

Honduras 1985: Land Titling Study

Technical Information

Country	Year	Sample Size	Weighted/Unweighted
Honduras	1985	767	Unweighted

The 1985 Honduras study was designed as a panel study to follow up the 1983 study of the impact of the Land Titling Program in Honduras. The 1985 study was based on interviews of the landowners of the same parcels of land that were interviewed for the study in 1983, so that the data were consistent because they were provided on the same land that was part of the program only two years later. In some cases, the ownership of the land had changed, but in most cases, it was the same respondent.

The study was the second step in a five-year program funded by the USAID mission in Honduras and was supported by the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Florida. Field work was conducted by CEPROD (Centro para la Promoción del Desarrollo) from Tegucigalpa with collaboration of the National Statistics Institute (INA) and the National Cadastral Agency of Honduras.

The interviews were carried out in the same face-to-face and door-to-door manner mainly in the department of Santa Barbara and later in the department of Comayagua. Both of them were part of the Land Titling Program. As in the first stage of the study, the data for this second stage were gathered from two separate samples: the first of landowners in departments that were part of the Land Titling Program and the second one from a control group of landowners living in areas that were not in the program. The samples in this study were stratified by the size of the cadastral maps—by how many parcels a map included—and then clustered within the area the map represented.

Results of this second study were presented in Baseline Survey of the Honduran Small Farmer Titling Project (translated into Spanish as “Encuesta de base del Proyecto de titulación del pequeño agricultor hondureño: análisis descriptivo de la muestra de 1985”) co-authored by Mitchell A. Seligson and Edgar Nesman and published by the Land Tenure Center at the University of Wisconsin—Madison in June, 1986. A link to this publication in both English and Spanish is available on the LAPOP website, <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/honduras.php>.