## Supporter Sweep Links

Get to know two remarkable women making an impact in their communities! <u>Lida</u> <u>helps sustain livelihoods in her community by rescuing bees</u> (4 min read), while <u>Libia advocates for the rights of women and indigenous people as a successful</u> <u>coffee grower</u> (5 min read).

Safe spaces like <u>Casas Afirmativas</u> (Affirmative Houses) in Colombia provide LGBTQ migrants with legal, health, and community support. Mercy Corps' partner, Caribe Afirmativo, offers these spaces and assists migrants in starting anew. <u>Watch this informative video</u> (2 min) to learn more about the Affirmative Houses program.

Check out <u>this powerful video</u> (3 min) and learn how our Avanzando El Futuro (Advancing the Future) program is helping Venezuelan refugees and Colombian communities build livelihoods, access healthcare and legal services, while prioritizing mental health as an essential service to cope and thrive.

<u>This heartfelt video</u> (3 min) features a touching voice message of thanks from program participant Yolis to a Mercy Corps Colombia staff member, set to a collage of photos and videos of our work supporting the people of Colombia and Venezuela.

## PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY



Meet Cynthia\*, a 7-year-old girl from El Tambo, Colombia, sitting on a bag of coffee beans outside her home. Her mother, Marissa\*, is a community leader, an awardwinning farmer, and an activist. Mercy Corps' "Something New" program has helped 1,700 rural families in Colombia with coffee harvesting, entrepreneurship, and land titling. With this support, Marissa formalized her land title and accessed resources such as bank loans, enabling her to grow her business and support her family. (\*Names have been changed to protect participants' privacy)

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