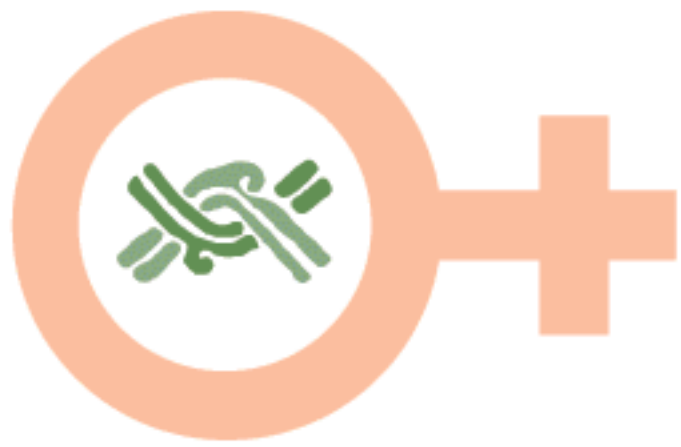


Mama Lupa in front of her home garden



**ENLACE is helping turn these stats around.**

**Women's involvement in ENLACE projects, transforming their families and communities:**

*75% of home gardens are cultivated by women*

*60% of tilapia producers are women*

*65% of micro-entrepreneurs are women*

**"I can feed my family, make money...and employ others. This benefits the entire community."**

- Mama Lupa

In the remote Salvadoran village of Pajigua, there is a woman who is quietly revolutionizing the lives of those around her. Guadalupe Andrade Alvarez is a beloved and revered presence in her community--so much so that she is called by everyone the endearing name of Mama Lupa. Her story began in her father's pineapple orchard where she learned how to grow and sell pineapples. After his death, she added employees and expanded the enterprise to include the production of jelly and a pastry called *semita*. Her family grew to include children, grandchildren and other dependents, as did her reputation of being a smart, compassionate and mothering business woman.

In 2010 a local church began partnering with ENLACE to create home gardens. Like many poor villages in El Salvador, Pajigua's residents often live on less than a dollar a day and suffer from malnutrition. Home gardens address not only these needs but also the poverty of ideas and opportunity. According to ENLACE agronomist, David Gonzalez, "When Mama Lupa found out about the home gardens, she didn't see it just as an opportunity for herself but as an opportunity to help others." Mama Lupa's garden was a huge success and now she has expanded her business once again. She cultivates a variety of vegetables, has hired on new employees and teaches others how to grow their own gardens.



Mama Lupa with ENLACE agronomist, David Gonzalez

 **see a video of Mama Lupa's story @ [www.enlaceonline.org/lupa](http://www.enlaceonline.org/lupa)**

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