

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)

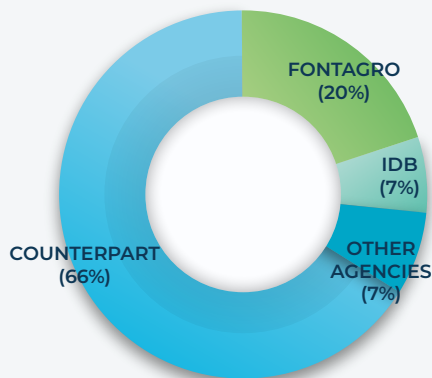
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:





Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

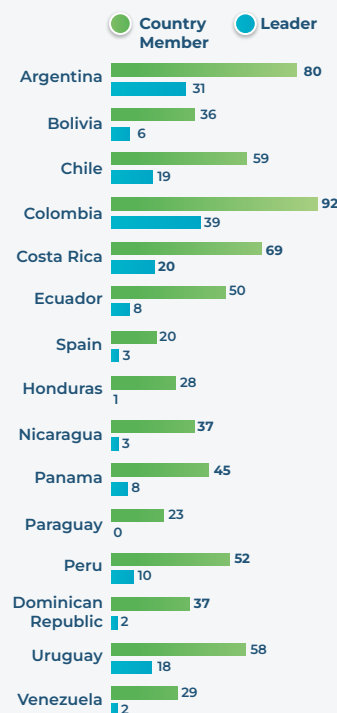
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

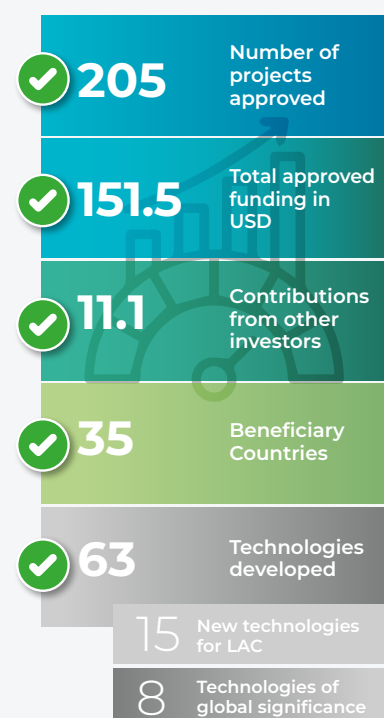


-  Counterpart contribution
99,618,944
-  FONTAGRO
30,879,468
-  IDB
9,922,700
-  Other Agencies
11,137,346
















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 NEW ZEALAND ⁽¹⁾

New Zealand has participated in FONTAGRO consortia since 2010 through the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA). This alliance brings together various countries worldwide to find ways to produce more food without increasing greenhouse gas emissions. New Zealand has supported 22 consortia representing USD 18.5 million, of which USD 6.1 million were contributed by FONTAGRO, New Zealand, and other agencies. The projects in which New Zealand has participated have focused on research and technological development in rice, pastures, livestock and climate change adaptation. Key outcomes include:

1. A livestock and climate change information exchange network was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. A website was developed to share information and knowledge on livestock and climate change.
3. Funding was provided for postgraduate students from various institutions participating in the consortia.

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), INIA (Chile), INTA (Nicaragua), DICTA (Honduras), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), INIAF (Bolivia), CENTA (El Salvador), ICTA (Guatemala), INIAP (Ecuador), 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 NEW ZEALAND

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HO), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), INTA (AR), CORTEVA (EEUU), UF (EEUU), MPI-GRA (NZ)	Sustainable intensification of production in Central America.	\$ 773,500
2024	INIA (UY)	INTA (AR), INTA (CR), GENTOS (AR), MPI-GRA (NZ)	Scaling innovation in pastoral systems.	\$902,790
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR), INIA (UY), INIA (CL), EMBRAPA (BR), IDIAF (RD), MPI-GRA (NZ)	Building resilient agricultural systems to mitigate climate change.	\$ 1,108,764

⁽¹⁾ The values quoted correspond to total project amounts