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Significant achievements in 2015

- A comprehensive value chain analysis report has been prepared by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for the plantain subsector, identifying opportunities for producers, exporters and agroprocessors, and outlining strategies to improve the sub-sector. A chain coordinators directory was compiled to facilitate contact and communication among actors along the plantain chain.
- Two integrated family farm demonstrating technology of cost effective innovative models for small stocks (rabbit) and composting served as a teaching tool for farm families and extension personnel in the area of small stock management and composting of farm waste. Eighteen farm families have increased capacities in composting and integral small unit systems (crop/ livestock).
- Twenty-four persons from the private and public sectors (mainly farmers and extension officers) have increased their knowledge and appreciation for the concept of climate change in relation to adaptation and mitigation, with particular focus on GAP and IPM.
- Through two webinars organized by IICA, the capacities of 15 persons from the private and public sectors were enhanced with respect to Climate Smart Agriculture with a focus on sustainable agriculture and soil husbandry.
- Through virtual training sessions, ten persons from the public and private sectors are now able to use the GIZ tools and methodologies to undertake adaptation assessment, in order to prepare climate change adaptation plans for agricultural activities. The plantain subsector was supported through the formulation of a climate change value chain adaptation plan.
- A Letter of Agreement was signed with FAO to assist in clean up and land restoration activities to improve farmers' access to their lands following the passage of Tropical Storm Erika and also to support the Ministry of Agriculture in conducting training sessions in disaster risk management and land husbandry.
- A seedling nursery was established and managed by SOUL (an agricultural youth group) to propagate grass species for distribution to farmers and for use by the Extension Officers in demonstration units to improve land stabilization on sloping lands where vegetables are grown.
- Twenty five agricultural women from the South-east community of Delices benefitted from the receipt of agricultural inputs and machinery through humanitarian support contributed by the IICA Family in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Erika.

