

Update from our Project „La Esperanza“, Honduras *Successful year 2020 - despite Hurricane and Corona*

Blessing in disguise: The two hurricanes that hit Honduras in 2020 had a positive effect on our small hydropower plant: They brought plenty of rain and thus lots of water for producing clean and renewable electricity. As a result, "La Esperanza" managed to produce 43,400 MWh of electricity in 2020 - one of the best results in the 16 - year history of the project.

In 2020, "La Esperanza" became the very first small private power plant in Honduras to sell all its electricity on the free market. Thus, our partner *Consorcio de Inversiones S.A. (CISA)* has been able to demonstrate that this approach is possible in principle for small power plants for renewable energy generation in Honduras. Even though the project still depends on the financial support of atmosfair for the current operation, this opens an interesting economic perspective for our project and also other small renewable energy producers in Honduras in the long term.



Machines inside of the hydroelectric power plant



Raising trees for reforestation measures

From the beginning of the project, in addition to operating the power plant, CISA has placed great emphasis on implementing social measures and projects in the region. In 2020, however, this was hardly possible due to the severe Corona restrictions. Nevertheless, CISA has managed to support some students of the regional university to successfully complete their studies by working at "La Esperanza". In addition, CISA successfully cooperated with "*Unidad de Medio Ambiente*" of the city of La Esperanza for realizing a reforestation project.

Unfortunately, Corona did not leave our project untouched - the founder of the project and managing director of CISA had to fight with a severe Covid disease for a long time. Fortunately, he has now fully recovered and is available again for the "La Esperanza" project with all his energy.