

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PROGRESS IN ADOPTING OF A STANDARDIZED APPROACH FOR THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS (EWS) IN HONDURAS**

HONDURAS, April 27-30, 2015 - A mission of the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI/DDS), through its program of Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change (RISK-MACC), travelled to the municipalities of El Porvenir, San Francisco, Esparta, La Masica and Arizona, in order to collect information on the of early warning systems (EWS) that operate in the Mancomunidad de los Municipios del Centro de Atlántida (MAMUCA). To that end, meetings were held with mayors and technicians who operate the systems.

These municipalities have formed the Mancomunidad de los Municipios del Centro de Atlántida (MAMUCA) in order to be able to face the challenge of disaster prevention and have created an Intermunicipal Program of Early Warning (IMPREWS), based on the measurement of the levels of the rivers and rainfall, which seeks to each municipality to transmit the information to the other municipalities affected allowing acting in coordination in the event of an emergency situation.

The documentation of these EWS seeks to make an assessment of the performance and needs to support its effective and efficient operation, and also document the experience in order to institutionalize this approach of intra-municipal cooperation and disseminate the experience for his replica in Honduras.



*Meeting with Ms. Beftalina Martínez/Executive Director of La MAMUCA, Mr. Ramón Torres/ II FOCAL Project Coordinator*



*Meeting with Mr. Abraham Mejía, COPECO Regional Commissioner*