

Main achievements

2012

Dominica

- IICA, in collaboration with the Bureau of Standards, Division of Agriculture and the Dominica Export Import Agency, hosted three training sessions on the national standards for fresh produce and quality inspection targeting inspectors, exporters and packinghouse owners. Twenty five (25) persons benefited from this activity. Draft codes of practice were developed for dasheen, plantains, pineapples and hot peppers and comprehensive farm audits were completed on twenty selected farms working with those commodities.
- Over fifteen women from the North and North-east districts of Dominica were involved in the production of onions through a UN Women-funded project, administrated jointly with the Dominica National Council of Women. Three model demonstration units were used to assist in the training of the women. Also, 20 young persons were introduced to beekeeping and rearing through interactive training workshops organized in collaboration with the Dominica Bee Keepers Cooperative. The participants received hives, protective gears and basic honey processing equipment.
- In collaboration with the Bureau of Standards, Dominica Export-Import Agency and the Division of Agriculture, IICA trained over 28 farmers, extension workers and inspectors through workshop sessions on food safety systems with specific focus on GAPs, GMPs, Food Laws and food safety regulations. IICA also hosted, in collaboration with the Division of Agriculture, a training workshop for 20 agro processors in GMPs and product development.
- Consumer confidence in Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems improved as a result of an operational National Codex Committee in Dominica, the development of a National Codex Guideline Manual and training for private and public sector personnel on the work of Codex and national food safety programmes.