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Grenada

Most significant results 2010-2017

- **Awareness and actions in the face of climate change.** In collaboration with other agencies, IICA worked to increase public awareness on the effects of climate change on agriculture and the need to implement measures for its resilience. For example, indigenous adaptation practices were identified and transferred to farmers, and in a joint effort with the University of the West Indies, the Institute conducted a regional workshop on how to evaluate soil health at the national, community and farm levels to achieve sustainable management. IICA also promoted Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to mitigate the effects of climate change, and sensitized farmers to practices and technologies in Climate Smart Agriculture in order to build resilience.
- **Implementing Good Agricultural Practices.** Farmers and extensionists revised GAP from several perspectives thanks to the intervention of IICA. In general, they were trained in the importance of complying with GAP and in the process for achieving it, but in particular, they learned how these measures could enhance Grenada's Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) procedures. For this second objective, and as part of the SPS and APP projects financed by the European Union, IICA prepared an AHFS policy that seeks to improve inter-sectorial coordination, and organized workshops on the GAP principles and measures needed to enhance food safety.
- **A strong basis for organic agriculture.** IICA promoted the awareness of organic agriculture and the importance of a regulatory framework to facilitate the development of this kind of production within the country. Since the launch of the Grenada Organic Agriculture Movement (GOAM), farmers increased their capacity to produce and trade in organic foods, and actions were taken to create national organic standards for select commodities. Farmers were also trained in production and use of organic compost manure and organic pesticides, instead of synthetics.



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- **Development of the capabilities of rural women's groups.** Knowledge and capabilities in project management and entrepreneurship among rural women groups were strengthened through several workshops and training sessions. Areas covered included team building, the role of executives, financial management and reducing post-processing losses, among others. Grenada's chapter of the Caribbean Network of Rural Women Producers (CANROP) implemented two projects with technical and advisory support from IICA: increasing the quality of agro-processed products (financed by a third party) and a partnership agreement with a local supermarket chain to display and sell the agro-processed products of group members.