

Carlota Putul.....a good example for success!

Thirty-seven year old Carlota Putul grew up in Chicoban, Tucuru. Eighteen years ago, she married Bernabe Choc Xol with whom she has six children. For the past eight years, Carlota has participated in the micro-credit project and, like most of the others, she has been very successful.

Carlota says, ***“I’m very happy for the work ADRI and the Eiting Foundation do. Thanks to them, I can now say that I truly support my family. My six children are all studying, my husband has a steady job, and the two of us work together to raise our family. We have a block home valued at \$10,256.41, my husband has two vehicles which we use to buy cattle and market cardamom, and we also have a plot of land for our crops”.***



Carlota and her family showing off their new home.

“Before the project, we didn’t have a chance to make any money. We lived all crammed together in a one room adobe brick house on my in-laws land. I had a hard time sending my kids to school because we just didn’t have the money for supplies and bus fares. My husband didn’t have a steady job. But now ***I can say that my life has changed, thanks to the Eiting Foundation that supported us with this project”.***

What motivated you to join the project?

“I wanted to create my own job and have enough money to make improvements to the house. First, our diet, then, the kid’s schooling, but above all, I wanted the opportunity the project offered me as a woman to create capacities, because I’d never had access to credit before”.

How do you participate in the project?

“I’m active, I like to learn and share experiences. From the very beginning, I looked for technical help with running my activities (raising hogs). I’m a responsible person and I apply the suggestions I’m given”.



How long have you been in the project?

"In 2005, I got my first credit of \$ 128.20. I invested it in two hogs and my husband and I planted 0.8 hectares of land with corn. In four months we had doubled what we invested and that motivated us to work more".

"With my second loan of \$ 256.41, I bought two hogs and raised a litter of piglets. We sold the piglets, paid off the loan and earned 85% on the investment".

"I'm still in the project. Right now, I have a loan of \$ 641.02, but added to my saving and earnings, my work capital is \$ 11,538.46, which is the fruit of my labors. I own a reputable butcher shop in La Tinta, and make about \$769.23 a month".

What knowledge have you gained?

"I've learned how to properly run my own business, invest capital, manage micro-credit, teamwork, manage financial resources, productive projects, and leadership skill".

What is the greatest change you have experienced?

"The opportunity of being able to guarantee an education for my children, have enough food and a worthy home. Also, knowing how to run a business and recognizing the capacity I have as a woman".

Carlota, how can you share this success with others?

"There are 53 women in my group and every month we get together to share our successes and mistakes, but we always motivate each other to keep on fighting and learn new things. I would love it if we could all have good results, and I'm sure that with the support from the Eiting Foundation and our efforts, we will".

What are your expectations?

"What I really look forward to is the day I see my children graduate as professionals. I will keep strengthening my activities and supporting my husband in caring for our family, so that they will have a better future".



Carlota and her family.