## **ALLIANCES FOR ACTION**

**Caribbean experience** 

Inclusive Agribusiness staff workshop

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## Some challenges

- Product with long term negative trend on market share and price
- Crop abandoned or neglected for generations
- Sector with high entry barriers
- Clear difference of efficiency between small and large farmers
- Long term intra-industry conflict between small and large actors
- Sector not prioritized by Governments and support institutions
- Severely affected by pest and diseases and natural disasters such as Hurricanes
- Region that is poorly integrated and with serious logistical issues
- 9 countries, 4 years, 4M, thousands of beneficiaries, high expectations





# **Opportunities**

- Lifestyle product and by products
- Market trend drastically changed in recent years in developed markets for some of the by products
- Strong demand and rising price
- Willingness by Governments and stakeholders to engage
- Investment by large national, regional and multinational companies
- Thousands of small farmers in coconuts







How to support a process that will allow as many small farmers as possible to participate, compete and benefit equitably from this emerging opportunity



### A MULTI-LAYERED FRAMEWORK





- Identify Market-Product opportunities
- Assess SMEs and MSME competitiveness
- Define and assess institutional support network
- Network analysis (connectivity & innovation)
- Assess global industry trends and local socioeconomic situation
- Multi stakeholder process

CONVENE Responsible public-private VC alliances



- Establish Alliances between firms
- Select intervention areas
- Agree Value Chain operator roles
- Define Alliance support plan
- Commit participant's contribution & investments
- Develop Business and investments plans for each Alliance and product/market option





- Peer to peer learning and innovation
  Market linkages and
- technical support
- Capacity building

#### INVEST Investing in the Alliances

- Financial literacy training & leverage
- Blend sources of finance & investment



Track development-related objectives





#### Alliances for Action Countries, Sectors & Partners





#### **Dominican Republic Alliances for Action**

#### NAGUA SAMANA

Producer Involvement: ACALEN (43 producers), ASOMUJA (95 APROCAMPT (132 producers), producers)

Products: extra-virgin VCO, VCO, dried coconuts, coconut milk, coconut water

Buyers: Coco Siri, Grupos Cítricos (La Rica) and smaller processing companies

**Note:** APROCAMPT establishing coconut nursery with Ministry of Agriculture with high-quality seedlings

MICHES Producer Involvement: Up to 3,000 producers of PROCOM Products: coconut water, VCO, handicrafts and LEGEND charcoal from coconut flesh Buyers: Fundación Tropicalia - sustainable tourism Coconuts production Potential area for coconuts production and real estate development foundation interested in Musaceous zone local sourcing; KEMAL SUNGUR P&F EXPORT AND MAO MONTE CRISTI Musaceous zone and cocoa **IMPORT** Producer Involvement: 151 (out of 343) family Cocoa zone producers of Banelino cooperative Horticulture and musaceous zone Products: bananas and diversification into coconut Cocoa zone and potential for coconuts production and associated crops production systems Production zone cocoa and coconuts Buyers: FTorganic market and interest in processing of extra-virgin VCO Protected Areas **Processing Facilities** Partners: JAD Nurseries

## Connecting Value Chains and institutions through partnerships





# Sustainability starts with the producer (multichannel)







