



Strengthening the phytosanitary and food safety system in key value chains

Tomato, aubergine and chili represent an important commercial operation for the Dominican Republic and Haiti, both in terms of local consumption, and for the current exports of the Dominican Republic and the potential that Haiti can develop. These value chains are susceptible to pests and diseases that negatively impact their export potential and can move from one country to another. A source of rejection in international markets for the selected value chains is the presence of Thripidae sp on the island. An integrated binational pest program is therefore needed for its proper management. The lack of technical training on pest and disease management, as well as deficiencies in pest surveillance systems, misuse of pesticides, high cost of production inputs and poor infrastructure are amongst the main issues faced by producers.

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the improvement in exports of chili, aubergine and tomato in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, whilst contributing to poverty reduction. The project intends to achieve the overall goal by: (i) improving the legal and institutional structure of the sanitary system in the Dominican Republic and Haiti; and (ii) strengthening the technical capacity of officials and local producers in the selected value chains in order to increase and improve exports.

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On-going

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Project Value (US\$)

\$692,980

STDF Contribution (US\$)

\$554,180

Beneficiaries

Haiti

Dominican Republic

Implementing Entities

Junta Agroempresarial Dominicana (JAD)