

## Project Update May 2016

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 we inaugurated the visitor centre and opened the classroom at the Epiphytic Garden “Molino de Café” at Community La 23, Sancti Spiritus, Guamuhaya range. The inauguration involved local people, mostly women and children and stakeholders such as Alfredo, Director of Culture House Alfredo, who helped with building the bathroom and kitchen at the centre and also Miralys, Director of suburban Agriculture of the municipality. The inaugural plaque was unveiled by Aliesky, manager of the garden and Ruperta, the oldest woman in the community and promoter of the orchid’s culture. The occasion also served as tribute to Rodolfo, who died a couple of weeks before and who helped with the painting of the house. The children with their usual happiness lit up the day with their smiles and excitement. They also were hard workers helping with the cleaning and decoration of the visit centre for the inaugural act.

Next week we are moving to Guamuhaya to start with the capacity building training programme scheduled in the project framework.



Left: Aliesky the manager of the garden. Right: In the opened classroom after inaugural act.



Left: Inaugural talk with Local people at Community La 23. Right: Unveiling the plaque of the epiphytic garden visit centre by Aliesky and Ruperta2.