



# TRAINING & SUPPORT

**A** primary goal of INMED's Increasing Access to Climate-Smart Agriculture program is to equip farmers with the technical knowledge and basic business planning and management skills needed for commercial farm operations. This is accomplished through a training and loan prequalification program consisting of interactive online modules focused on:

1. Aquaponics technology and implementation.
2. Understanding financing and loans.
3. Developing business plans and markets.

After completing the online prequalification training course, farmers begin hands-on and classroom training in a 3-day workshop to learn how to build, operate and maintain their systems and manage an agro-business with INMED support. Day 1 consists of classroom learning, followed by a site visit to a fully operational aquaponics system on Day 2 for hands-on, participatory training. Day 3 will round out the first workshop with certificates presented to participants who successfully complete the course.

Additional virtual and in-person workshops focus on specific aspects of running an aquaponics enterprise, while INMED and RADA extension agents will provide close monitoring to support productivity and planning over the four-year term of the program.

Pre-approved construction crews and input suppliers have been identified to provide cost-effective building support, materials and inputs for the aquaponics systems.



Learn more about INMED's aquaponics program in Jamaica at <https://inmedcaribbean.org> or <https://inmed.org/aquaponics>

