

Significant achievements in 2014



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

- Following the December 2013 storm, a recovery process for 60 farm families engaged in vegetable production was implemented, with collaboration under the IICA/Panamerican Development Foundation (PADF) project to support the disaster recovery effort in the agricultural sector. As a result of this, farmers benefited directly from the provision of supplies and improved their knowledge in Good Agricultural Practices for vegetable production, as well as adaptation and mitigation strategies for small farmers and rural communities, as a means of strengthening their resilience against future adverse weather impacts.
- Recovery, clean-up and rehabilitation efforts¹ in three watershed systems on St. Vincent have been accelerated following the December 2013 storm, and efforts aimed at mitigation against future events adopted through an IICA-FAO programme for recovery of the forest systems and concomitant stimulation of rural income streams. This was achieved by engaging unemployed youth to drive recovery efforts in the affected communities.
- The national authorities are equipped with knowledge on the vulnerability of the agricultural sector to adverse environmental events, and have recommendations to guide mitigation and adaptation efforts through IICA's execution of a vulnerability assessment of the sector. St. Vincent and the Grenadines is one of the countries that participated in the IICA project: Reducing the Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture: Enhancing Institutional Capacity to Promote Climate Smart Agriculture in the Caribbean.
- Nine producer organisations are positioned to strengthen their internal governance arrangements and improve the delivery of services to their members through delivery of technical support in group dynamics to these institutions. IICA has promoted the development of governance structures and mechanisms within a wider range of farmers' institutions to allow for sustainability and efficient functioning.
- Pork industry chain actors are positioned to implement transformative changes to develop their industry through the intervention of IICA in the finalization of a draft industry plan and a strategy for implementation of actions in support of its realization.

1. Including the removal of 18 530 m³ of wood material and 121 m³ of debris; the production of 610 sacks of charcoal and the stabilization of approximately 12 km of riverbanks via the planting of trees and palms.