

Towards a Green, Inclusive, and Competitive Agrifood System in Latin America and the Caribbean



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OUR WORK IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The World Bank works with partners to achieve: agrifood system transformation, improved food and nutrition security, and growth for family-owned farming to reduce poverty and increase shared prosperity on a livable planet.

The World Bank Group's vision to improve the agrifood system in Latin America and the Caribbean



Healthy economy: increasing agricultural productivity and incomes, creating jobs, and ensuring that agricultural value chains are inclusive, efficient and competitive.



Healthy people: ensure at all times that all people have access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs for an active and healthy life.



Healthy planet: protecting ecosystems, mitigating and adapting agrifood systems to climate change through climate smart agriculture practices and technologies.

AGRIFOOD PRIORITIES

Agrifood systems in Latin America and the Caribbean are very competitive and contribute to global food supplies. However, the current agrifood system has the potential to significantly enhance economic growth, include the poorest segments of the population, and contribute to both the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

The World Bank's key agrifood priorities for the region include:

- **Supporting agrifood public goods and services** (for healthy planet, people and economy).
- **Transforming agrifood support policies and programs** to have a positive impact on planet and human health.
- **Improving the knowledge** on agrifood priorities, policies and programs.

WORLD BANK REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



21

projects

in 16

countries

Over **\$2 billion**
in commitments



Almost **600,000** family farmers
benefited which represents about **5%** of the
family farmers in the countries supported



KEY FACTS



Healthy Economy

Agriculture represents between **5** and **20%** of GDP of countries in the region.

The agrifood represents between **10** and **15%** of all jobs.

More than **50%** of the region's agrifood production comes from its **17 million** family farms.

LAC is the **largest net food exporter** in the world.



Healthy Planet

LAC contributes less than **10%** of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

However, LAC accounts for **26%** of the global GHG emissions from Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use.

25% of LAC GHG emissions come from the agriculture sector.

Agrifood systems in LAC consume more than **75%** of the region's water and **36%** of its land resources.



Healthy People

Almost **60%** of the LAC population is overweight **5.5%** of the LAC population is under nourished.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS



- Both Investment and analytical projects
- Analytical projects only
- Investment projects only

INITIATIVES ADDRESSING THE 3 PRIORITIES

Honduras

Supporting Agrifood Public Goods and Services

CORREDOR SECO FOOD SECURITY PROJECT (P148737)

To enhance food and nutrition security of vulnerable households in selected areas of the Corredor Seco.

The project is mainly aimed toward the extremely poor and subsistence farmers, supporting them in increasing productivity, diversifying into higher value crops, pursuing off-farm income-generating activities, and improving nutrition and hygiene in their households. It also trains and strengthens local producer groups to reach the necessary scale to integrate more competitively into markets.

Argentina

Transforming Direct Farmer support

INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE RURAL AGROINDUSTRIAL SYSTEM (GIRSAR) (P162316)

The GIRSAR project aims to strengthen and better integrate information and early warning weather systems, while also supporting investment in long-term adaptation tools such as climate-resilient roads, efficient irrigation systems and sustainable land and forest management at the provincial level.

Brazil

Improving Agrifood Policies and Programs

AGRICULTURE SECTOR REVIEW: REPURPOSING PUBLIC SUPPORT TOWARDS A GREEN, RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND COMPETITIVE SECTOR (P179206)

The project aims to identify public policy and program options for a greener, more resilient, inclusive and competitive agri-food sector in Brazil. The report assesses current public support programs and policies in the agri-food sector in 3 States (Bahia, Sao Paulo and Santa Catarina). The study aims to capture trends in public support to the sector and compare the different states with each other, as well as with Brazil and other relevant countries.

OUR PARTNERS

We leverage strategic partnerships to drive inclusive and innovative actions towards sustainable agrifood sectors in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Technical



Financial



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