

## **ABSTRACT**

This research project aims to determine what range of hazards affect farmers in the East-West corridor of Trinidad and what risk mitigation strategies they adopt to avoid or reduce the effects of such hazards.

The study was conducted by firstly locating farmers in Aranguez, Pasea, St. Augustine and Orange Grove. These farmers were then interviewed to determine the hazards they face and the preventative measures they adopt. The media selected for conducting the study was questionnaires. These questionnaires were specially designed to obtain information relevant to the project. The interviews were conducted in a personal basis where the farmers were able to provide additional explanations if required.

It was discovered that most farmers in the area are affected by floods and heavy rains. Flooding was prevalent among the farmers in the Pasea and Aranguez area because there is a major river running through their farm lands. This poses a problem in the rainy season as the river over flows its banks and runs off onto the farmers' lands. Other major hazards that affect farmers in the area include landslides and soil erosion and strong winds.