



# CARIBBEAN FARMERS NETWORK (CaFAN)

*A network of regional Farmers Associations*

**C/o Eastern Caribbean Trading Agriculture and Development Organisation (ECTAD)**

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### **CaFAN to assist with rehabilitation of small-farm-families' livelihoods in Dominica**

The Caribbean Farmers Network (CaFAN) has received financial assistance from its international partner the COLEACP (Europe-ACP Liaison Committee) in the sum of 20,000 Euros to assist with rehabilitation of small-farm-families' livelihoods in Dominica amidst the devastation resulting from the impact of tropical storm Erica. The Government of Dominica has declared nine (9) Special Disaster Areas - Petite Savanne, Pichelin, Good Hope, Bath Estate (Paradise Valley), Dubique, Campbell, Coulibistrie, San Sauveur and Petite Soufriere. These communities depend almost entirely on production, farming, livestock rearing and fishing.

CaFAN is monitoring the ongoing agricultural assessment, which is being conducted, and the funds from COLEACP will be used to help small farmers with land clearing, seeds and agricultural inputs. CaFAN's livelihoods coordinator in Dominica, Pastor Adrien Bannis, has said that "the livelihood recovery support to Dominica by COLEACP will assist farmers with getting their farms back into production."

CaFAN's Chief Coordinator, Jethro Greene, has noted that "the relief contribution by COLEACP is a demonstration of their commitment to helping small farm families in the Caribbean." As a member of COLEACP, CaFAN members have already benefited from support for training, technical assistance and market development in Europe.

#### **About CaFAN**

The Caribbean Farmers Network Inc (CaFAN) is a registered non-profit regional farmer organisation, formed and initiated by farmer organisations across the Caribbean in 2002. CaFAN's mission is "to enhance Caribbean food and nutrition security, foreign exchange earnings and foreign savings, by repositioning agriculture through the capacity building of farmers and the institutional strengthening of farmers' organisations".

CaFAN currently represents over 500,000 small farmers spread across 15 Caribbean countries including Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts/ Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago.

Website: [www.caribbeanfarmers.org](http://www.caribbeanfarmers.org)

#### **About COLEACP**

COLEACP is a non-profit inter-professional association, representing and defending the collective interests of ACP producers/exporters and EU importers of fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants.

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