

ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is the only regional mechanism for strategic and sustainable co-financing of agricultural and food research, development, and innovation (R&D&I) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Its mission is to strengthen the competitiveness of agrifood systems, promote the sustainable management of natural resources, and foster regional scientific cooperation.

Established in 1998, FONTAGRO brings together fifteen member countries represented by their National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIs), under the sponsorship of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). Its governance is based on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Technical and Administrative Secretariat, operating within a robust framework of regulations, independent audits, and results-based evaluation. Member countries contributed an initial capital of US\$83.05 million, and by the end of 2025, FONTAGRO's investment portfolio had reached US\$103.63 million.

Through open and competitive calls for proposals, FONTAGRO finances projects implemented by international research and innovation consortia composed of institutions from at least two member countries. These consortia foster public-private, multidisciplinary, and multi-stakeholder partnerships to generate knowledge, develop technologies, and accelerate the adoption of innovations that enhance productivity, sustainability, and economic development across the region.



US\$ 160M

Total amount approved


215

 Co-financed regional projects


35

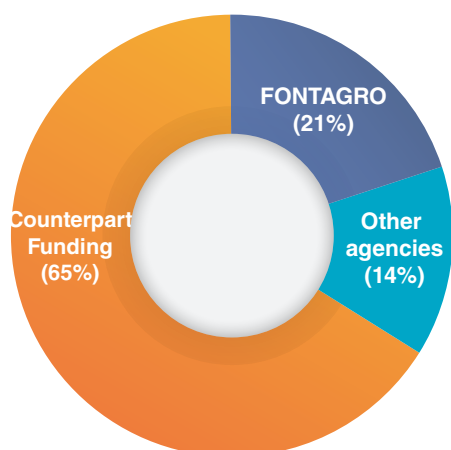
 Countries benefited


142

 Technologies generated

Every dollar FONTAGRO invests has leveraged more than three additional dollars from other organizations.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

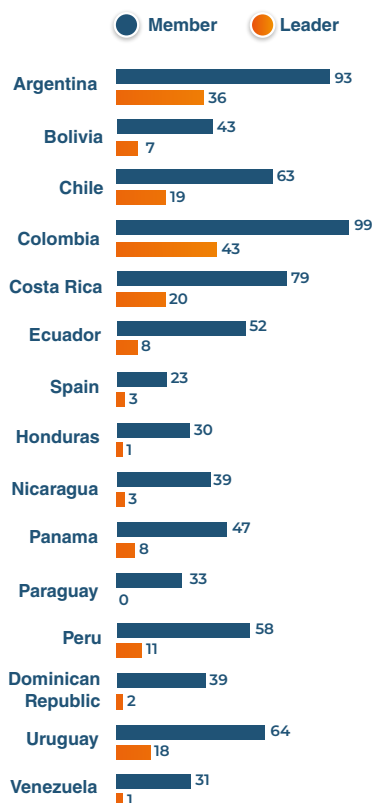


Counterpart Contributions
\$104,314,702

FONTAGRO
\$32,979,468

Other agencies
\$22,735,009

PARTICIPATION AND ROLE IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



CUMULATIVE REGIONAL IMPACT

TRL

from 3 to 6
Step change in technology readiness level

1,900,000

Beneficiaries reached

+180,000

People trained

33

Peer-reviewed scientific publications per year

10x

Economic return from just 7 FONTAGRO projects (US\$83.3 sobre US\$8.3 M)

15
Member
Countries


Argentina



Bolivia



Chile



Costa Rica



Colombia



Ecuador



Spain



Honduras



Nicaragua



Panama



Paraguay



Peru



Dominican Republic



Uruguay



Venezuela



Argentina is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$20 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Argentine participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Bolivia has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2000, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 26 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Bolivian participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Chile is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Chilean participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Colombia is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$10 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Colombian participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Costa Rica is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$0.68 million reflecting its commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Costa Rican participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Ecuador is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Ecuadorian participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Spain has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2008, with an initial contribution of US\$14.72 million reflecting its commitment to agricultural innovation. Over 18 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Spanish participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Honduras has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2005, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 21 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Honduran participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Nicaragua is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$1.0 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Nicaraguan participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Paraguay is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$2.0 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Paraguayan participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Peru has been a member of FONTAGRO since 2000, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 26 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Peruvian participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Panama is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$5.0 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Panamanian participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



The Dominican Republic is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Dominican participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Uruguay is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$2.5 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Uruguayan participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).



Venezuela is a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of US\$12.0 million reflecting its long-standing commitment to regional agricultural innovation. Over 28 years of active membership, the country has built a leading role in both participating in and leading collaborative projects. Projects with Venezuelan participation span the strategic areas of FONTAGRO's 2025–2030 Medium-Term Plan (MTP).

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Projects funded by FONTAGRO have strengthened agri-food research and innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean by creating regional networks of excellence, developing scientific capacities, and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of research processes.

The networking promoted by FONTAGRO has strengthened the technical, organizational and institutional capacities of member countries, consolidating national and international collaboration networks to address strategic challenges such as environmental sustainability, adaptation to climate change, the resilience of agri-food systems and food security.

Partnerships



Other strategic alliances

