

Main achievements

2012

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

- As a result of IICA's technical support for the existing poultry operations, and development and submission of three project proposals for funding by international organizations, the South Central Windward Producers Cooperative Society is now positioned to expand small-scale poultry production among its membership and gain recognition as the primary farmers' cooperative nationally and within the ten contiguous villages comprising the district.
- The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Network of Rural Women Producers has received and accepted the draft Medium Term Plan for the organization, developed by IICA. The organization has now adopted a strategic focus to position itself as a major producer organization in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- As a result of IICA's continued implementation of the VEP project and the hosting of a simulation exercise conducted with 27 staff members of the Animal Health and Production Division of the Ministry, as well as the subsequent evaluation and report containing recommendations on ways to improve the system, the animal disease surveillance and detection systems of the Ministry of Agriculture have been strengthened, and the Ministry has been positioned to refine its response systems to address the potential entry of exotic diseases.
- Twenty-one members of the Women in Agriculture for Rural Development are now positioned to pursue a new diversification alternative in vegetable production as a result of IICA's support to the consultative processes within the organization and development and submission of a project proposal for small grants funding to the Australian Agency for International Development.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and related public sector organizations, together with private sector businesses, have been provided with technical information on developing agricultural health and food safety issues (Black Sigatoka Disease, US Act and Biotechnology). This is aimed at improving decision making at the policy and technical levels, as well as the quality of services and products offered to producers, thereby contributing to the competitiveness of small-scale agribusinesses involved in production for domestic consumption and trade.