



### Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

#### Significant achievements in 2015

- Through a project of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for forest rehabilitation and clean-up, five hundred and seventy-three persons from ten communities and three schools have enhanced knowledge of environmental preservation and climate change adaptation issues and are empowered to support community and national conservation efforts.
- The Ministry of Agriculture is positioned to enhance its agricultural marketing information systems and improve the efficiency of agricultural markets and other processes, following the completion of an IICA-commissioned study providing an assessment of the National Agricultural Marketing Information System with recommendations for its comprehensive development.
- Transparency in the agricultural marketing information system has been improved, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is positioned to benefit from improved competitiveness of its agricultural sector through IICA's provision of a cloud-based Agricultural Marketing Information System for the sector, with the capacity to enhance training for the support staff.
- The Extension and Advisory Services of the Ministry of Agriculture is equipped with greater knowledge and tools to train farmers in the principles and practices of climate smart agriculture and farming system adaptation to climate change for family farming. This was achieved through the Institute's establishment of a rainwater harvesting demonstration model on a family farm for training purposes and reorientation training in climate smart agriculture and soil and water management for technical officers.
- Stakeholders in two food value chains (FVC) are positioned to benefit from strategic action for upgrading those FVCs, following comprehensive assessment studies of the gaps and challenges facing the chain actors and the development of actions plans for strategic interventions to address these challenges under the Agricultural Policy Programme (APP) financed by the EU.
- IICA has signed a contribution agreement with the European Union for the Implementation of an initiative entitled: *Caribbean Action under the Program Entitled Agriculture Policy Program with focus on the Caribbean and Pacific under the 10th EDF*. This is a regional program with specific



national-level actions and activities. Component 3 of the program, which targets the development of markets and marketing linkages, is being directly implemented by IICA. In 2015, as a starting point and in order to establish the baseline situation, a number of investigative analyses were undertaken by IICA to determine the situation in the two selected value chains - pork and sweet potato. This included producer groups, market situation and financing mechanisms for producers. These analyses positioned IICA to make significant interventions for chain upgrade.

