



### Antigua and Barbuda

## Significant achievements in 2015

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) led the 10th EDF SPS Project, financed by the EU, which supported the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs (MALFBA) in setting up the National Agricultural Health and Food Safety Committee, with 10 stakeholder representatives from various organizations, both public and private, as well as ministries.
- Through technical assistance from IICA, the Network of Rural Women Producers (ANBNROP) was able to place a structure on a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre plot of land made available by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, via its Ministry of Agriculture. This property has been made available under a 25-year lease agreement. The structure will be refurbished and transformed into a Central Commercial Agro-Processing Facility. Under this agreement, ANBNROP secured funds through two grants from the Global Environment Fund (GEF) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)/Caribbean Technological Consultancy Services (CCTCS) Network to produce a business plan, feasibility study, market research, operational manual, and plant layout design.
- IICA, MALFBA and Grandad's Garden Goodness, supported a public awareness workshop, both theoretical and practical, which highlighted vermiculture production in Antigua and Barbuda. Thirty participants benefited from this collaborative effort.

