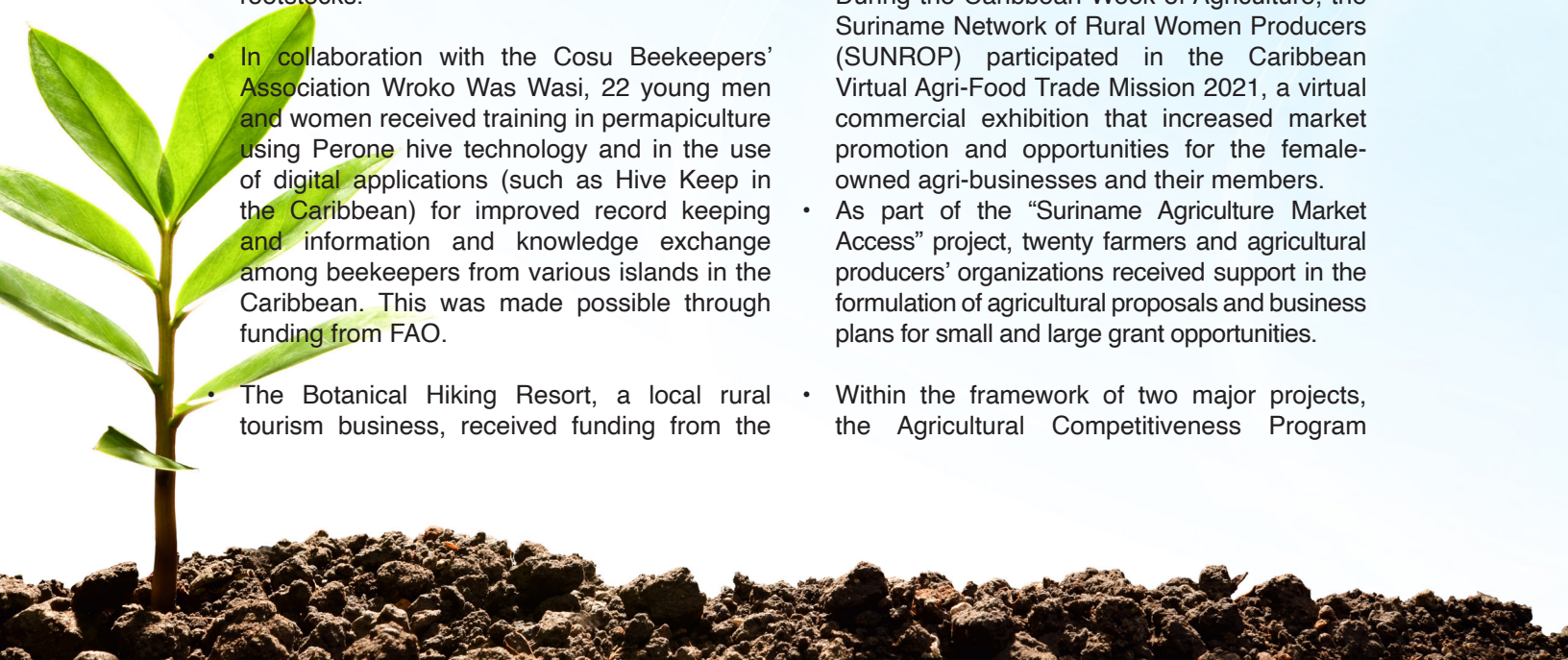


Significant Achievements 2021



Suriname

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) established and put into operation one low-cost nursery facility (40x9x4m) to provide training in and demonstrate grafting on solanaceous crops, specifically wild eggplant (*Solanum stramonifolium*). Three additional demonstration plots for grafted tomato on wild eggplant were set up, with funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- With funding from FAO, eleven farmers received training in the improvement of plant nursery management through the use of climate-smart technologies and mass reproduction via vegetative propagation (grafting techniques) in solanaceous crops, specifically wild eggplant rootstocks.
- In collaboration with the Cosu Beekeepers' Association Wroko Was Wasi, 22 young men and women received training in permaculture using Perone hive technology and in the use of digital applications (such as Hive Keep in the Caribbean) for improved record keeping and information and knowledge exchange among beekeepers from various islands in the Caribbean. This was made possible through funding from FAO.
- The Botanical Hiking Resort, a local rural tourism business, received funding from the CTA Legacy Assets project to edit, produce and design promotional material.
- The Canadian Compost Council hosted a virtual Conference on Organic Recycling of Compost, which enabled one young member of the Suriname Agricultural Forum for Youth (SURAFY) and one IICA technical officer to build their capacities in this area.
- With funding from the Australian Direct Aid Programme, eight low-cost rainwater harvesting systems were installed, which provided two primary schools in the hinterland of Suriname with access to potable water, benefiting a total of 230 students and twenty-two teachers.
- During the Caribbean Week of Agriculture, the Suriname Network of Rural Women Producers (SUNROP) participated in the Caribbean Virtual Agri-Food Trade Mission 2021, a virtual commercial exhibition that increased market promotion and opportunities for the female-owned agri-businesses and their members.
- As part of the "Suriname Agriculture Market Access" project, twenty farmers and agricultural producers' organizations received support in the formulation of agricultural proposals and business plans for small and large grant opportunities.
- Within the framework of two major projects, the Agricultural Competitiveness Program



(SU-L1020) and the Sustainable Agricultural Productivity Program (SU-L1052), direct technical support was provided to various departments of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. Technical officers of the Ministry's Department of Crop

and Livestock participated in the timely implementation of activities and proposed solutions regarding required technology. Funding was provided through investment loans of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).