

Letter from Rosa María Sánchez Jaén
Executive Director of Oasis Doña Isabel

Dear Collaborators,

The connection between you and the project begins with Oasis Doña Isabel farm and a great Development Plan.

The Oasis is ... how to explain ... living nature and sincere beauty without subterfuges; the illusion made reality that things can change that people commit when you commit, that we can make change with everyone's effort.

It is not easy to change; agriculture is subject to a strong control of intermediaries who get the full benefit of the farmer's product. Lack of trainings and lack of access to the necessary credits spoil the illusion of the families of those small farmers. The most basic needs for their children, their women, their elders become evident in every house in the region where the Oasis is located; it is a place of universal lack... I don't want you to misunderstand me, they're the kindest and most cheerful people that I know and continue to hope for a fair world for everyone.

Today, from my home in Spain, I think about and miss the Dominican Republic. I think to myself: I want to be there, to continue working with these people who are so breathlessly fighting every day so that those Cocoa plants, which are grafted into nursery with selections of the best clones, are introduced on to the fields; I admire the spirit of struggle and the hope you see in their looks with every goal we achieve.

The effort is superhuman, at a time as turbulent as the one that we are experiencing, with so many uncertainties and so many scarcities... Think that every cocoa tree that is planted is the hope of many people who are in efforts within change, of a natural, healthy agriculture. Taking care of environmental resources and a fair living solution for so many Families!!

Lastly, I would like to thank you for taking these couple minutes to read this letter I look forward to welcoming everyone with open arms, as well as to include you in our project and share with this large family, your family, our family, AgroFamily Cocoa Dominicana.

Once again thank you,
Kind Regards.

Rosa María Sánchez