

Significant achievements 2018



St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) improved the capacity of forty-five stakeholders to implement Climate Smart Agriculture adaptation measures on farms / vegetable gardens. This was achieved through the implementation of a pilot project that established five model demonstration plots (and associated training activities) on producer holdings, to display proper soil conservation practices; soil management techniques; water management strategies; and rainwater harvesting, storage, and use, through drip-line technology for irrigation in vegetable plots. Four organizations have benefited from this initiative, including the Ministry of Agriculture, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Network of Rural Women Producers, Women in Agriculture for Rural Development and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Save the Children Fund.
- As a follow-up to technical cooperation in previous years, IICA strengthened the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture to formulate and implement an effective program for the development of a competitive coffee industry. Two new varieties of coffee from Costa Rica were introduced into the country, for research and development under local conditions, and a strategic framework document for tree crops, including coffee, was developed. IICA also hosted a forum of stakeholders for consensus building on the development of the coffee sub-sector in St. Vincent and Dominica.
- IICA enhanced governance, planning and management capacities in two producer organizations and their ability to build external partnerships with development partners / organizations. The Delegation also devised a program of training and development for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Network of Rural Women Producers and for Women in Agriculture for Rural Development, enhancing their capacity to develop and execute plans and programs, as well as to build relationships with external partners. Medium-term strategic frameworks and actions plans were developed for both organizations, providing them with the instruments to guide their development.
- IICA effectively introduced Perone Hive technology - perm-apiculture - into St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 2017. The Institute executed a validation workshop in 2018, providing the results from one-year's observation of the performance of Perone Hives in the country at various trial sites. The forty-one stakeholders at the workshop have accepted the results of the validation exercise, positioning the technology for widespread use in the country.



