

## Significant achievements in 2014



### Antigua and Barbuda

- IICA supported a workshop under the Calidena Initiative for the development of the Jams and Jellies Value Chain for Agro-Processors. The Institute played a vital role in establishing the National Coordinating Committee for developing the Action Plan for Jams and Jellies and contributed to the evaluation of the Action Plan for 2015 and beyond.
- Eleven technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture, CARDI, Youth in Agriculture Group and Women's Group were able to travel to Mexico and participate in five different courses under the IICA-SAGARPA Mexican Training Programme coordinated by the Institute. Additionally, two engineers from Mexico visited the island to complete the training by carrying out studies within the Protected Agriculture sector.
- Twenty five technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture and personnel from the Central Marketing Cooperation (CMC) were trained during a three-day workshop for implementation of the Market Information System (MIS), and a number of technicians were selected to manage the MIS. The Institute was able to coordinate the establishment of the National Implementation Committee for the MIS.
- Following the implementation, support and coordination of the Zero Hunger Challenge Initiative, over 1200 backyard gardens were developed, and assistance was provided to the National School Feeding Programme and the Agricultural Science school gardens. To date, there are approximately five primary schools participating in the programme, which allows students to appreciate agriculture from an early age. These results were achieved through constant consultation with government and other agencies.
- The Institute supported youth and women groups in organizing training workshops for product development, and assisted them in participating in major national and international agribusiness activities to generate income.