UPDATE: FAO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2017-18

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Plant Production and Protection activities are related mainly to SP2 (sustainable production and productivity) and SP4 (sustainable food systems)
TCP/STK/3501: Tech assistance to promote agric diversification towards reduction of importation/import bill of selected crops – onions & cole crops

- Intensive training of trainers in participatory methods: 16 DOA extension/technical officers
- Trained facilitators implemented two pilot FFS in St. Kitts / Nevis - 36 farmers, 12 technical/marketing staff, 20 agricultural college students
- Two additional FFSs set up in St. Kitts
- 4 FFSs total - 106 persons: 76 men, 30 women
- Manuals: (1) FFS establishment including gender module and (2) postharvest management
- Pilot onion drying/storage demonstration set up - St Kitts; an existing unit refurbished – Nevis
- Climate-smart monkey control demo area set up as solar-powered fence on ¼ acre
- Revolving fund established from sale of FFS: 50% shared among farmers, 50% into the fund.
- Continued Government support to activities begun under the project – FFSs and marketing of produce
GCP/BZE/001/EC – Promoting Agribusiness in Northern Belize

- 10 Extension Officers trained in TOT in use of participatory approaches and FFS Methodology
- 6 FFSs conducted in Corozal, Orange Walk Dist.
- 88 farmers trained in Best Practices in Onion Production using the FFS Methodology
- FFS Handbook on Onion Production completed
- Tech Handbook on Onion Production updated
- Technical Handbook in Postharvest Handling
- Two improved Drying and Storage Facilities
- 36 persons, incl. onion farmers / MoA Extension training in marketing, production scheduling, market information and promotion of local onions in order to improve market access
- Promotional campaign through posters, flyers, newspaper and radio clips was completed
- Exit Strategy has been prepared and to be shared with Government of Belize
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – for a world without hunger
TCP/STL/3501 – linking small farmers to VC / markets

- Output 2 of project aimed to increase vol. of marketable produce by family/small farmer gps
- Activities: ID of rural farmer grps / farmers and conduct of FFSs by trained Extension Officers
- Train farmers in FFSs to enhance production and establish linkages with markets
- First FFS batch in 2015/16 in South successful
- Second batch in Region VII Mar-July 2017
- Full data on no. of farmers, crops etc. awaited
New projects – Regional
Roots & tubers incl cassava

- GCP/SLC/001/CDB: *Cassava Industry – Market Assessment & Technology Validation and Dissemination* in Dominica, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago for improved production/productivity; market assessment component
- TCP/SLC/3604: Sustainable roots and tubers processing & VC development
TCP/RLA/3609

- Promote production, marketing, conservation consumption, marketing of local legumes:
  - LOA with CARDI: catalogue three key legumes in four countries: Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago
  - Support for national experts via training in sustainable production including climate change, seed/biodiversity conservation etc.
  - Regional workshop to exchange successful experiences
TCP/SLC/3605: Strengthen animal & plant quarantine serv. DMI, GRN, STK

- LOA with CAHFSAs for the following activities / outputs in each country:
  - Survey & validation of current monitoring /surveillance systems to identify gaps
  - Prepare and conduct training in use of Reference Manuals (based on Int. Stds.)
  - Prepare Pest and Disease Factsheets
  - Prepare and finalize Framework for a national monitoring and surveillance system for plant pests and diseases
National Projects
TCPF/ANT/3601: tech assist to small farmers – climate-smart technologies

Linking with several ongoing training events –
(a) Chinese Training Course on Agricultural Techniques; (b) Commonwealth of Learning L3F Training for farmers; (c) Soil testing with team from Morocco – establish plots to demonstrate the following:
  - Affordable irrigation systems to increase farmer production and productivity
  - Testing of seeds of newer varieties
TCPF project (1) in Barbados

- TCP/BAR/3601 (c1): Plant & Animal Health & Food Safety Legislation/ regulations with IICA (SPS) and PAHO – five key outputs:
  1. (new) draft Food Safety Act
  2. (revised) Plant Protection Act and 2 sets of implementing regulations
  3. (new) Animal Health Act
  4. Implementing regulations on the (food) safety of fish/seafood
  5. (new) NAHFCA Act
PCE in Barbados

- Starting 2016, IPPC is conducting Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) ‘Training of Trainers’
- As a result of using several PCE modules for TCPF project, Barbados was selected for full PCE
  - Three missions by IPPC Officer (Ms. Sara Brunel) and trained facilitator (Mr. Fitzroy White of Jamaica)
    - Mission 1 took place in May 2017
    - Mission 2 in September?
    - Mission 3 before end of 2017
TCPF project (2) in Barbados

**TCP/BAR/3601 (c2): Development of food monitoring & inspection mechanisms in modernization of Barbados’ Agricultural Health and Food Control System**

- Barbados Food Inspection system strengthened
  - Preparation of risk-based inspection manual
  - Training of inspectors for (risk-based) domestic food
  - Training of inspectors for (risk-based) imported food
- Development of sampling capacities for AHFCS
  - Preparation of and training in (a) sampling policy document and (b) annual sampling plan
TCP/JAM/3601: Ginger VC development

- **Enhanced production system, leading to increased availability of certified clean planting material to farmers:**
  1. Rapid evaluation of clean planning material production system to identify gaps
  2. Establish tissue culture and hardening protocols for production of plantlets
  3. Establish first-generation (F1) production systems
  4. Establish mass propagation techniques among nursery operators
TCP/GRN/3601: Support to the Development of the Soursop Value Chains in Grenada

- Increased field prod’n & prod’vity of soursop for supply to local markets and for exports
- Pl. Prot: Requirements of a Systems Approach for exports and pest management measures
- Agronomist:
  - Review existing (a) nursery production systems and (b) orchards in different stages of growth
  - Prepare Strategy and Plan for increased soursop propagation and production (5-10 year period)
  - Manuals on Best practices (a) Soursop Nursery Production (b) Soursop Orchard Management
TCPF/SLC/3602 - Assistance to Build Extension Capacity in Grenada

- Seven Agricultural Extension modules prepared
- Mentoring, provision of support to Lecturers for effective delivery of training modules
- Technical assistance for certification process
- Modules are tested with the participation of approximately 15 Extension staff
TCP/STK/3601: Support for increased access & availability of fresh local food thru development of urban, peri-urban and backyard gardening.

- Four Demonstrations – two BDGs in St. Kitts and in Nevis and two SDGs in each of the two islands, respectively.
- 80 backyard and school gardeners trained in best practices for crop production.
- 80 backyard and school gardeners trained in concepts of nutrition and better eating habits.
Gender inclusiveness in all activities
Mainstreaming Gender

- Support implementation of Gender Equality Policy in the work of the sub-regional office
- Implement work plan, incl recommendations from SLC gender stock-taking exercise
  - Training of staff
  - Ensure inclusion of gender in project formulation
  - Collect gender-disaggregated data for all activities
  - Finalize regional TCP Project: Reducing gender inequalities and empowering women and youth in agri-food systems in the Caribbean