**Karla film clips - Transcript**

1. Karla

Hello. My name is Karla. I have been working in the farm for about 22 years.

1. Karla’s family farm

All my life I’ve worked here together with my family. So, we have dedicated ourselves to coffee production. We have approximately 22 manzanas[[1]](#footnote-1) of coffee which we have been working together with the family.

My dad, for example, moves the coffee harvest to Matagalpa where it is sold. My mother, she also takes care of the food to feed the workers who come, and my sisters also go to harvest coffee just like me.

So we consider that coffee is a very important crop for the family because it is the one that keeps the family's economy going: at the local level, at the national level as well and because it is one of the main export crops.

1. Climate Change and Coffee

In recent years, climate change has affected the crop as such for example. We have seen the need to replace it with other crops such as cocoa.

Cocoa has become a substitute product because it is a more resistant plant that attracts less diseases and also because it is a plant that produces year-round.

1. Coffee producing zones

Coffee in the lower areas has already largely disappeared. For example, about ten years ago we could produce in areas of 700 meters above sea level and now we only produce coffee in areas of 900 meters above sea level up. It is estimated that in approximately 15 years coffee will no longer exist in this area.

1. The Future

So we have to consider it *[the issue of climate change]* and look for other alternatives to stop this. Because if we carry on cutting down trees, if we carry on contaminating water sources, then this will speed up the process further.

1. A ‘manzana’ is a measurement for an area of land (commonly used in Central America). It is approximately 1.7 acres. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)