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and Rural Sector of the Republic of Haiti”**

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- The IICA Guatemala Delegation was instrumental in acquiring 2,000 pounds of the *ICTA ligero* variety of black bean seeds from a local company for distribution to smallholder family farmers in Haiti. IICA had attempted to donate the seeds during the first four months of 2022, in time for the planting season, but the instability in the country made this impossible. As such, the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture asked IICA to store the seeds until the next planting season, which will begin in December 2022. The seeds are currently being stored in Guatemala.
- Through a series of meetings and discussions, IICA facilitated the development of a work plan between the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture and CARDI (Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute), to provide technical support to the agriculture sector in Haiti, in a bid to improve agricultural productivity and to provide improved varieties of sweet potato, yam, citrus, taro, corn and pigeon peas. CARDI will work in collaboration with IICA, within the framework of the General Technical Cooperation Agreement between both institutions, to provide these services to Haiti.
- In June 2022, the IICA Guyana Delegation communicated with IICA Haiti regarding an offer by the Government of Guyana to donate 25 tons of rice (a 20-foot container) to the Haitian government. Currently, we are awaiting the response of the Haitian government to receive the donation and establish a delivery date, if the offer is accepted.
- The IICA Brazil Delegation approached the Government of Brazil, requesting a donation of agricultural seeds to Haiti. The Delegation indicated that the Brazilian Government had agreed to donate bean seeds to the Haitian Government. However, Brazil's Secretariat of Foreign Affairs will arrange to hand over the seeds directly to Haiti's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. IICA is awaiting the completion of this process to find out the extent and content of this assistance package.
- In July 2022, the Government of Argentina and IICA agreed to work together on a new international cooperation initiative, aimed at reducing food insecurity in Haiti, by relaunching INTA's successful Pro Huerta program, which operated from 2006 to 2015, with the participation of IICA technical staff. The Pro Huerta program sought to build the capacities of small farmers to promote agroecological production and access to healthy food to ensure a proper diet. The name of the initiative is "Agroecological Gardens in Haitian Schools as a Strategy to Build Food and Nutritional Security". It will focus on promoting the use of Haiti's educational sphere to foster food and nutritional security in vulnerable local communities, with a marked pedagogical approach to food production.