

Significant achievements in 2014



Dominica

- The capabilities of the Dominica Bureau of Standards and its clients has been enhanced to ensure food safety throughout the production and handling of fresh produce, resulting from the establishment of model farms, formulation of codes of practice for two crops and capacity building of technicians, packinghouse operators, exporters and farmers in the area of GAP, Food safety and GMP Principles.
- The capacities of the Division of Agriculture and three farmer groups to promote and implement measures for adapting agriculture to climate change and mitigating its effects have been enhanced through the development of a road map to climate proof two agricultural subsectors, provision of assistance to farmers affected by the low-lying trough system and capacity building workshops on climate change risk management.
- The business and associative capabilities of thirty-five women from the Agricultural Women in Action group has been strengthened through the establishment of a Revolving fund scheme at the National Development Fund of Dominica.
- The capacity for area-based social management among rural women to improve food security and rural well-being has been increased through the securing of grant funding to assist in small ruminant and vegetable projects, capacity building exercises involving the strengthening of rural groups in group dynamics, entrepreneurship as well as self-assessment of the women's groups.
- The platform for youth involvement in agriculture has been enhanced through the hosting of a youth forum with over sixty young persons from schools, farmer groups and agribusinesses. This has strengthened the capacity of the National Association of Youth Agriculture (NAYA) to recruit new membership.
- Under the CONACYT-IICA 100 scholarships program supported by the Government of Mexico, one professional from Dominica is doing a master's program in a Mexican University.