

## ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique co-financing fund that promotes the development of science, technology, and innovation in the agricultural sector of Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its establishment in 1998, it has become a forum for strategic topics in the region. FONTAGRO comprises 15 member countries and two key sponsors: the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which acts as the legal representative, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). With financial capital of approximately USD 100 million, it has co-financed over 200 projects, amounting to an investment of around USD 150 million.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors (BD), composed of the member countries, is the decision-making body responsible for strategic directions.

## VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognized cooperation mechanism that sustainably strengthens agri-food and agro-industrial innovation among member countries.

## MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

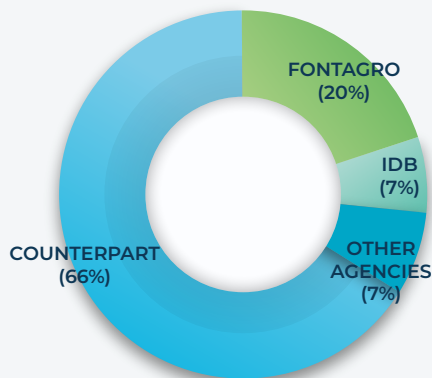
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:



**Strategy I:** Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

**Strategy II:** Productive systems, sustainable territories, and agroecosystems.

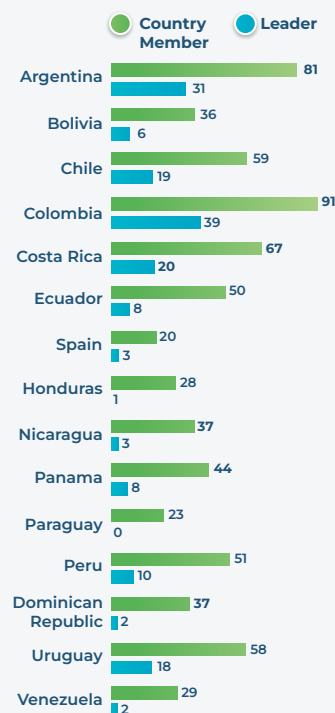
**Strategy III:** Food, nutrition, and health.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

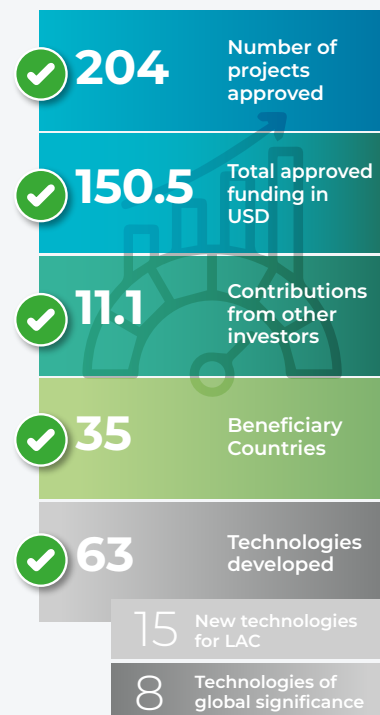


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346
















## PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



## FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES

	Argentina		Colombia		Nicaragua		Dominican Republic
	Bolivia		Ecuador		Panama		Uruguay
	Chile		Spain		Paraguay		Venezuela
	Costa Rica		Honduras		Peru		

## FONTAGRO AND CIP

The International Potato Center (CIP), founded in 1971, is a research-for-development organization focusing on potatoes, sweet potatoes, and Andean root and tuber crops. It offers innovative scientific solutions to improve access to nutritious and affordable food, promote sustainable and inclusive business growth and employment, and enhance climate resilience in root and tuber agri-food systems. Since the creation of FONTAGRO in 1998, CIP has participated in 12 consortia representing a total of USD 10.6 million, of which USD 4.2 million was contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies.

Additionally, CIP has led five of these consortia, totaling USD 4.0 million. The projects in which CIP has participated have focused on research and technological development in genetic improvement, pest control, diversity, climate change, commercialization, and the added value of potatoes and other Andean tubers and roots. Key outcomes include:

1. A software tool (ILCYM) was developed to predict pest population growth in different potato agroecosystems.
2. A total of 8,166 farmers and technicians were trained in agroecological pest management practices for potato cultivation.
3. Thirty-seven potato accessions with drought tolerance were identified.
4. Efficient systems for pre-basic seed potato production were developed using aeroponics.

## STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been carried out at the national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, the promotion of more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been established with leading global organizations such as INTA (Argentina), INIA (Chile), UNAL (Colombia), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), INIAP (Ecuador), PROINPA (Bolivia), INIA (Peru), PBA (Colombia), among others.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECT WITH CIP

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	AGROSAVIA (CO), ULagos (CL), IDIAP (PA), UNPRG (PE), UTN (AR), Rustikas (UY), INTA (CR), CONASE (PA), INIA (UY), CIP, INIA (CL), ACOMEBIO (PE), Agroquímicos Caballero (PA)	Use, production, and trade of seed potatoes in Latin America and the Caribbean.	\$817,581
2024	INIAP (EC)	IICA, INIA (PE), AGROSAVIA (CO), INIA (CL), CIP	Potato purple top complex in the Andean Region.	\$697,641
2012	CIP	Difusión de prácticas ecológicas en el manejo de plagas de papa.	Dissemination of ecological practices in potato pest management	\$65,000