



Saint Kitts and Nevis

Technical Cooperation

Non-programmed activities: 1

IICA resources projects: 1

Main contributions during 2013

- The knowledge capacities of farmers and agro-processors have been enhanced and they are now recording and analyzing the performances of their enterprises which include cost of production and financial Statements. In addition, through the provision of training in group dynamics and leadership, the inter-personal relationship and leadership skills within the various groups have been enhanced.
- IICA has been able to raise awareness of food safety among its clientele as a result of training sessions. Farmers are able to adopt good management principles for the production of wholesome and safe food for human consumption. In addition, agro-processors are now able to identify the critical safety points in the handling, preparation and serving of food and concentrate their resources on activities that are critical to ensure food safety.
- The value of the tourism product has been enhanced through the preparation of a project to establish and develop agro-tourism. The project, which was conceptualized by a group of young persons was aimed at maximizing the natural land and cultural resources of the area. Consequently, a unique product mix has been developed and which includes: Petting zoo, Tour of farm, nature and heritage trails, Organic produce and Donkey rides. Project is now providing jobs & income for a number of young persons.
- IICA continued to focus its efforts on increasing youth engagement in agriculture. In this regard, one shade house was constructed and has been operational at one of the High Schools in Saint Kitts. This brings the total to three shade houses, which have been provided to the school through the initiative of IICA. This effort has led to the development of a cadre of innovative youth leaders who will ultimately be able to address the nutritional concerns of the School's Feeding Programme.
- An improved strategic framework (2013-2016) and the development of the Annual Work Plan for 2014 were developed for the Department of Agriculture with IICA's assistance. As was done for 2013, the Institute also assisted the Department in the development of a Plan of Work for 2014. This was done through a consultative process which included capacity building.