

Main achievements

2012

Barbados

- Technical capacity among youth and community groups interested in agriculture was strengthened through structured training programmes such as the Youth Farm School Programme. This programme was developed by IICA and validated by the Barbados Technical Vocational, Education and Training Council (TVET). Fifteen young farmers improved their skills in amenity horticulture, crop management, sustainable farming methods, post-harvest principles and agribusiness management.
- A workshop on trouble shooting for protected agriculture (PA) production, organized by IICA, increased the capacity of 20 protected agriculture producers to better manage their PA operations.
- The capacity for plant disease diagnostics was strengthened as a result of DNA-based detection of plant pathogens. This workshop was organized by IICA, in collaboration with the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus) and the Barbados Ministry of Agriculture.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) planned and delivered a HACCP Implementation and Food Safety Audit Workshop for the food industry in Barbados. A total of 21 persons from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture were trained and received the International HACCP Alliance certificate, thus strengthening the capacity in the area of food safety audits within these Ministries.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, the Barbados Agricultural Society, the Ministry of Tourism, IICA and other collaborating agencies in Barbados showcased best practices to strengthen small-scale family agriculture and promote the use of home-grown and home-made products in local households during the annual AgroFest Exhibition.