

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)

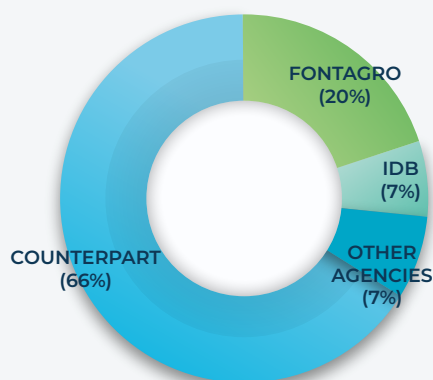
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

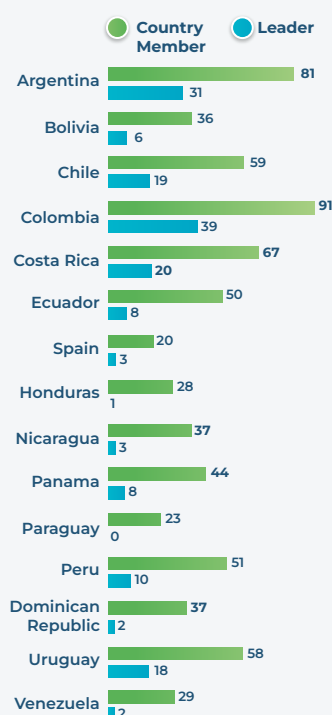
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

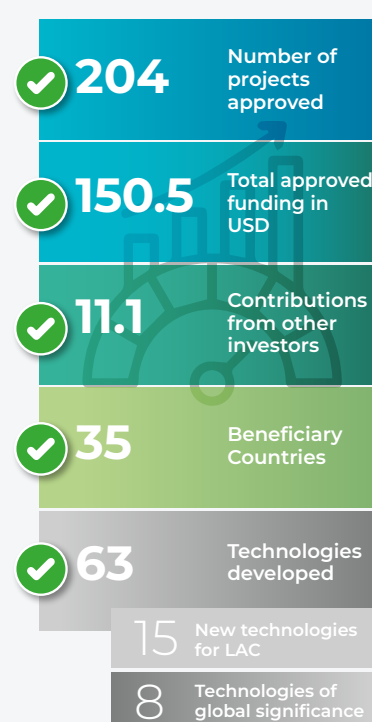


	Counterpart contribution
	98,991,344
	FONTAGRO
	30,479,468
	IDB
	9,922,700
	Other Agencies
	11,137,346

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 MEXICO

Mexico has participated in FONTAGRO consortia since 1998, the year the Institution was created. Over the 22 years of the Fund's existence, Mexico has been part of 13 consortia representing USD 13.4 million, of which USD 3.7 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. International institutions based in the country have led five consortia totaling USD 6.8 million. The projects in which Mexico has participated have focused on research and technological development in genetic improvement, integrated pest management, and industrial quality of maize and wheat; as well as livestock and climate change. Key outcomes include:

1. A livestock and climate change information exchange network was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Methodologies were defined and standardized for more efficient selection of germplasm resistant to Fusarium head blight in wheat.
3. Molecular markers associated with tolerance to high temperatures in maize were identified, as well as parent lines for future crossings aimed at improving this trait.
4. Hybrids, varieties, and maize lines were selected with drought tolerance and ear rot resistance, achieving yields up to 20% higher than the commercial control.

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 (Argentina), IDIAP (Panama), INIA (Uruguay), INIFAP (Mexico), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia), CIMMYT (Mexico), INIA (Chile), CORBANA (Costa Rica), CENIPALMA (Colombia), RIMISP (Chile), INTA (Nicaragua), DICTA (Honduras), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), HARVESTPLUS (Colombia), CENTA (El Salvador), ICTA (Guatemala), among others. These alliances provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, including the Global Climate Change Alliance with participation from 41 countries worldwide and CGIAR.
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 MEXICO

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2016	AGROSAVIA (CO)	IDIAP (PA), IDIAF (RD), INTA (CR), INTA (NI), INIFAP (MX), CAJAMAR (ES), IFAPA (ES)	Protected Horticulture.	\$ 45,000
2015	INIA (UY) Uruguay	INTA (AR), INTA (CR), IPTA (PY), IDIAF (DO), DICTA (HN), INTA (NI), IDIAP (PA), INIA (VE), INIFAP (MX), EMBRAPA (BR)	Sustainable intensification in dairy.	\$68,555
2014	FONTAGRO	CATIE (CR), INTA (CR), UNALM (PE), CIAT (CO), MPI (NZ), INIAF (BO), INIA (UY), DICTA (HO), INIAP (EC), INTA (NI), IDIAP (PA), INTA (AR), IDIAF (RD), INIA (CL), INIA (PE), IICA (CR), IPTA (PY), INIA (VE), PROCISUR, UNAL (CO), INIFAP (MX), CIPAV (CO), EMBRAPA (BR), AGROSAVIA (CO), GRA (NZ), INIA (ES)	Collaborative research networks on resilient livestock production systems.	\$139,318