



Achievements 2022

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) strengthened the capacity of thirty farming families to recover from a volcanic eruption and improve their capacity to produce vegetables for the domestic market. This was achieved through IICA's formulation and implementation of the project entitled "Enhancing the Capacity of Smallholders to Produce Vegetables for Domestic Consumption, to Contribute to Food and Nutrition Security in St. Vincent and the Grenadines", which was funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives. The project benefited thirty farming families that are part of two farmers' cooperatives: Central Farmers' Cooperative and South Windward Farmers in Action Producers' Cooperative. Activities included the training of beneficiaries in governance, leadership and vegetable seedling production; the procurement and operationalization of two (16'x20') seedling nurseries; and the provision of vegetable seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, tools and equipment.
- IICA contributed to national efforts to restore agricultural production in the most severely affected areas following the volcanic eruptions of 2021 by formulating and implementing the project entitled "Capacity Building for Vegetable Production Recovery on Langley Park Farms". Funding was provided by the Australian High Commission, under the Australian Government's Direct Aid Programme. Thirty farming families from two farmers' cooperatives – Women in Agriculture Langley Park and Windward Irrigation Initiative Cooperative – received training in governance, leadership and vegetable production, as well as two seedling nursery facilities, tools and equipment, fertilizers, vegetable seeds and pesticides.
- The Institute promoted and supported knowledge generation and sharing to drive the development of the apiculture industry in the Caribbean. To this end, IICA supported the organization of the 11th Caribbean Beekeeping Congress in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, from October 30 to November 2, 2022. The congress enabled regional stakeholders to exchange information on beekeeping initiatives in the various countries, innovations and proposed actions for future developments. IICA supported the interregional participation of beekeeping experts from Argentina and Florida, who shared innovations in beekeeping.
- IICA conducted a baseline survey on the impact of COVID-19, climate change and recent volcanic eruptions on rural households in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, thereby contributing to the body of knowledge on the impacts of these exogenous shocks. The information will also enable the country to better design, implement and evaluate policies aimed at increasing the well-being of the rural population, in collaboration with national and international institutions.



- IICA implemented the Mexico/CARICOM/FAO initiative “Cooperation for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the Caribbean”, which allowed for improving the capacity of six primary schools in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to establish and maintain school gardens. The schools learned how to sustainably operate these facilities as pedagogical tools to train students and teachers in vegetable production. They are also now able to support school feeding programs at the schools and, in turn, contribute to students’ food and nutrition security. Activities included the establishment of school gardens at six primary schools, the training of 159 students and teachers in vegetable production, and the development of a manual on school gardening.
- Through their participation in a six-month training program organized by IICA and the Ministry of Agriculture, seventy primary producers, including farmers and fisherfolk, have improved their capacity to produce high-quality products to supply the domestic market in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Training topics included vegetable production, food safety, post-harvest management, climate change and adaptation, and agribusiness management.
- IICA delivered a training program to various stakeholders and hosted a trade fair to share new knowledge and foster business opportunities in the region. As a result, agri-food exporters in St. Vincent and the Grenadines enhanced their knowledge of and capacity to meet market standards and requirements for product packaging and labelling, as well as carry out trade negotiations.