



Grenada



Significant Achievements 2023

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), with funding from Australia Aid (AusAID), improved the capacity of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and the Mirabeau Propagation Station of the Ministry of Agriculture to produce compost at a commercial level. The CARDI compost shed was refurbished, a new compost facility constructed at Mirabeau, and equipment (commercial shredders, brush cutter and leaf blower) was provided to both entities.
- Through its Brown Gold Project funded by AusAID, IICA strengthened the technical and productive capacities of twenty-five female agribusiness entrepreneurs, enabling them to more effectively participate in the agriculture sector and contributing to greater gender equity. The entrepreneurs underwent training in effective record keeping, post-harvest management, and in QuickBooks, at the beginner and intermediate levels. The project also increased their access to information, by developing and distributing a comprehensive directory of support services available to agricultural entrepreneurs.
- The Ministry of Agriculture's data management capacity was enhanced with the development and launch of a data collection application under the Last Mile Project, funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and administered through GFRAS-AGRIDEA (Global Forum of Rural Advisory Services – Swiss Association for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas). The application will enable the extension division to more efficiently collect, analyse and disseminate current data to facilitate more data-driven decision-making.
- With financial support from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), IICA in Grenada provided technical cooperation that built and enhanced the organizational capacities of seven farmer organizations, by conducting detailed assessments of these entities and developing audio-visual training packages for them. Through this initiative, the delegation designed and delivered an intensive two-day training course, covering priority topics of interest to the membership of these organizations. Additionally, comprehensive upgrading strategies and a mechanism were developed to boost the competitiveness and resilience of the banana and sweet potato value chains and to increase their capacity to meet the demands of evolving markets.
- With resources from the European Union (EU) and working in collaboration with the Grenada Bureau of Standards, the Institute significantly enhanced the knowledge of fifteen public and private extension personnel, by designing and implementing an intensive fourteen-week "training of trainers" course in post-harvest management. The extension personnel are now equipped to deliver this training to other stakeholders, such as farmers. Additionally, twenty-five farmers also received training on the practical aspects of post-harvest management.
- The IICA Delegation in Grenada, through the project, "Services towards Capacity Building for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Fisheries

Sector in Barbados, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines”, funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), enhanced the capacities of 14 fisher groups/cooperatives and other independent fisher MSMEs, with the development of a Data Collection Survey Tool for the fisheries sector in Grenada. Under the project, the team carried out a detailed survey to

obtain critical information on sector stakeholders; produced a publication to inform fisherfolk about accessing financing; and provided training on grant proposal writing to fisherfolk organizations. The Delegation also improved the productive capacity of twenty-five sea moss producers, through training on sea moss production, under the IFAD-funded Last Mile Project.