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Ricardo has been working for the Alliance (PSA) since October 2020. His role is to provide assistance to produce growers and packers, educators, extensionist, officials and regulators, to increase their understanding in the implementation of safety practices in the farms, in compliance with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule regulations. Previously, he was IICA Representative in Paraguay, Director of Research for World Farmers in Massachusetts, and has worked for several international organizations in agricultural competitiveness programs aimed at small and medium producers. He has experience in technical assistance approaches, technology transfer, Good Agricultural Practices, value chain development and agribusiness in several countries of the Americas. In addition, he has developed training materials, trained producers, published extension articles and has worked in different vegetable production systems in field and greenhouse, post-harvest management and marketing.

Ricardo Orellana is an agronomist with a PhD in Agricultural Sciences.