



Investing in rural people

Belize

Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB / Be- Resilient)

RRB provides a USD 25 M investment country-wide, in co-financing with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). The development objective of this programme is to build overall resilience to climate change by adopting new or improved climate-resilient practices, increasing and diversifying agricultural production, and facilitating access to commercial market chains for off-take of surplus production.

For rural producers & organisations, the expected outcome under component 1 is to support target beneficiaries to produce and market a larger and more reliable supply of agricultural products via climate-resilient practices. The outcome under component 2 is climate-resilient public infrastructure and services support for production and access to markets for targeted beneficiaries. supporting high quality smallholder production for commercialization; and (ii) enhancing sustainable smallholder farmer access to markets. Additionally, this component will support self-consumption and healthy food choices through support for backyard gardens.

For Rural infrastructure, the objective is to (i) build, rehabilitate and maintain climate-resilient rural infrastructure; and (ii) foster smallholder farmers' capacities to employ market-driven and climate change adaptive farming practices and technology.

Grenada

IFAD has maintained a valued presence in Grenada over the past 15 years, financing 3 projects over the period. These activities, providing a focus on youth entrepreneurship and climate-smart agriculture (CSA), are aiming at providing a helping hand to Grenada's path towards sustainable development for present and future generations. **The Climate Smart Agriculture and Rural Enterprise Programme (SAEP)**, financed by both IFAD and the Caribbean Development Bank for US\$ 14 M and due for completion in March 2025, reached interesting results in the above-mentioned thematic areas and benefited more than 12,000 persons.

IFAD is currently in the design process of a new umbrella programme, the Resilience Integration Programme promoting Environmental Sustainability (RIPES). The same will include financing from both the Global Environment Facility through the Advancing Transformative Agricultural Systems in Grenada and through the Promotion of Integrated and Resilient Ecosystem approaches throughout the cocoa value chain project; and the Adaptation Fund, through the Increasing climate resilience and adaptive capacity among farming and fishing communities in Grenada project, for an overall external grant financing of US\$ 14 M. This programme will build on IFAD's experience in support of rural transformation in Grenada, with a new focus on improved climate resilience. Such new focus has a considerable potential for replication at both a regional (West Indies and Caribbean) and global scale.