

**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.

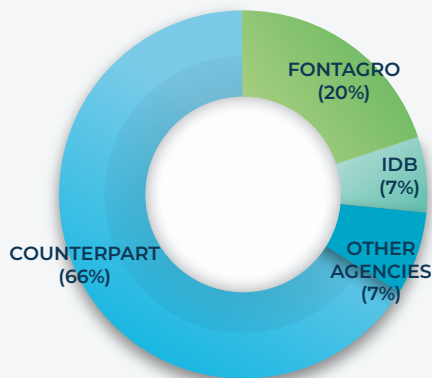
MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

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

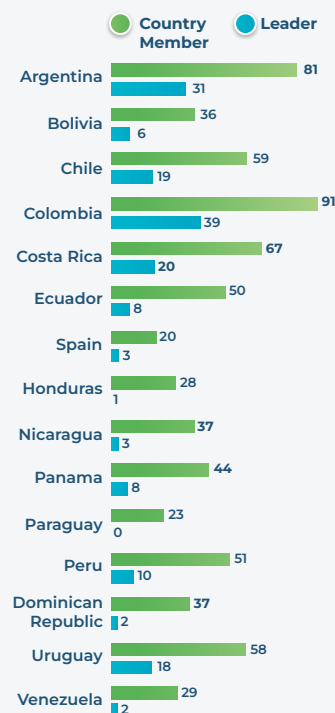
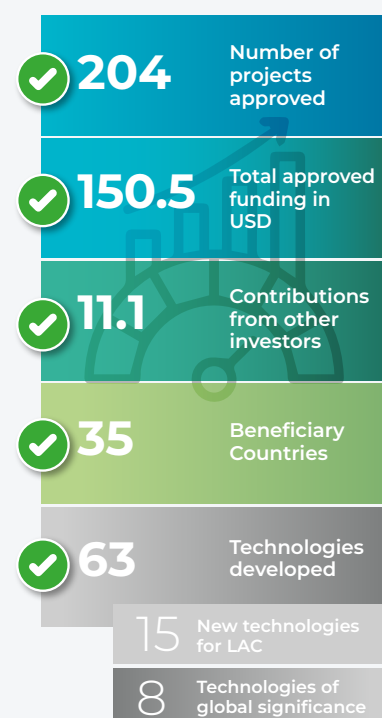
Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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 IN EL SALVADOR

El Salvador has participated in FONTAGRO consortia since 1999, one year after the Institution was created. Over the 22 years of the Fund's existence, El Salvador has been part of 7 consortia representing USD 5.5 million, of which USD 2.6 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. The projects in which El Salvador has participated have focused on research and technological development in coffee, corn, beans, potatoes, vegetables, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. A Regional Early Warning System was developed for coffee rust and other important coffee diseases.
2. A regional platform was created to strengthen the biofortified bean value chain in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Ten promising bean lines with potential resistance to water stress were identified.
4. Community seed banks for corn, beans, and cassava were established.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of processes and strengthening researchers' capabilities.
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 (Nicaragua), DICTA (Honduras), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), HARVESTPLUS (Colombia), EMBRAPA (Brazil), CENTA (El Salvador), ICTA (Guatemala), CATIE (Costa Rica), IHCAFE (Honduras), ICAFE (Costa Rica), CODOCAFE (Dominican Republic), MIDA (Panama), ANACAFE (Guatemala), JNC (Peru), PROCAFE (El Salvador), CIB (Jamaica), 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 PROJECTS WITH EL SALVADOR

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2019	IDIAP (PA) Panama	INTA (NI), DICTA (HN), AGROSAVIA (CO), HARVESTPLUS (CO), EMBRAPA (BR), CENTA (SV), ICTA (GT)	Biofortified bean value chain.	\$ 144,749
2015	PROMECAFE - IICA (GT) Guatemala	CATIE (CR), IHCAFE (HN), ICAFE (CR), CODOCAFE (DO), MIDA (PA), ANACAFE (GT), JNC (PE), PROCAFE (SV), CIB (JM)	Early warning system for coffee rust.	\$515,340
2015	ADTE (NI) Nicaragua	INPRHU (NI), ADEPES (HN), UNA / CCID (NI), UNAH / CURLP (HN), ADTE (SV)	Biointensive cultivation of the dry corridor.	\$1,000,930