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JAMAICA

Tanesha Wallace has always loved gardening and decided to combine her passion with her need to generate additional income to help support her mother and younger siblings after her father passed away. Her solution was to build her own home aquaponics farm.

For the more than a year, Tanesha and her sister have been researching and cultivating an experimental aquaponics system comprised of plastic bins of goldfish and four shelves of vegetable plantings. It has been a labor of love, but it hasn't been promising as a source of income—that is, until she learned of INMED's Increasing Access to Climate-Smart Agriculture (IACA) program in Jamaica.

After meeting with INMED Caribbean's Program Director, Tanesha decided to enroll in the four-year initiative, which seeks to help smallholder farmers and budding

entrepreneurs launch aquaponics enterprises to increase their incomes, improve food security and foster climate-change adaptation.

IACA program participants attend a series of educational workshops on everything from the technical aspects of constructing and maintaining an aquaponic system to business planning to identifying profitable markets for their produce and fish. Participants also receive hands-on technical assistance throughout and after the program via INMED-trained agricultural agents of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority.

"My main goal is to have a registered family-owned business from this venture to achieve financial security for myself and family—especially my mother, who is solely caring for herself, my two youngest siblings and her grandson," says Wallace.



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