

Canada's support to the Canadian Co-operative Association improved the agricultural livelihoods of over 2.6 million women and 800,000 men and helped 13,000 young women and 15,000 young men access financing and markets. In Tanzania, women reported higher incomes due to the training they received in entrepreneurship and new agricultural practices in poultry, milk production and livestock. As a result, these women could more easily pay school fees for their children, afford a diverse diet and pay for health and medical services.

In the Caribbean, 1,334 agricultural producers received support through the Promotion of Regional Opportunities for Produce through Enterprises and Linkages project for the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices and improved access to high value markets for potatoes, sweet potatoes, ginger, yams and plantains. Fifty-two buyers from high-value markets are now purchasing produce as a result of this project.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION AND INNOVATION IN AGRI-FOOD VALUE-CHAINS

Canada's partnerships with the private sector helped improve agri-food value chains and strengthen market linkages for smallholder farmers. In 2015-2016, Canada helped global partners such as the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the GAFSP to create stronger market linkages between smallholder farmers and global agricultural valuechains. With

Canada's support, IFAD reached over 114 million people in rural areas (49 percent were women). It trained 2.47 million people in improved crop production practices and technologies to increase agricultural productivity. IFAD's work on inclusive and rural finance helped over 25 million people obtain rural financial services. In addition, support to the private sector window of GAFSP brought investment and advisory services to small and medium-sized agri-businesses and farmers so that they could participate in value chains. Canada's support for the UNDP in Sri Lanka helped nine agriculture producer organizations receive business development support for their 8,350 members.

Canada's support for the World Bank's Global Food Safety Partnership helps build food safety capacity, including the technical, scientific and regulatory aspects of government oversight in developing countries. Health Canada's support for the Global Food Safety Partnership enabled upgrades to food industry value chains and management systems to ensure the production of safe foods in developing countries.

Health Canada contributed to the World Health Organization's Codex Trust Fund through the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Federal Assistance Program. Codex helps establish international food safety standards and enable recipient countries to participate at sessions in standard setting bodies and commissions. Health Canada's support enhanced participation and contribution from Codex Trust Fund eligible countries in various Codex meetings.

In Morocco, the Canadian International Grains Institute provided a number of services. These included:

- technical training for youth,
- capacity building for government authorities for the milling of durum wheat and pulse crops,
- quality control testing,
- the development of food safety protocols, and
- improved marketing to increase the profitability of the milling industry and create new economic opportunities for this sector in North Africa.

Through Canada's partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vietnam's Ha Tinh Province, more than 10,000 farmers have gained access to agricultural support services and/or applied new agricultural technologies since 2011. This has increased productivity and improved the competitiveness of key agricultural products. In addition, more than 8,000 rural households also benefited from new small-scale infrastructure. Ninety-five percent of the more than 5,600 farmers who received training indicated that they had gained an improved awareness of environmentally friendly farming methods.

