



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fight against Poverty in Favor of the Local Population

Promotion of agro-ecological development in urban and rural areas through the introduction of a sustainable development model.



COUNTRY
Cuba



BENEFICIARIES



METHOD
Humanitarian aid

LOCAL PARTNERS	ANAP - National Association of Small-Scale Farmers
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	ARCS COSPE Lega Coop Emilia-Romagna
FUNDING AGENCIES	Region of Emilia- Romagna
STARTING DATE	December 2009
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	20 months
DESCRIPTION	The project involved agricultural production cooperatives in Viñales in the Pinar del Río province, the cooperatives coordinated by the ANAP and university students from the Province of Granma, as well as cooperatives in the province of Artemisa.
OBJECTIVES	The project is promoted the development of ecological agriculture in both rural and urban areas in Cuba through activation of a sustainable development model for management of the Viñales national park; the use of ecological techniques in the island's principal productive activities (cattle raising, rice and sugar cane cultivation); promotion of better access to training for farmers and support of cooperatives as a participative form of production.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the production of vegetables and fruit through the ecological agricultural techniques of the CCS Manuel Fajardo and in relation to the economic fabric tied to tourism to the city and the Viñales National Park; • Creation and diffusion of an informational package in ecological agricultural techniques; • Preparation of a ecological agriculture training room and support to the ANAP's Training Center in Guira de Melena; • Experimentation and diffusion of ecological agricultural techniques, promoting reinforcement of small handcraft and food processing activities, based on existing traditions (mango and tomatos preserves, etc.); • Improvement of ANAP and UNAH staff skills so that they can intervene in favor of cooperatives in the application of ecological agricultural principles and in the identification of alternative markets.