

FARMER^TO FARMER

The USAID John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program



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 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.”

— Amanda Dickson
IPIA International Extension Specialist



THE USAID JOHN OGWONSKI AND DOUG BEREUTER 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.

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