin Coffee Week to celebrate coffee, community, and awareness. It was a major highlight to engage with the Berlin Audience and see the genuine interest in learning more about the stories behind our coffee, both the people and the planet involved.

### **Charity Park Yoga (Japan)**

We hosted a Charity Park Yoga in collaboration with Nami Yoga Studio in Tokyo, Japan. As part of the event, a community of yogis and coffee lovers came out to connect with our bodies and minds through Nami's yoga instruction and stayed on for some women powered coffee and learned about Bean Voyage's work.

