

Story of survival – ISADORA (El Salvador)



Photo: Gonzalo Bell

At a glance

Problem caused by climate change:
Food shortages due to drought and flooding.

SCIAF partner: JDS.

Solution:

- Training provided on fish farming
- Training provided on producing organic fertiliser
- Construction of irrigation systems.

Outcome:

Isadora now has enough food for her family.

Introduction

Isadora and her family have lived through hurricanes, floods and droughts. These disasters have left thousands of people in El Salvador without homes or livelihoods.

Because of the harsh environment in which they live, Isadora and her family at times were surviving on just one corn cob each a day. However, after getting help from one of SCIAF's partners in El Salvador her life began to change. Isadora learned different techniques to help her family adapt to the changing climate: for example, digging trenches around fields and improving irrigation now prevents floodwater washing away crops.

How SCIAF has helped Isadora's community

- Training and equipment provided to set up fish farms which give families a nutritional source of food and an income.
- Training provided on the production of organic fertiliser so people don't have to buy expensive chemical fertilisers.
- Construction of irrigation systems which protect crops.

Quotes

“We are affected by the lack of water. We can’t do anything without water.”

“If I hadn’t got involved, things would be a lot different. The kids would be on the street and I wouldn’t have basic food for my family.”

“I thank you, because from getting this support, we can have great food. We don’t have much money so this is important.”