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Bahamas

Most significant results 2010-2017

- **The work on APP and SPS projects.** Both projects financed by the European Union led to the enhancement of technical capabilities in chains diagnostics, planning, animal nutrition, beekeeping, farm management and meat processing, among other areas, and strengthening of the institutional framework to fulfill international agreements and conventions related to AHFS, *Codex Alimentarius*, WTO, etc.
- **PVS instrument at the service of the Bahamas.** Modernization of the country's plant and animal services to comply with international regulations was also possible due to the application of the Performance, Vision and Strategy (PVS) tool developed by IICA.
- **Women producers boosting their capabilities...** IICA cooperated in the legal creation and the formulation of the strategic plan for the Bahamas Network of Rural Women Producers (BAHNROP), a group that facilitates the acquisition of knowledge and capacity building for rural women dedicated to agriculture in issues such as management, empowerment, food security and sustainable development.
- **... and improving their handicraft products.** The Exuma Women's Project, funded by UN Women and implemented by IICA, improved skills for producing and adding quality, as well as marketing handicrafts for more than a hundred women on several islands in the Bahamas. Sales of these products to local and international markets generate incomes and strengthen the inclusion of rural women in their communities.
- **Strengthening of productive chains.** The chains of small ruminants, vegetables, cassava, sweet potatoes and honey, among others, have been strengthened in many ways. For example, in the honey sector new hives were introduced to boost the sustainability of the bee-keeping activity and producers from several islands received training in permaculture. In the cassava and sweet potato chains, new varieties were made available to producers, with the support of national institutions such as BAMSI and international institutions such as CARDI, CLAYUCA (Colombia), INIVIT (Cuba) and IDIAF (Dominican Republic). Furthermore, the implementation of other projects



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along with CARDI revitalized local sheep and goat production with new materials and equipment for improving the breeds.

- **Supporting farmers' organizations.** Cooperatives, associations and other types of farmers groups have been supported by IICA to increase their technical capacities in areas such as the introduction of permapiculture, urban agriculture and aquaponics, and their organizational skills for project management, marketing and creation of action plans. In addition, IICA also assisted farmers' organizations in institutional strengthening in order to provide better services to their members.
- **Learning about aquaponics.** Training and technical assistance provided by IICA included the exploration of an option, aquaponics, for territories with problems of access to good soil and water. The work in this area included the use of technological innovations for the construction and operation of aquaponic systems and research, supported by an IICA Bahamas intern at Earth University (Costa Rica), for improving methodological tools and knowledge about this type of aquaculture.