

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)

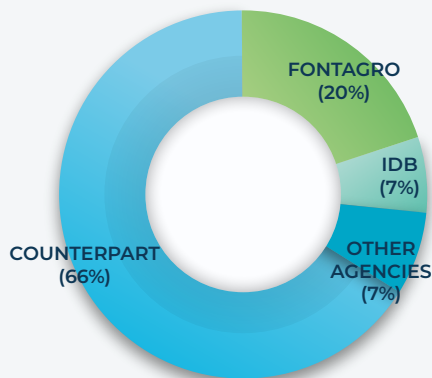
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:





Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

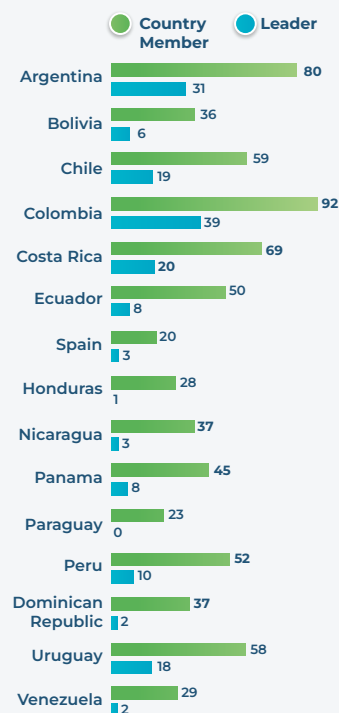
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

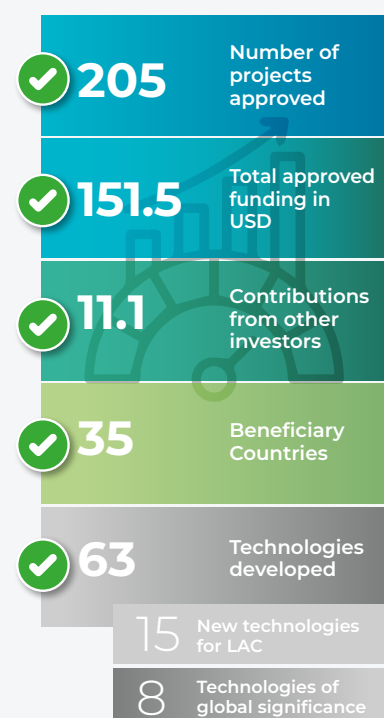


-  Counterpart contribution
99,618,944
-  FONTAGRO
30,879,468
-  IDB
9,922,700
-  Other Agencies
11,137,346
















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 VENEZUELA ⁽¹⁾

Venezuela has been a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of USD 12.0 million. Over 26 years of membership, it has participated in 29 consortia valued at approximately USD 24.8 million, of which FONTAGRO and other agencies contributed USD 8.6 million. Venezuela has led 2 consortia with a total value of USD 2.7 million. These projects focus on research and technological development in areas such as potatoes, rice, plantains, bananas, maize, beans, fruits, and aquaculture. Key outcomes include:

1. Increased banana yields under controlled conditions through the use of plant and fungal extracts.
2. Strengthening the plantain value chain with technological innovations to reduce agrochemical use and costs.
3. Characterizing native potato varieties and promoting their use through seed fairs and gastronomy.
4. Developing practices for managing native potatoes to increase productivity.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly improving process efficiency and strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved nationally and internationally 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 Development Bank (IDB), CGIAR, the World Bank (WB), the International Potato Center (CIP), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), and CIRAD, providing access to diverse cooperation networks to advance research in the agri-food sector.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide 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.

EXAMPLES OF RECENT PROJETS IN VENEZUELA

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INIA VENEZUELA	UTPL (EC);	Sustainable integration of creole cattle.	\$490,000
2019	INIA CHILE	IDIAP (PA); INTA (AR); UNL (AR); UNER (AR); FLAR (CO); IICA (CL); ARGENTINTA (AR); FUNDARROZ (VE);	More productive and sustainable rice for Latin America.	\$763,610
2016	INIA URUGUAY	INTA (AR); CATIE (CR); IDIAP (PA); INTA (CR); IDIAF (DO); IPTA (PY); DICTA (HN); INIA (CL); INIAP (EC); INTA (NI); INIA (VE); HEIFER (NI); ARGENTINTA (AR);	Sustainable Intensification of Dairy.	\$1,650,500
2016	FONTAGRO ESTADOS UNIDOS	INTA (AR); AGROSAVIA (CO); DICTA (HN); IDIAF (DO); IDIAP (PA); INIA (VE); INIA (CL); INIA (ES); INIA (PE); INIA (UY); INIAF (BO); INIAP (EC); INTA (CR); INTA (NI); IPTA (PY);	Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks.	\$250,000

(1) The values quoted correspond to total project amounts

2015	INIA 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 ESTADOS UNIDOS	CATIE (CR); INTA (CR); UNALM (PE); CIAT (CO); Ministry for Primary Industries NZ (NZ); INIAF (BO); INIA (UY); DICTA (HN); INIAP (EC); INTA (NI); IDIAP (PA); INTA (AR); IDIAF (DO); INIA (CL); INIA (PE); IICA (CR); IPTA (PY); INIA (VE); PROCISUR (UY); UNAL (CO); INIFAP (MX); CIPAV (CO); EMBRAPA (BR); CORPOICA (CO); GRA (NZ); INIA (ES);	Livestock and climate change: applied research and knowledge.	\$882,374