



Jamaica

Technical Cooperation

Non-programmed activities: 1

IICA resources projects: 6

Main contributions during 2013

- During 2013, IICA concluded the Small Ruminant and Commercialisation Project, which was being executed in Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Jamaica to help strengthen the small ruminant sector in those countries. The two-year project was funded under IICA's Competitive Fund for Technical Cooperation (FonTC), and comprised training in meat fabrication, production and dissemination of a hygienic slaughter manual, market studies, and a study mission to Fort Valley State University in Atlanta, USA, to examine good management practices for rearing small ruminants.
- The Institute provided training in project proposal writing, project management and business plan writing to over 80 participants from community groups and the Social Development Commission (SDC) in three parishes. The training, which was requested by the SDC, aimed to improve the capacities of individuals and community groups to access grant funding, execute funded projects, and successfully operate businesses.
- IICA facilitated horizontal cooperation training about the proper nutrition for small ruminants and selected forages to small ruminant farmers and representatives of the Research and Development Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Dominican Republic. During the visits by a mission from Jamaica, four forage plots were established at two of the Ministry's research stations.
- IICA conducted a series of activities to enhance the marketing capabilities of its stakeholders including officers from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and its sister organisations, participants in the Buff Bay Valley Agro-Tourism Programme and women agro-processors. These contributed to:
 - A better environment that enables marketing officers from the Ministry, Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), Jamaica Agricultural Society and the Jamaica 4-H Clubs to conduct market research and analyse the data gathered via the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS).
 - The staging of the inaugural Jamaica Ackee and Cultural Festival in the Valley.
 - More orders for the products offered by female agro-processing groups under the FonTC Rural Women Working Capital Project and the government's pilot school feeding programme.
- IICA handed over agricultural equipment to the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE) to help the college's recovery from the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy. The Institute provided inputs such as seeds, agro-chemicals, greenhouse plastic, shade netting and galvanised piping to assist with the restoration of CASE's teaching facilities in ornamental horticulture and protected agriculture, which had suffered extensive damage from the hurricane.