

Abstract

The paper examined the Agriculture Sector of Trinidad and Tobago, with particular reference to Trinidad, mainly focusing on Food Crop Production. It drew extensively on the Food and Agriculture Organization for its experience in combating risk in the agriculture sector Internationally.

Consideration was given to the vulnerability of the sector with respect to risk mitigation, identifying the various risks and the extent to which Government, in protecting the National interest had an obligation to support and assist farmers who were unable to finance large infrastructural projects.

Reference was therefore made to the Agriculture Policy of the Ministry of Agriculture Lands and Marine Resources which listed Governments intervention strategies in supplementing the farmers efforts in risk mitigation .

A sample survey was conducted among the Aranguez /Macoya food Crop farming community to obtain first hand information from the farmers. The survey concurred with the data from the Central Statistical Office with respect to :

- Profile of the farming community.
- Problems being experienced.
- Farmers concerns with respect land tenure.

From the existing data available, the way forward pointed to a more collaborative effort among the stakeholders to achieve sustainable development of the food crop sector.