



Trinidad and Tobago

Significant achievements in 2011

- **Agribusiness capabilities of Institutions, organizations and entrepreneurs were further strengthened:** Board members of the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board were exposed to a model for determining the profitability of cocoa production and for investment decision-making. Also, capacities of extension officers were enhanced through their participation in training workshops, in conjunction with the FAO, on value links and agribusiness management. Collaborated with Ministry of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs, FAO, National Food Crop Farmers Association and World Food Day Committee in facilitating workshop on Agribusiness Risk Management targeted at farmers.
- **A Strategic planning framework was developed, in conjunction with the FAO, for the Ministry of Food Production Land and Marine Affairs** to enable the Ministry to better improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of goods and services to its clients and other stakeholders in the agrifood sector.
- Hosting of the Second Annual Media Awards for Excellence in Agricultural Journalism, a collaborative effort with CARDI, has fostered **greater ties with the media and contributed to greater coverage of issues and activities occurring in the sector.**
- **The capacity of womens' groups to participate in tradeshows and exhibitions and promote and market products enhanced:** Logistical and administrative support were provided to the Network of Rural Women in staging of the third annual mango festival which provided opportunities for generating income and promoting the network through sale of mangoes, mango products and craft.
- **The project preparation/execution and resource mobilization capacities of community-based organizations were further strengthened:** Technical assistance provided and a grant secured for one of the groups has enabled the group to implement a project which involves production of herbs and spices and

establishment of a small processing facility, now under construction. Technical assistance also provided and grant secured for a second group which has allowed the group to acquire a green house. Technical assistance was provided by the office in supporting a third group in its efforts to establish and operationalize a cocoa house, as an attraction in their agro-tourism drive.