



IICA's response to the earthquake that occurred in Haiti on 12 January 2010

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) wishes to express its deepest condolences to the families of the people who lost their lives and to all those who are endeavoring to cope with the consequences of the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti on 12 January.

The Institute intends to do everything it can in its field of specialization to support the efforts undertaken by the Government and people of this Member State.

We shall immediately begin to assess the damage in rural areas and then carry out a wider evaluation of the most pressing needs and ways of meeting them, especially with regard to the production of food in the rural areas surrounding Port-au-Prince. We shall also prepare specific projects to contribute to the reconstruction of the agricultural sector and support efforts to secure funding for them, drawing on the experience we have acquired through successful initiatives such as Pro-Huerta, Oxfam-Quebec-IICA and Kredifam.

We shall work with the other international organizations and the Government to support the reconstruction of Haiti.

San Jose, Costa Rica
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