



PROJECT LOCATION:  
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

PROJECT START DATE:  
**MARCH 5, 2015**

PROJECT END DATE:  
**MAY 1, 2016**

GRANT FUNDS APPROVED:  
**US \$412,500**

ENVELOPE:  
**DIRECT FIRM SUPPORT**

TOTAL PROJECT COST  
**US \$1,032,500**

## VIRGIN COCONUT OIL

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE PROJECT:

Conсорcio Cítricos Dominicanos, S.A. (CCD) is a leading Dominican producer, processor and packager of citrus products and other tropical fruit products. Consequently, as part of a diversification strategy, early success with the coconut milk and cream products has prompted the firm to expand the portfolio of derivative products to include organically certified Virgin Coconut Oil, processed using state of the art Centrifuge technology to separate the oil from the nut, and a new offering for the firm, and organically certified, aseptically prepared coconut milk.

#### OBJECTIVE:

To develop Consorcio Citricos Dominicanos S.A.'s capacity to efficiently and cost effectively cultivate

coconuts, and to process, commercialize and export organically certified virgin coconut oil and coconut milk.

#### HOW DONOR FUNDS ARE BEING USED:

- Technical assistance for the firm to better understand the framework for the successful cultivation of coconuts and for the production of virgin coconut oil and milk for sale on the world market.
- To obtain organic certification for locally produced virgin coconut oil in the Dominican Republic.
- To build commercial relationships with international consumers of coconut milk and coconut oil

#### BENEFITS:

- Commercial relationships established with international importers of high value added coconut products
- FSSC22000 Certification
- Organic Certification for VCO
- Strengthened Branding and Marketing Initiatives around the coconut line standards and qualifications;