We are the Voice of Women In Coffee

Advocate for disadvantaged women from seed to cup
Provide access to funding and other resources
Provide a forum for connection to other women and organizations
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“When you give money to women the top three things they spend it on were food, health care for kids and education.”

Source: Sheryl WuDunn, Pulitzer Prize winning co-author of *Half the Sky*.

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Our Mission

“Empower women in the international coffee community to achieve meaningful and sustainable lives; and to encourage and recognize the participation of women in all aspects of the coffee industry.”

COMMON GOAL: A desire to make people’s lives better.
Opportunity for Collaboration on Millennium Development Goals

1. ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

3. PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

How do we get there?
Localization is the Key to Change

Goal: Increase IWCA Chapters
“Eliminating gender discrimination in relation to occupation could increase women’s wages by about 50% and national output by 5%.”

Source: Rachel Mayanja, UN Special Advisor on gender issues and the advancement of women

IWCA GOAL: 
Improve Education
Increased Computer Literacy in Mexico
Set up computers & trainers
Benefited 20 women and their families

Scholarship Fundraising for Costa Rican Girls
Support “Cosecha de Mujer” a cause-related coffee project
Benefited Girls from Hogar Madre del Redentor
On average, Fortune 500 companies with more women on their boards of directors turned in better financial performance than those with fewer women board directors.


**IWCA GOAL:**

*Increase the number of women in decision-making positions.*
Empower Women Head of Households, Boaca, Nicaragua

Build facility and train women to produce and commercialize ecological products to coffee producers

Benefited 12 women and their families
We are just getting started.

Ongoing Support

Sponsors, dedicated members and founding partners make our organization successful.
Mr. Karl Schmidt
President of Probat Burns