



# Fundecooperación

## Final Presentation

Determining the Impact of Small-Scale  
Sustainability Efforts



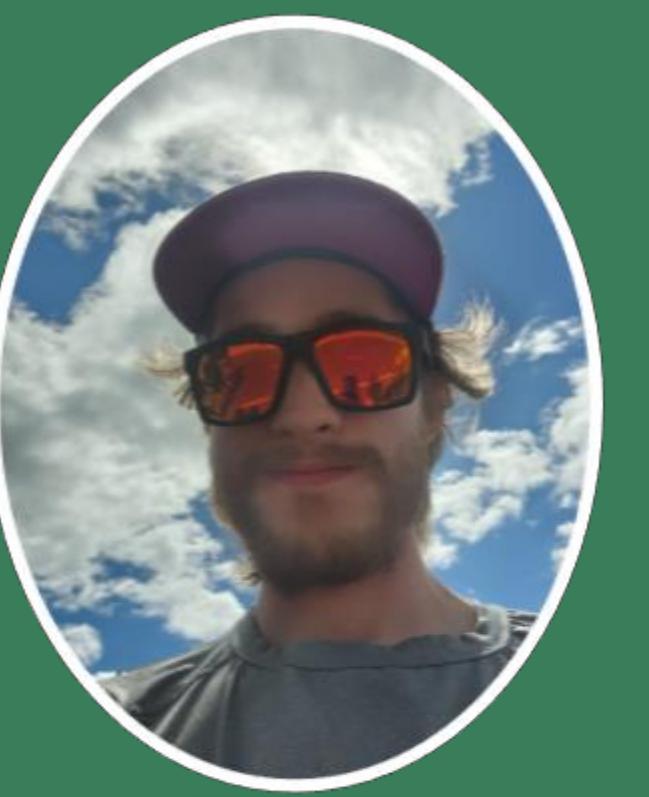
# Introductions



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# What is sustainability?

*¿Qué significa para usted "ser sostenible"?*

# Sustainability

La Sostenibilidad



## Environmental

Reducir la Huella de Carbono,  
Proteger los Hábitats naturales,  
Minimizar los Residuos, Cambiar  
a Recursos Renovables



## Social

Practicar el Comercio Justo,  
Mejorar las Oportunidades  
Igualitarias, Brindar Educación,  
Promover Comunidades  
Sostenibles



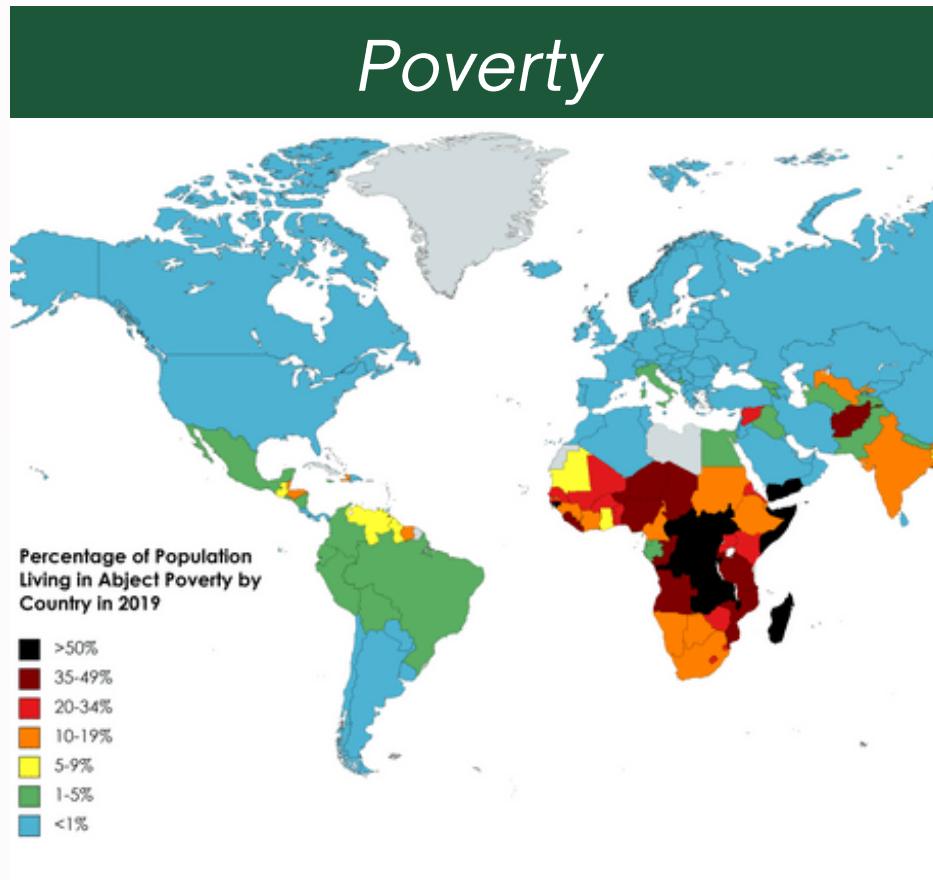
## Economic

Implementar Ideas de Ahorro de  
Costas, Crear Empleos a través  
de Tecnologías Innovadoras,  
Tecnología Verde, Mantener la  
Cadena de Oferta y Demanda

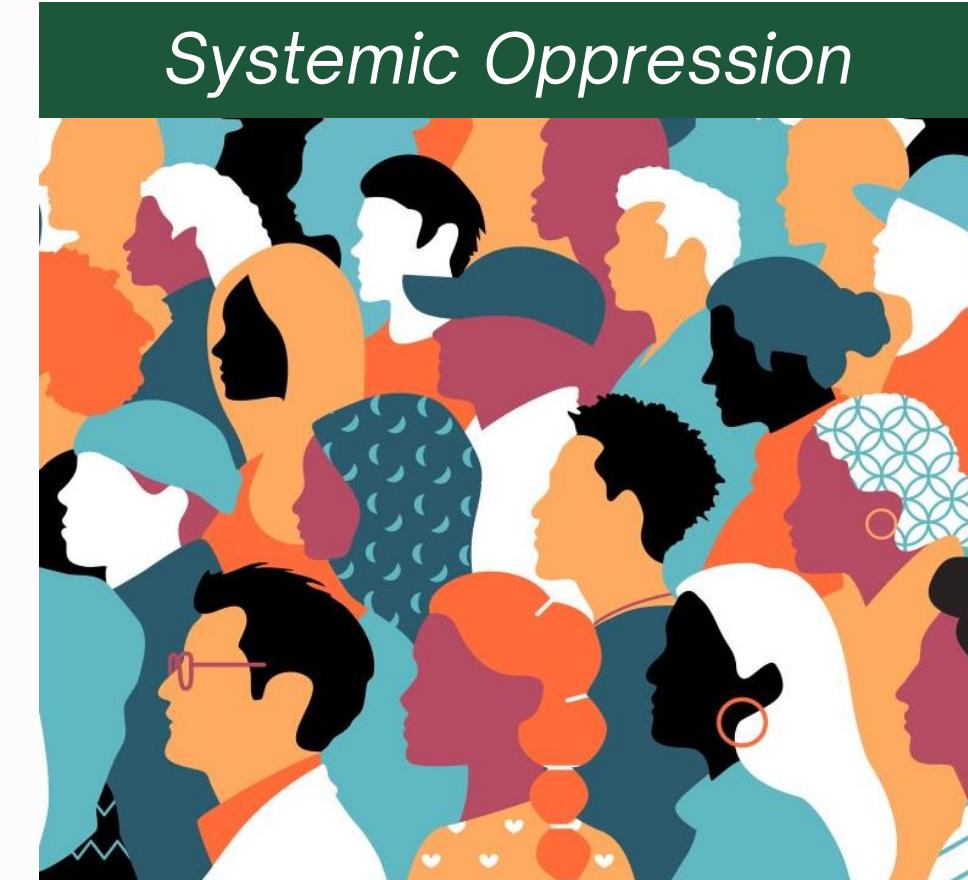
# Why is Sustainability Important?



*La sostenibilidad promueve prácticas que reducen las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, minimizan el agotamiento de recursos y fomentan el equilibrio ecológico*



*La sostenibilidad alivia la pobreza al garantizar un acceso equitativo a los recursos, promover oportunidades económicas mediante tecnologías verdes y energías renovables*



*La sostenibilidad combate la opresión sistemática al promover la toma de decisiones inclusiva, la distribución equitativa de recursos y el empoderamiento de comunidades marginadas*

# Fundecoopéración Mission

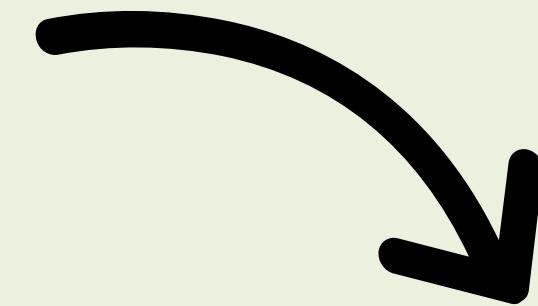
*"To be the national standard in sustainable development financing that generates greater positive and inclusive social, environmental, and economic impact in Costa Rica."*

*"We finance sustainable development through innovative, inclusive programs and, to the extent possible, adapted to the economic, social, and environmental needs and opportunities of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises in Costa Rica."*

# Vision

# The Problem

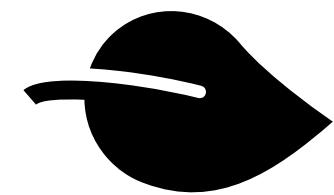
Fundecooperación currently lacks a structured method for assessing the impact of their sustainability practices implemented by their clients.



# Our Goal 🍀

Effectively showcase this impact by creating a well-organized database profile within Salesforce. This platform should be easily navigable and designed to serve as a long-term solution for tracking and presenting pertinent data.

# Objectives



## Objective 1

Observe and identify what information FDS currently has in their database to establish a baseline.

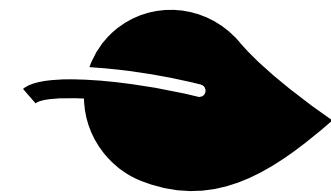
## Objective 2

Define specific indicators to measure and evaluate the impact of FDS practices.

## Objective 3

Create an accurate data collection method for displaying the impact of FDS sustainability practices.

# Background



## *Research*

- *How can we measure impact of sustainability practices?*
- *How has climate change effected Costa Rica?*
- *Who is FDS and what do they do?*
- *.How can we measure impact on each pillar?*
- *What is salesforce and how does it work?*
- *No universal standard (varies company to company)*

# Objective 1

## How?



*Assessed FDS Salesforce Database*

*Acquired FDS Excel and Agroclimatica files*





## Salesforce

- Client information stored in accounts
- Credit Analysis
- Data was not uniform

# Excel



# Excel

- Low amount of quantitative data
- Technical Analysis

Finance	Element to evaluate	Weight:	8.8%	Qualification:
		Weight		Parameter
	Do they affect external economic variables? (exchange rate, imports, FTA)?	15%		No
	Clients: approximate number of clients	5%		More than 10 clients
	Suppliers: approximate number of suppliers	5%		More than 4 suppliers
	Does the client master/know the break-even point of the business?	15%		Yeah
	What are the payment methods you offer to your clients?	15%		Counted
	Do you maintain a bank account to manage project income?	15%		Yeah
	Detail of the level of debt (formal and informal) of the business	15%		Between 0% and 10%
	Accounting/Financial Statements	15%		Clear and regular records

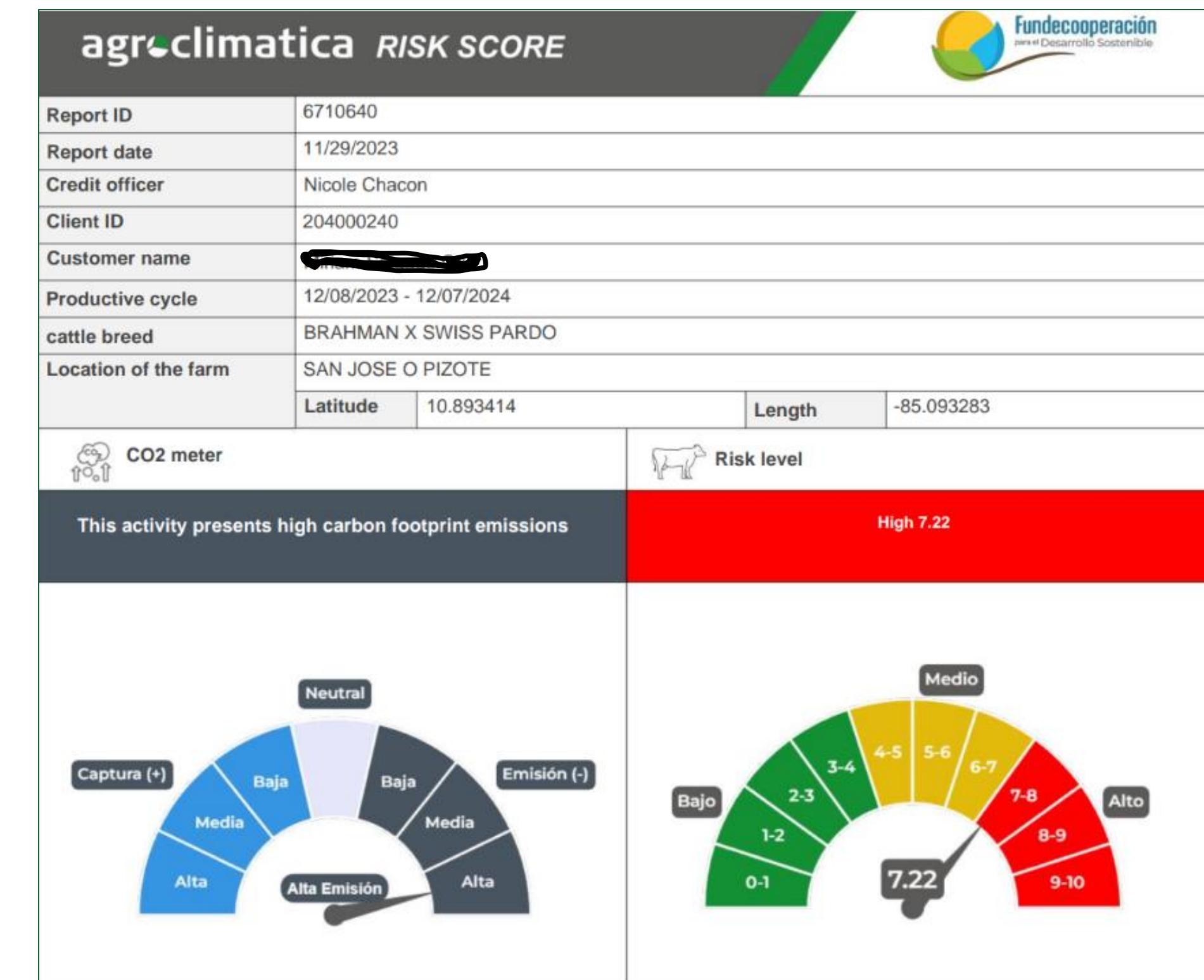
# Risk Analysis



## Client Data

Collects data on clients like CO2 emissions in tons per hectare, agriculture or livestock of clients, and temperature and humidity of client locations

Creates a risk score level on data collected which shows how at-risk clients are from climate change-related effects.





- Also describes what aspect of a client's business is at risk and how

Climate risk	High
<p><b>There is a high risk of climate stress for livestock; high risk of climatic stress for grass due to precipitation and average temperature. The selected area is exposed to risks of drought and the El Niño phenomenon.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The average temperature is 24.6 °C.</li><li>• The average relative humidity is 80%.</li><li>• The accumulated precipitation is 2556 - 3124 mm.</li><li>• The elevation of the site is 51 - 100 meters above sea level</li></ul>	
Soil risk	Half
<p><b>It is identified that there are moderate soil restrictions for the adequate development of livestock activity, mainly due to slope, erosion and texture.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The vocation of the soil is livestock, with a clay texture.</li><li>• The slope is 0-2%.</li><li>• Moderate degree of erosion.</li></ul>	

# Practices Analysis

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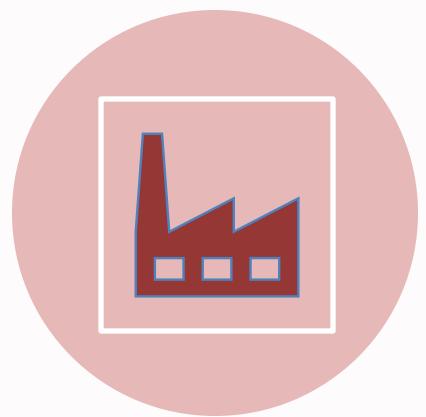
Given FDS employs over 80 practices we have organized them into their perspective categories

- Each practice is assigned to MSMES based on their risk assessment and industry type

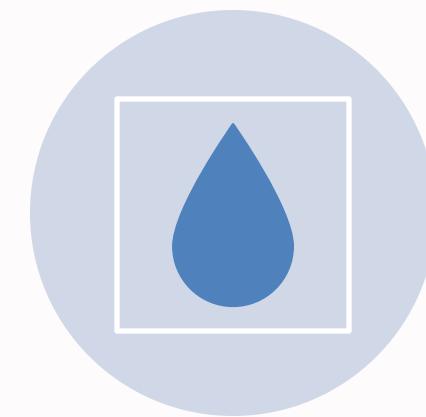
Data was not  
client, making

Sector	Practices
Livestock	Fog collectors, Forage Pastures, Forage Banks, Pasture Management and Rotational Grazing, Permaculture, Protected Environment for Livestock, Respect for the minimum maturity sizes of species, Silage, Sustainable Forest Management, Trees in Pastures, Aquaculture, Beekeeping
Agriculture	Agricultural Drainage, Agricultural Terraces, Agrosilvopastoral System, Coffee Fertilization Practices, Biogigestors, Conservation Agriculture, Crop Diversification, Crop Rotation
Commerce	Waste management, water harvesting
Industry	Seafood Traceability Program,, Filter Presses, Fire Break Strips, Fishing Methodology Without Hooks, Fishing Only Non-Endangered Species
Service	Ecotourism

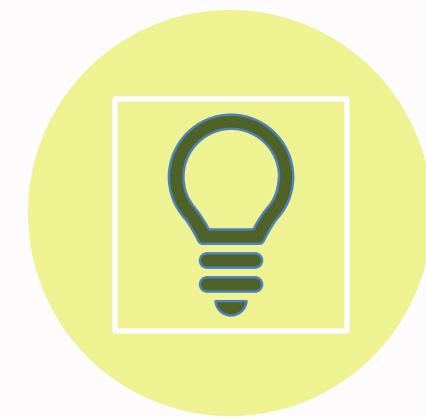
# Confirming Our 4 Main Indicators



*CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS*



*WATER USAGE*



*ENERGY CONSUMPTION*



*WASTE REDUCTION*

Data was not uniform from client to client, making comparisons difficult.

# Objective 1 Findings

Outlined data that would be useful for further data collection

- Client info
- Financials (assets & debts)
- Risk analysis

Practices organized by sector :

- Identified possible indicators that can be used to measure the impact of each practice
- Identified units of measurement

## Objective 2

### How?

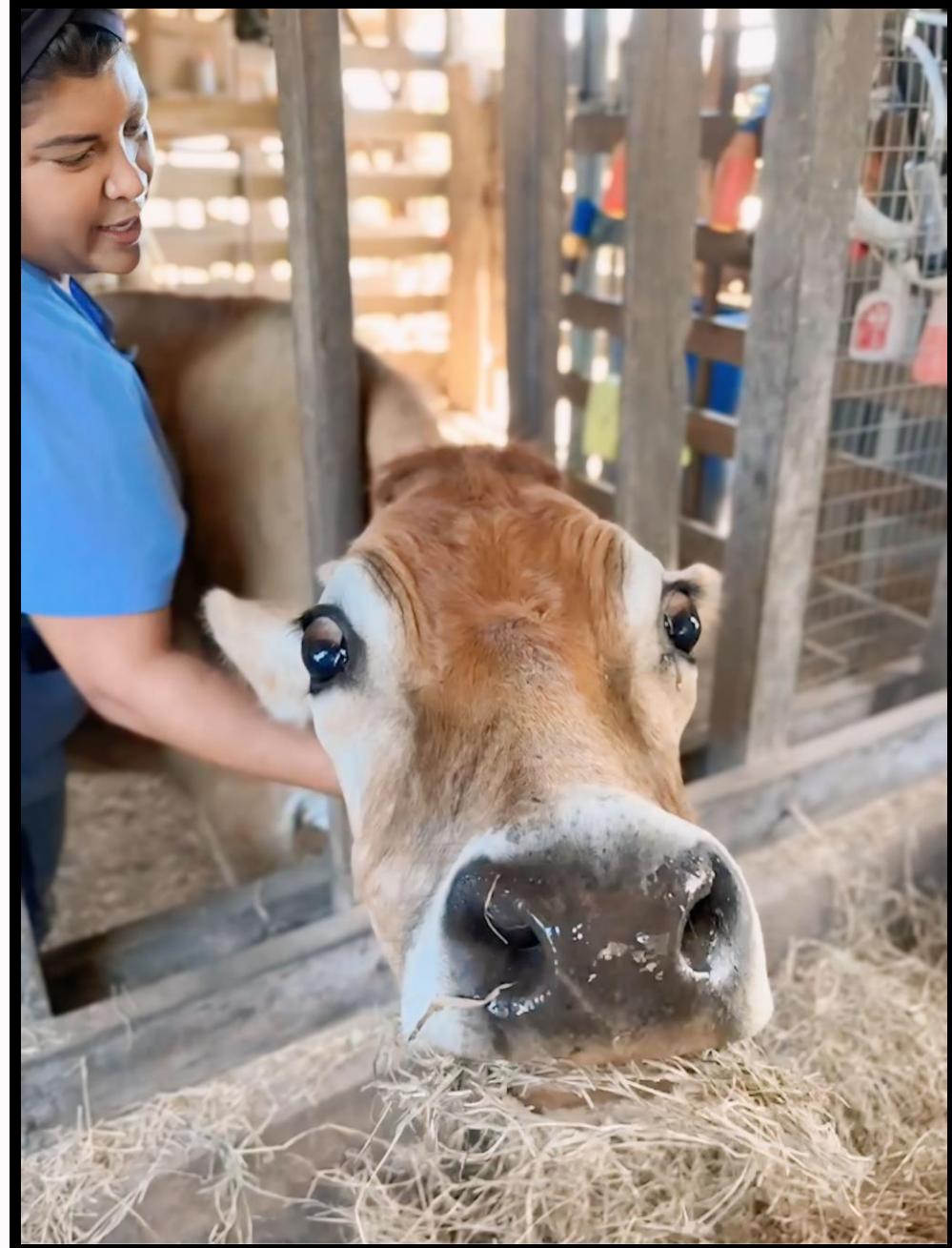


*Impact Evaluation Interviews*

*Comparing Data*



# Interview 1



Karla y Margarita

**Karla**

*"Ser sostenible es tener provecho para que yo pueda vivir bien sin hacer daño a la naturaleza, que siempre seamos un complemento naturaleza y proyecto juntos cómo procurando hacer cosas que no dañen al medio ambiente y que nosotros podamos tener también una ganancia para poder subsistir y vivir bien pero no solo nosotros, también tienen que vivir bien las vacas."*



**Practices:**

- Cercas vivas
- Mejoramiento genético
- Forraje de alta calidad (pastoreo rotacional)
- Cosecha de lluvia

# Interview 2



## **Yendry**

- *Salón de Belleza*
- *No utiliza ninguna práctica específica*
- *Utiliza la inversión de Fundecooperación para suministros para su negocio*
- *No hace un seguimiento de ningún indicador, y será difícil diferenciar el uso de energía/agua entre el estudio en sí y la casa en su conjunto*



*¡Perritos!*

# Interview 3



Dentro del Trapiche

Exprimidor



Carne de caña  
de azúcar

# Researching Indicators

- We had to conduct research on every practice
- Which indicators best demonstrate their impact?
- How feasible are these indicators to measure?



For example, we found that animal quantity, herd fertility, and livestock yield were the best indicators for the impact of forage pastures

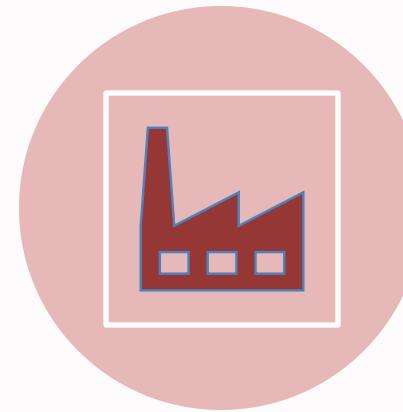
# Confirming indicators

For each practice we outlined  
indicators that would be used to  
measure the impact on the sector

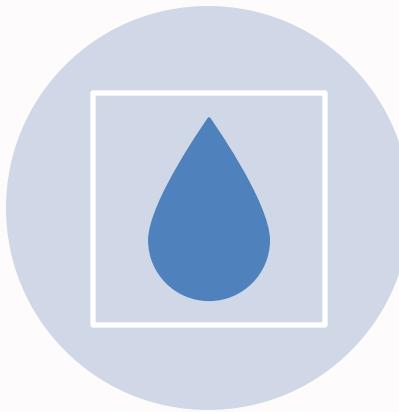
Animal quantity Herd fertility Livestock yield	Practice: Forage Banks
Crop yield Water Usage Soil health	Practice: Conservation Agriculture
Animal quantity Fish yield	Practice: Seafood traceability program
CO2 emissions Energy consumption	Practice: Ecotourism
Waste reduction CO2 emissions Water usage	Practice: Waste Management

# Comparing Data

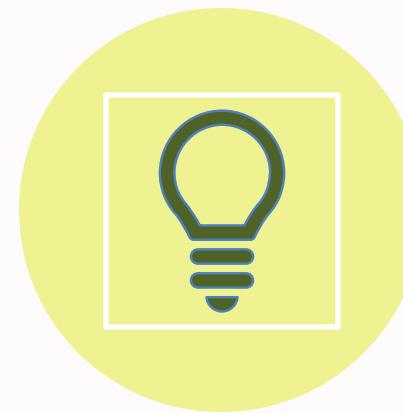
By comparing data obtained from the interviews, Salesforce database, Agroclimatica risk analysis, files, and research we were able to establish sustainability indicators that could be measured by FDS to be input into Salesforce



*CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS*



*WATER USAGE*



*ENERGY CONSUMPTION*



*WASTE REDUCTION*

## Objective 03



*Create an accurate  
data collection method  
for displaying the impact  
of FDS sustainability practices*

# EcoEval

The EcoEval determines the change in the sustainability indicators of the clients.

The screenshot shows a software application window titled "EcoEval" with the identifier "EcoEval-0001". At the top right are buttons for "Modify", "Eliminate", "Double", and a dropdown arrow. Below the title, the account is listed as "SALGADO CRUZ MIRIAM" and the evaluation date is "02/27/2024". A pencil icon is at the far right. The main area is divided into sections: "Economic" (with a right-pointing arrow), "Social" (with a right-pointing arrow), and "Environmental" (with a down-pointing arrow). Under "Environmental", there are two columns of sustainability indicators, each with a pencil icon for editing:

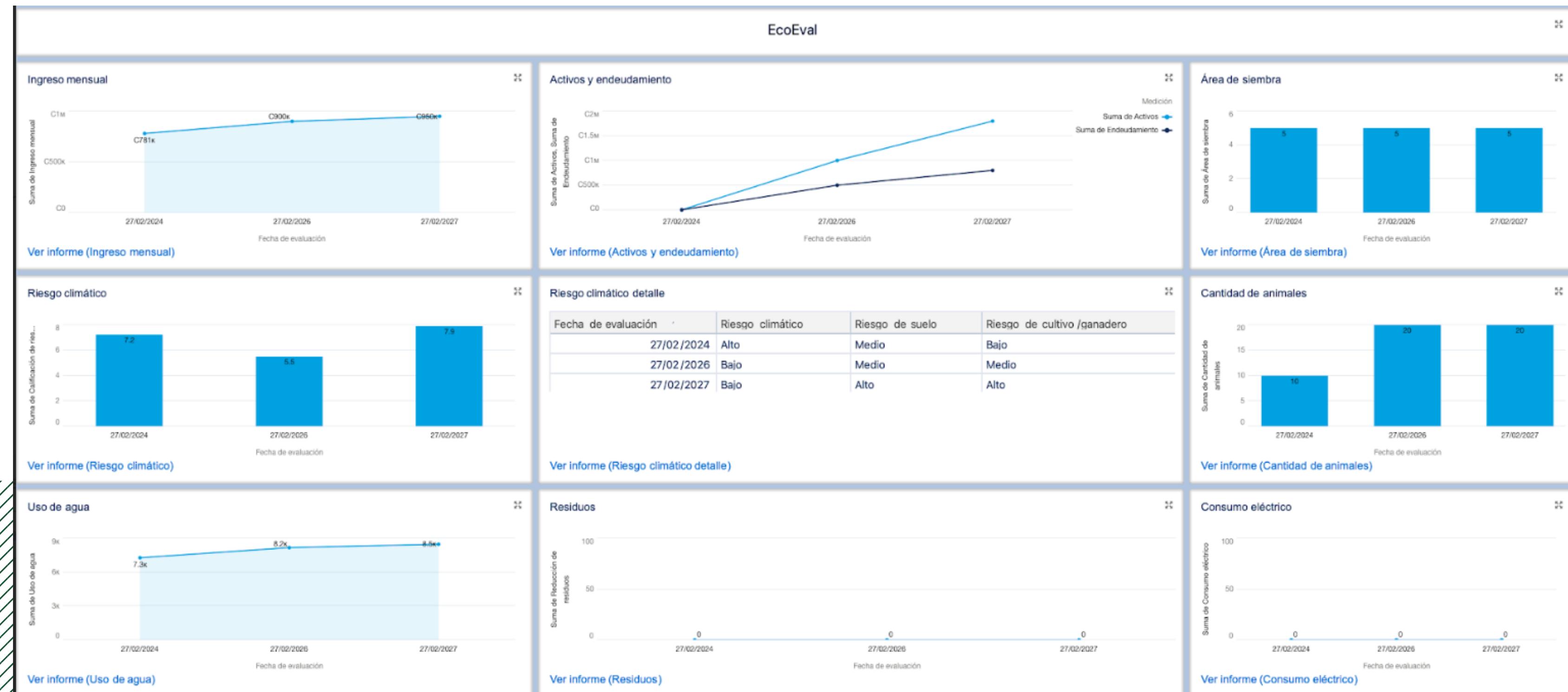
Indicator	Value	Action
Climate risk level		
Rate risk		
Climate risk		
Soil risk		
Crop/livestock risk		
CO2 meter		
CO2 capture per year		
Organic CO2 in the soil		
Water use		
Waste reduction		
Electrical consumption		

# Sustainability Practices Data Collection Sheet

The practices tracking sheet will look at indicators identified as relevant to the practices that FDS helps implement

Prácticas sostenibles <b>PS000000</b>				
		Modificar	Eliminar	Duplicar
<b>Detalles</b>				
▼ Detalle de la prácticas				
Cuenta	SALGADO CRUZ MIRIAM		Estado	Implementado
Sector	Pecuario		Inversión o financiamiento	
Práctica	Ensilaje		Comentario adicional	
▼ Información del sistema				
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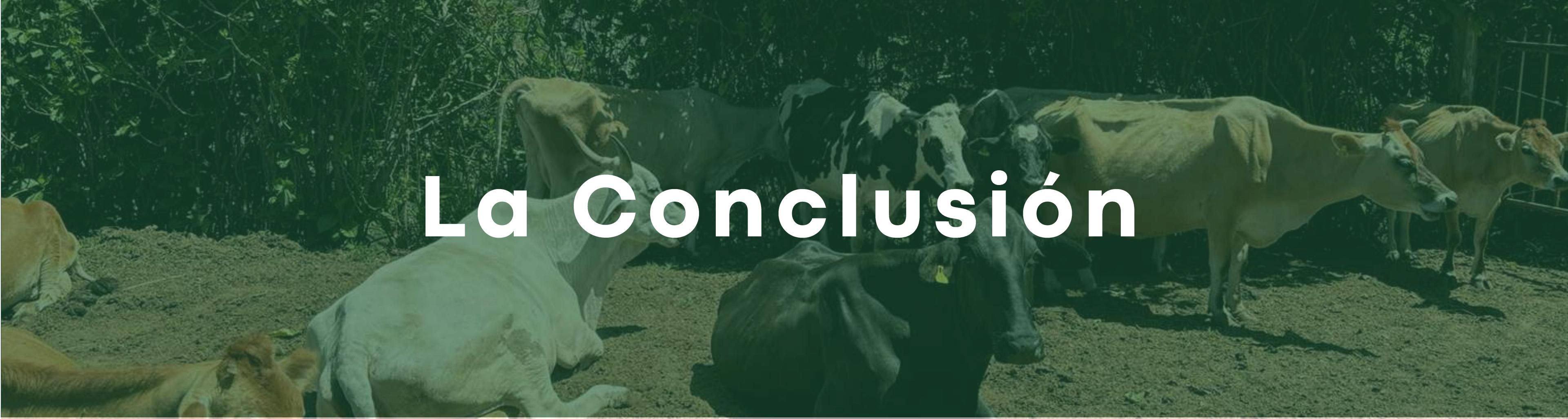
# Salesforce implementation



# Our Recommendations



- FDS can run analyses on our indicators once collected
- Run Agroclimatica every year
- Educating clients on what sustainability is
- Evaluate the effectiveness of indicators in their measurement of impact
- Creating dashboards showing effects on a geographic level using maps



# La Conclusión

When we measure our impact, it's like getting clear feedback on our progress, helping us make informed decisions for a sustainable future

- minimizing risks
- gaining support
- fostering strong connections with our community
- it ensures FDS can stay compliant, secure our long-term presence, and demonstrate their commitment to responsible actions

Understanding and implementing sustainability practices is a strategic advantage for FDS clients, contributing to a brighter and more sustainable future for all.



# Thank You

¿Preguntas?

Muchisimas gracias a todos los que nos ayudaron con este proceso, especialmente Estiven, Holly, y Jim, y espero que hayamos podido ayudarlos a lograr su objectivo.