

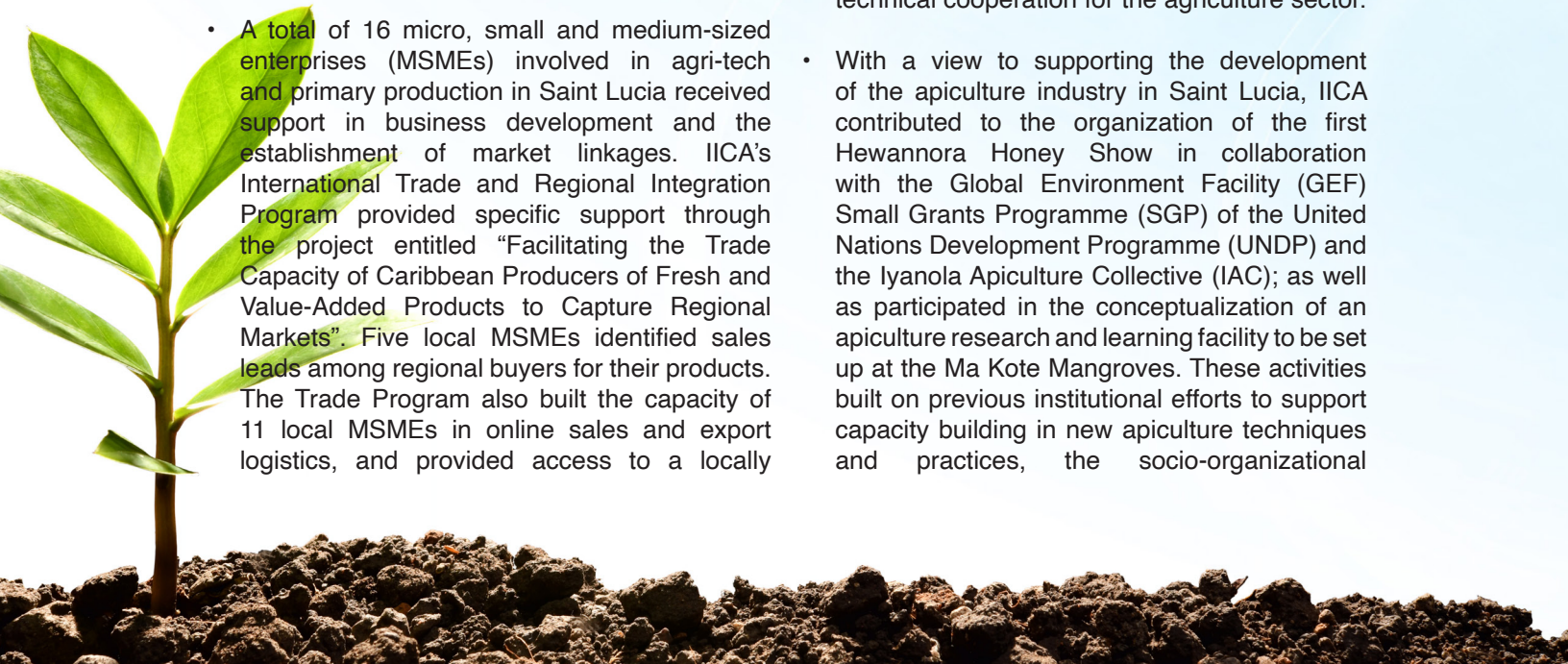


Significant Achievements 2021



Saint Lucia

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) provided three civil society organizations (CSOs) and three private agribusinesses with direct technical assistance in socio-organizational, enterprise and governance development. The beneficiary CSOs were the Saint Lucia Network of Rural Women Producers, Beausoleil Sustainable Agribusiness Group and the Mushroom Collective. Through its interventions, IICA directly contributed to securing grant funding, enhancing market linkages, establishing new partner relations, and improving the operational processes of the beneficiary CSOs. Support for local micro-enterprises is an important element of IICA's Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) in rural enterprise development.
- A total of 16 micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) involved in agri-tech and primary production in Saint Lucia received support in business development and the establishment of market linkages. IICA's International Trade and Regional Integration Program provided specific support through the project entitled "Facilitating the Trade Capacity of Caribbean Producers of Fresh and Value-Added Products to Capture Regional Markets". Five local MSMEs identified sales leads among regional buyers for their products. The Trade Program also built the capacity of 11 local MSMEs in online sales and export logistics, and provided access to a locally developed e-commerce platform that supports local, regional and international sales. Three additional MSMEs received direct technical cooperation support.
- The Institute strengthened technical cooperation relationships with five agencies involved in agricultural development, namely Arizona State University (ASU), Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC), Alliance for Green Innovation and Technology (AGIT), the Compost Council of Canada and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The objective was to enhance the Delegation's TCP, improving avenues for the mobilization of external resources and positioning IICA as a leading partner in the provision of horizontal technical cooperation for the agriculture sector.
- With a view to supporting the development of the apiculture industry in Saint Lucia, IICA contributed to the organization of the first Hewannora Honey Show in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Iyanola Apiculture Collective (IAC); as well as participated in the conceptualization of an apiculture research and learning facility to be set up at the Ma Kote Mangroves. These activities built on previous institutional efforts to support capacity building in new apiculture techniques and practices, the socio-organizational



development of apiculture groups and resource mobilization for the development of the sub-sector.

- As part of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) project entitled “Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Community Engagement”, the Institute supported capacity building for over 40 young men and women in the Vetiver Empowerment and Employment Program (VEEP) and value-addition through crafting. The goal of the project is to strengthen ecosystem services in upland coastal environments to improve marine-coastal climate resilience while increasing sustainable livelihood opportunities in the communities. The project is being implemented in Saint Lucia in collaboration with the Canaries Community Improvement Foundation (CCIF). As a result of strengthened capacities, project participants were able to install produced vetiver slips at 14 degraded and vulnerable locations that will serve as demonstration sites. The project will be completed in 2022.
- As part of the 11th EDF Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS) Project, IICA launched efforts to support the development

of improved regulations for animal and plant health in Saint Lucia. The project seeks to develop and implement regulations that facilitate the enforcement of SPS measures for improved production and trade of plant and animal products. Consultation processes with public and private stakeholders were also carried out to serve as the basis for the review of existing regulations vis-à-vis the guiding legislature. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IICA and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) was renewed to extend technical cooperation at the sub-regional level. Within this framework, the Institute provided the OECS Commission with support in the development of the OECS Food and Agriculture Vision, Strategy and Plan of Action for the period 2022-2030, through the engagement of technical experts and the organization of consultation processes with stakeholders in selected OECS Member States. Funding was provided through the project entitled “Institutional Support for the Enhancement of Service Delivery to the Agricultural Sector Post-COVID 19 in the Caribbean Region”, which is expected to be completed in 2022.