

Main achievements

2012

Saint Lucia

- Four technical officers from the Extension Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Production, Fisheries and Rural Development, as well as two private farmers, received training in Mexico in vegetable production under Protected Agriculture Structures, as part of a “Train the Trainer” programme.
- The management and operational capabilities of producer organizations were strengthened through initiatives aimed at specific deficiencies and operational procedures and management within these organizations, including:
 - 20 small ruminant farmers received the new forage species of *Tithonia* ssp and Mulberry for the establishment of forage banks on their farms to address the problem of insufficiency of high quality feed and improve the productivity of their farms.
 - 65 members of the Small Ruminant Cooperative Society and five livestock officers of the Ministry of Agriculture benefited from training workshops on Record Keeping, Biosecurity and Housing, as well as Small Ruminant Nutrition and Management.
 - Two consultations were held with the Small Ruminant Cooperative Society to restructure its executive and develop a strategic development plan for the group. Additionally, two consultations were held with the Saint Lucia Pineapple Cooperative Society Limited to assist with the creation of a strategic development plan for the industry.
- The knowledge and organizational capabilities of agricultural youth were strengthened through a number of initiatives aimed at improving governance and increasing their participation in the agricultural sector. These included:-
 - The launch of the third phase of the Helping Out Our Primary and Secondary School (HOOPSS), aimed at sensitization in agriculture and promoting agriculture as a business and a viable career option;
 - Training of the Saint Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youth (SLAFY) in proposal writing and funds procurement; and
 - The strategic planning of Saint Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youth (SLAFY).
- Service delivery procedures and systems of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Production, Fisheries and Rural Development were enhanced through standardization of procedures for programming and strategic planning to improve efficiency.