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Most significant results 2010-2017

- **Actions related to the 10th EDF SPS Project.** Several tasks were undertaken, such as support in the creation of the Coordinating Council for Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS), review of its annual work plan and budget for 2016, and the identification of priority interventions to strengthen AFHS systems at the national and regional levels. IICA also assisted the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs (MALFBA) in setting up the National AHFS Committee, with representatives from other ministries as well as public and private organizations.
- **Agro-processors in the spotlight, particularly women.** Enhancing the access of agro-processors to value chains and domestic markets, as well as their knowledge of agribusiness, food manufacturing and food preservation, were the emphases of many activities organized by IICA or with its collaboration. These activities included workshops, sharing of experiences (one under the APP project), and one agro processing competition (during Mango Fest 2016), in addition to specific training and assistance to women producers for increasing their capacities in entrepreneurship, financial and logistical issues.
- **Creating other specialized committees.** Through coordination in establishing several committees, IICA supported initiatives to strengthen the access of producers to markets. One of them involved the implementation of the National Marketing Information System; as part of this initiative, IICA organized a workshop for technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture and provided recommendations on system structure, data requirements and dissemination methods. It also assisted the Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards (ABBS) in establishing the National *Codex* Committee, which is dedicated to promotion and sensitization on the principles of *Codex Alimentarius*.