

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)

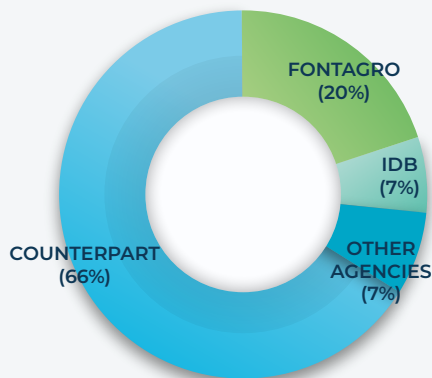
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

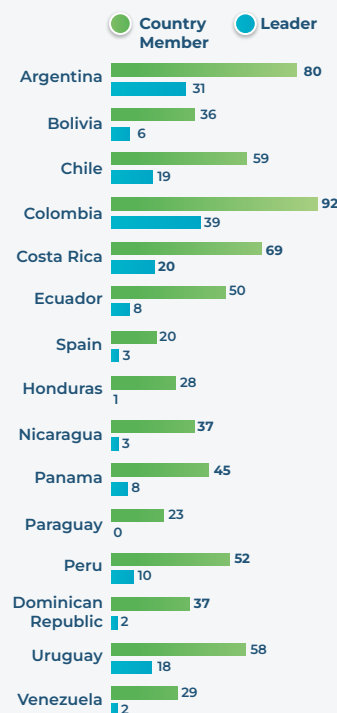
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

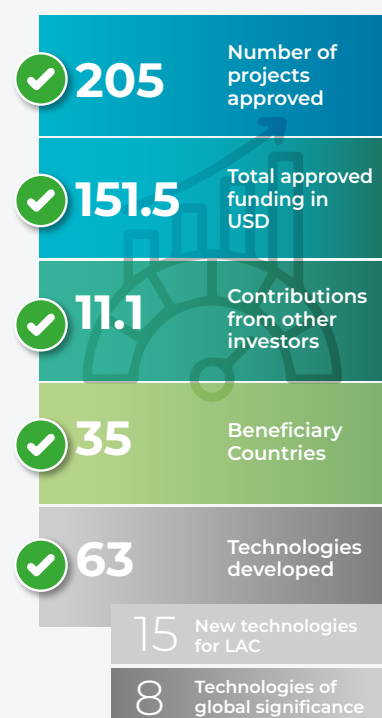


- Counterpart contribution
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- FONTAGRO
30,879,468
- IDB
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- Other Agencies
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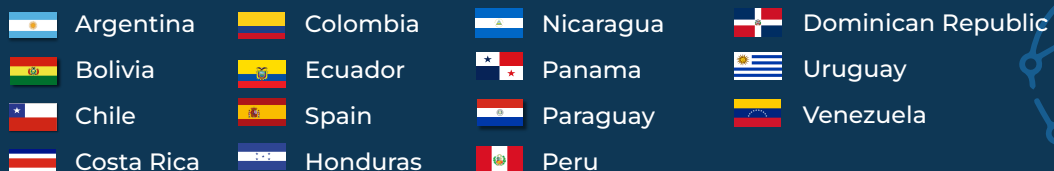
PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



FONTAGRO IN HONDURAS ⁽¹⁾

Honduras has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2005 with an initial contribution of USD\$ 2.5 million and has participated in 28 consortia totaling USD\$ 21.4 million, of which FONTAGRO and other agencies contributed USD\$ 8.9 million. Honduras has led 1 consortium worth USD\$ 0.4 million. These projects cover research and development areas such as livestock farming and crops like coffee, maize, beans, and potatoes. Some key results include:

1. Establishment of a specialized laboratory for potato plantlet production using autotrophic hydroponic systems. Training technicians in tissue culture and aeroponic systems, promoting the multiplication of improved seeds and ensuring a steady supply of high-quality materials.
2. Introduction of 16 clones from the LBHT (Late Blight and Heat Tolerance) population as alternatives to adapt potato farming to climate change and to expand its cultivation to new areas.
3. Participation in the development of a low-cost soil moisture sensor, with 90 replicas installed in the field. This tool optimizes water use.
4. Implementation of agroecological practices to improve seed conservation. Characterization of bean and maize varieties with higher productivity and reduced input requirements.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved at both 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 the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), the Bioversity International-CIAT Alliance, the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), INIA Chile, CORPOICA (Colombia), among others, enabling access to diverse cooperation networks to advance research in the agri-food sector.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects offer privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, fostering the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.

EJAMPLES OF RECENT PROJECTS IN HONDURAS

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA COSTA RICA	DICTA (HN); IDIAP (PA); INIA (PE); UF (US);	Regional network for genetic improvement in LAC.	\$763,000
2024	INTA COSTA RICA	DICTA (HN); IDIAP (PA); INIA (PE); INTA (AR); CORTEVA (US); UF (US);	Sustainable intensification of production in Central America.	\$773,500
2022	IDIAP PANAMA	INTA (NI); DICTA (HN); AGROSAVIA (CO); IDIAF (DO);	Regional alliances for iron-rich beans in Latin American countries.	\$544,500
2022	AGROSAVIA COLOMBIA	ZAMORANO (HN); UTM (EC); ASORUT (CO); VISUALITI (CO);	Tropical Agriculture 4.0: efficient water management.	\$600,000

(1) The values quoted correspond to total project amounts

2022	UACH CHILE	UBA (AR); Udelar (UY); UNAG (HN); FUCREA (UY);	Online crop management support platform.	\$620,766
2021	UNA COSTA RICA	FHIA (HN); INTA (NI); COCABO (PA); FJDV (ES);	Geographical indications for Mesoamerican cacao.	\$798,736