

EPA AND CSME STANDBY FACILITY

The project was approved for implementation by the EPA and CSME Standby Facility Steering Committee in 2021.

The EPA and CSME Standby Facility is a EUR 8.75 million programme financed by the European Union being managed by CDB to support projects in Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago (CARIFORUM).

It is intended to build capacity in the region and better position businesses to trade within CARIFORUM and the European Union.



Agri-Food Sector Development and Strengthening of the National Food Safety System in Grenada Project

A EUR 284,615 project to strengthen market access and export of Grenadian fresh produce

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ABOUT

The Agri-Food Sector Development and Strengthening of the National Food Safety System in Grenada Project is focused on increasing the quality of Grenada's fresh produce through capacity building and the provision of equipment to reduce food waste along the value chain. Over two years, stakeholders will be certified in Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and trained in post-harvest handling techniques while the Government of Grenada will be provided with three refrigerated trucks.

The project will aid with collection, distribution and supply of fresh produce to packhouse facilities for pre-export and local retail, train the trainers at the Grenada Bureau of Standards (GDBS) and the Government of Grenada to strengthen productive capacity and quality in the agri-food sector, reduce losses and increase revenue in the fresh produce sector.

The GDBS will be executing the project on behalf of the Government of Grenada.

PROJECT BENEFITS

The project is responsive to the immediate capacity building needs of the export sector. Beyond this it will also help to strengthen Grenada's compliance with World Trade Organisation (WTO) obligations on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for food safety and also aid in satisfying obligations under the WTO-Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement pertaining to adherence to technical requirements and conformity assessment procedures.

Additionally:

- It supports improvements to food safety management and will have significant beneficial impact for Grenadian exporters;
- It will increase capacity and enable exporters to improve market access and increase export value;
- It advances the Government's priorities outlined in the National Sustainable Development Plan (2020–2035) and the Grenada National Export Strategy (2017–2021);
- The project directly responds to implementing the mandate of the GDBS under the Fresh Produce Exportation Act (1998), to provide certification for food exports, develop and implement standards for quality and food safety management;
- It improves the collection and distribution of fresh produce by the Government of Grenada to supply packhouse facilities for pre-export and local retail according to the minimum specifications;
- It will strengthen the productive capacity and quality in the agri-food sector, reduce losses and increase revenue in the fresh produce sector.

