Purdue Agriculture at Work in Trinidad and Tobago

A Purdue-led partnership to strengthen food and nutrition security in Trinidad and Tobago by building extension capacity and empowering farmers — a three-year project of the John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program (F2F).

A New Partnership

- Led by Purdue University’s International Programs in Agriculture (IPIA) and Cooperative Extension Service in collaboration with the University of West Indies at St. Augustine.
- Funded by USAID through the Agricultural Volunteer Opportunity Project (AVOP), managed by Partners of the Americas.
- Leverages Purdue’s experience in executing complex international projects, including F2F programs around the globe.
- IPIA’s fourth time managing an F2F program (Ethiopia, Costa Rica, Colombia).

Trinidad and Tobago

- One nation, two islands
- The southernmost island country in the Caribbean, seven miles northeast of Venezuela
- Agricultural production less than 1/2 percent of GDP
THE USAID JOHN OGNOWSKI AND DOUG BEREUER FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY PURDUE UNIVERSITY

- Provides technical assistance from U.S. volunteers to farmers, farm groups, agribusinesses and other agricultural sector institutions in developing and transitional countries.
- Facilitates technical assistance trainings by U.S.-based academics, graduate students, Extension experts, businesspeople and farmers.
- Volunteers develop hands-on trainings to improve food and nutrition security through increased productivity, safety and profitability while revitalizing the extension service through capacity building.

THE PURDUE F2F PROGRAM FOCUSES ON IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO’S AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION SYSTEM AND FINDING VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO TRAVEL ON A TWO- TO FOUR-WEEK TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENT TO WORK WITH LOCAL FARMERS AND PROFESSIONALS TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS.”

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