



Grenada

Significant achievements in 2011

- Local agricultural technicians have increased their capabilities to diagnose and treat the root rot disease affecting Grenada's nutmeg trees. This was made possible through the contracted services of a Plant Pathologist contracted by IICA who engaged the technicians in a series of field and class room sessions on the diagnosis and treatment of nutmeg wilt/root rot disease. Following the departure of the consultant, the trained technicians are expected to undertake necessary follow-up actions toward solving the nutmeg root rot disease, based on guidelines developed and documented during the consultancy.
- The inter-personal relationships of thirteen executive members from two rural groups - Grenada Network of Rural Women Producers (GRENROP) and Grenada Agricultural Forum for Youth (GAFY) – were enhanced. This was achieved through the members' participation in an IICA *Group Dynamics Workshop* conducted by a local consultant. The workshop particularly emphasized issues related to "Leadership and Leadership Styles", "Communication", "Accountability", "Conflict Resolution", and "Financial Management".
- There was improvement in the Project Management skills of twenty-five selected members of three rural groups: Grenada Agricultural Forum for Youth (GAFY) - 10 members, Grenada Network of Rural Women Producers (GRENROP) – 10 members, and Clozier Youth Farmers Cooperative – 5 members. These members were participants in a *Project Development Workshop* which was organized and facilitated jointly by IICA and the Ministry of Agriculture. During the workshop, members of the respective groups identified the priority problem of the group, and developed a Logical Framework using the *Problem Tree* approach.
- Thirty local farmers have registered as members of the Grenada Organic Agriculture Movement (GOAM) which was officially registered and launched in September 2011. These farmers have consequently increased their capability to produce and market

organic foods, through their involvement in activities of GOAM which has conducted a number of relevant training sessions for members, and has initiated action towards development of national organic standards for selected commodities.

- Through the exploratory/investigative work of an IICA technical team, the national authorities were made aware of the various options available for the proposed development/commercialization of four Government estate farms which are currently posing serious economic, social and political challenges to the Government. The IICA team made site visits to the relevant estates, held pertinent discussions with a wide cross section of stakeholders, and presented its findings to the relevant authorities. It also scheduled a number of follow-up actions which would result in the preparation and implementation of a *Strategic Development Plan* for the four Government estates, based on the best possible option for the profitable operation of the estates.