

# Market Access & Rural Enterprise Development Programme



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### **MAREP 's SOD Turning Ceremonies for Resource Bye Road, St. Mark's & Boplan Road, St. John's**

The Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) officially launched the commencement of construction work on two (2) access roads, Resource Bye Road in St. Mark's and Boplan Road in St. John's.

The Sod Turning Ceremonies were as follows:

- Resource Bye Road, St. Mark's, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, Pilots Place, Upper Resource, at 3:30pm
- Boplan Road, St. John's, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, Maran Community Centre at 4:30pm.

Parliamentary Representative for St. Mark's, Honorable Clarice Modeste who was present at both Sod Turning activities expressed great appreciation to MAREP for the initiative, as it will help boost the local economy, generate employment for residents of the area during construction and most importantly create access for farmers and small land holders to agricultural lands.

Present to turn the Sod and address residents at the Boplan ceremony in St. John's was Honorable Alvin DaBreo who commended this investment in sustainability through agriculture.

The Grenada Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) is a six year programme (2011-2017) funded by the Government of Grenada (GOG), the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) focusing on poverty reduction in collaboration with stakeholders in 50 rural communities across Grenada and Carriacou.

The MAREP programme will improve access to agricultural holdings for increased agriculture production and sustainable livelihoods for farmers. These roads will be financed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

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