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Recap: Current RM strategy and growth target to 2030

$4bn over 2025-2027
$2bn/year from 2030

... are we on track?
Results, the road so far .....
2024-2030 CGIAR Growth Target set to $2B / year by 2030

- CGIAR overall funding has **rebounded** since Covid dip
- All channels grew to 2023 – expanding overall pie
- Center finances have **improved** in recent years – most Centers have surplus
- Donors pledged **$890 million** at COP28 – including new donors like UAE
However...

• **7% avg YoY growth** in funds raised since 2018-2023

• **YoY growth of 8.5% needed** to reach $1.4 billion target by 2027

• **$2 billion by 2030 will need increased growth rate to 10%**
We haven’t caught up yet with 2014 levels – let alone in real terms.
Concentration risk: need for diversification

From 2023 Portfolio and Designated contributions (W1):
- Top 5 Funders made up 55% of all contributions
- Next 5 Funders provided 30%

From 2022 Finance Dashboard of funding implemented (W3/Bilateral):
- Top 5 Funders made up 56% of Center budgets
- Next 5 Funders account for 10%
Transitioning: short term actions
Revised 2024 budget is scenario-based, for the first time

Based on most recent Funder contributions, commitments, and pledges received; as well as latest data on carryover; the budget adopts two scenarios for available 2024 resources: (i) a **Baseline Scenario**; and (ii) a **Surge Scenario**.

- **Baseline scenario of $383M** in new resources made up of $308M W1 contributions and $65M carry-over, with the rest from CSP and bilateral sources.

- **Surge scenario of $395M** sees W1 increase to $319M.
## Getting to surge scenario

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### Pragmatic approach

1. Convert pledges to actual contributions (including COP28 announcements)
2. Leverage funders who are due to renew pledges (BMGF, WB)
3. Work on additional and year-end
4. Pursue growth opportunities (VACS, TCC, Novo Nordisk)

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**BMGF Breakthrough Goal:** Scale agricultural and nutrition innovations to improve human health and enhance livelihoods in the face of the climate crisis

**CGIAR RM:** Secure additional CGIAR pledges (total $1B) for campaign and secure increased focus on innovation and adaptation in discussions on the new climate finance target (NCQG) to be agreed at COP29. **VACS & TCC**

Priority: Canada, Germany, Norway, BEF
Align: USA, EC, UAE
Grow: Sweden, Australia, Japan, Korea, China, KSA
Building on Dubai momentum

With science we can

- A CGIAR wide campaign activated public and political channels
- With Science We Can provided a framework to ‘market’ CGIAR science and innovation
- Aligned communications and advocacy to position CGIAR on the Climate agenda
- Capitalize growing Funder interest in CGIAR Research & Innovation Strategy
- Campaign is established and contributes to underpin funder growth and diversify channels of support
Building for long term
Taking a step back: global opportunities
“Follow the money”
(...divided into many pots)

ODA rose in 2023 to a new all-time high of **USD 223.7 billion**, up from USD 211 billion in 2022, with increased flows to Ukraine and directed more humanitarian/conflict, peace and security.

Public and private sector investment in agriculture R&D exceeds **USD 100 billion**. With **China, India and Brazil** together totaling USD 15 billion. The public sector represents two thirds of this investment.

In total, **IFIs** account for some **USD 150 billion** of annual financial flows towards developing countries alone. Total financing to agriculture, forestry and fishing: **USD 7.7 billion**
Alignment of global debates with CGIAR science, innovation, policy + renewed momentum

Opportunities

• Key global **debates coming together** – food security, nutrition, biodiversity and climate
• **Conflict**, peace & security, migration
• **One health** agenda
• **South-centric** capacity sharing approaches

New momentum in CGIAR

• Well received organizational refresh with new leadership
• **2025—30 Portfolio**: bring unified approach, clarity and strategic direction
• New **funding models** being developed – space to evolve

... Building on strong and quantified track record (but we need to tell the story)
Key global debates coming together: CGIAR can be a major contributor... (with relevant MPs!)

COP28 Agri-food systems took center stage

Anchored in the Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action (signed by 159 countries as of today), agri-food systems were central from Day 1

Leveraged for $890m, high-level pledging moment

COP28 UAE DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS, AND CLIMATE ACTION

COP16 COLOMBIA

With science we can

Solve the Climate Crisis for a Food and Nutrition Secure Future

UNCCD COP16

Baku Azerbaijan

COP29

Riyadh | 2024

COP16 Colombia

Co-hosting COP16 in Cali with CIAT as key partner

CGIAR actively contributes to COPs:

- Embedded in UK (COP26) Breakthrough Agenda
- Supporting Egypt (COP27) FAST Initiative
- Implementing UAE (COP28) pledge and Emirates Declaration through Technical Assistance
- Co-hosting COP16 in Cali with CIAT as key partner
- Assisting development of COP29 agenda through Presidents Strategic Advisory
- Developing opportunities for UNCCD and KSA
Taking a step back: global challenges
Political landscape shifting. 2024 will see 60 countries going to the polls. Priorities increasing for domestic issues such as migration, cost of living, housing, trade.... Risk: less space for global issues.

Instability, conflict and migration continue to shape debate. Focus on peacebuilding and emergency, rather than prevention and long-term research.

Multiple replenishment campaigns will tap funders in 2024-2025. Increased competition with close to a dozen funds aiming to raise $100B (IDA, Gavi, WHO, Global Fund, AfDB,...).
Upcoming replenishments in 2024-2025

- Competitive landscape with many replenishment campaigns on the horizon.
- Development funds including IDA and the new Loss and Damage Fund could aim to raise over $100 billion over next 2 years.
- The rise of specialized vertical thematic funds is a prominent feature of today’s funding landscape – “leaving my mark syndrome”.

![Replenishment schedule](image_url)
Upcoming elections: NIMBY politics?

- Many donor countries entering political campaigns which could limit attention to CGIAR.
- Possible impact on decision making becoming slow and outcomes unpredictable.

→ Need to engage political level, identify incoming teams and “pitch afresh”!

https://www.cgdev.org/blog/2024-2025-replenishment-traffic-jam-are-we-headed-pileup
CGIAR still in transition...

**CGIAR past approaches remain aspirational** and not yet solidly anchored in needs, targets, impact and value for money / ROI. **New 2025—30 Portfolio** can connect the dots, but this is work in progress.

**Complex funding model**, high transaction costs, low predictability; competition vs collaboration. Hyper concentration of donors means increased vulnerability and risk.

**Evolving business model**, with UGR and ICI means donors asked to support work in progress rather than stable / proven. FMRG (Finance Model Reference Group) operating in evolving institutional context.

**Global engagement** still speaking to the converted. Efforts need to be made to expand into new channels where nexus issues are opportunities: peace and security, one health, water, ...
A fresh look at Resource Mobilization & External Engagement
Leadership Priorities for 2024

I. Deliver relevant and impactful research and innovations with our partners

II. Elevate CGIAR’s funding and visibility on global agendas

III. Ensure that CGIAR is fit for purpose and efficiently organized
Capturing funding and impact through new lens

Accelerate and transform: Resource Mobilization will prioritize three areas to support CGIAR stability and growth:

1. **UNTIED**: securing long-term, flexible commitments allowing CGIAR and its Centers to innovate
2. **EARMARKED**: building blocks going into the unified programmatic vision brought by the 2025—30 Programs
3. **BROADER IMPACT**: whole-of-value-chain approach, capturing the impact of CGIAR’s science and innovation

It’s about growing these three circles – not about competition
Landing funding modalities discussion

**FMRG #6: May 22**

**ALIGN & CO-OWN MODEL**

Present and Pressure-test Funding Modalities Framework

**Input:**
- Funding Modalities Framework Proposal

**Outcome:** Alignment and co-ownership of the Funding Modalities Framework

**Key questions:**
1. Does the overall framework address current CGIAR Funding Modalities challenges AND set us up for the future?
2. Is the framework agile enough to accommodate P2S?

**FMRG #7: June 19**

**FEASIBILITY**

Areas of outstanding divergency addressed building on FMRG constituency groups’ feedback & dialogue.

**Inputs:**
- Feedback on Framework from FMRG different constituency groups
- Legal and operational model implications of framework

**Outcome:** Feedback harvested. Areas of divergence addressed

**Key questions:**
1. Convergence: what are the core strengths of the Funding Modalities Framework
2. Divergence: what are the priority (make-or-break) areas that still need to be addressed?

**FMRG #8: July 19**

**FRAMEWORK ENDORSEMENT**

FMG Recommendations

Indication of implementation pathway for DELIVERY

**Inputs:**
- Funding Modalities Framework v.2
- Draft FMRG recommendations
- Draft implementation pathway

**Outcome:** FMRG co-owns both Funding Modalities Framework and related recommendations.

**Key questions:**
1. Recommendations: What needs adding, improving and adjusting?
2. As co-owners of the FM Framework, how will you ensure continued support from your CGIAR constituency?

Phase 3: FMRG collective endorsement, constituencies consultation, recommendations delivery
Resetting RM by market and growth opportunities areas

Funding strategy will focus on:

(1) **Maintaining the leadership** and contributions of a growing group of top donors;

(2) **Deepening and broadening** the group of critical champions to 20 donors;

(3) **Leveraging our innovative financial instruments** and work with MDBs and climate funds to build up the base of long-term resources;

(4) **Expanding emerging markets and private investors**; and

(5) **Growing the domestic resource base** in priority countries.

![Diagram with steps](image-url)
Taking a fresh look at advocacy

Building through 2024: Taking a fresh look at advocacy, building champions and coalitions in support of RM objectives:

- Positioning CGIAR as platform for key political initiatives: VACS, UAE TCC, etc.
- Renewed approach to embedding CGIAR into international debates - moving beyond the converted
  - Strategically driving and positioning CGIAR in political fora (G7, G20, BRICS, Davos)
  - Active in UN moments (three COPs, and UNGA)
  - Leveraging politically minded events on the global circuit (Global Citizen, Paris Peace Forum, Nutrition 4 Growth Summit, Munich Security Conference, ...)
- Building group of advocates & champions
Moving towards (re)plenishment

CGIAR has tested a campaign and pledging model at COP26 (UK) and COP28 (UAE). Global climate events provided the platform to mobilize new commitments and political support.

Through this activity CGIAR teams:
- Established advocacy channels in key markets
- Worked with partnership networks to amplify messages
- Elevated CGIAR to Heads of State and Minister levels

CGIAR’s new 2025—30 Portfolio and ICI provides an opportunity to transition to a replenishment model, demanding:
- Build credibility via a VFM-ROI investment case
- Establish the market teams and advocacy networks to implement
- Grow CGIAR donor champions for leverage and challenge pledges

(Re)plenishment = Long term funding; predictable; broadened base
End 2025 for 5 years. SDG momentum
Strengthening our toolbox

Recharge the campaign
• New Investment Case that is truly a Business Case: ask needs to be bottom up not “aspirational”
• Prepare to transition “With Science We Can” marketing campaign

Beyond FMRG... reload innovative and alternative finance: explore launch of international commission on innovative finance for food security

+ Strengthen synergies across Communications, Advocacy, and Resource Mobilization & Innovative Finance – under new External Engagement pole

Rethink the way we organize RM by market and return on investment
• Prioritize growth strategies by greatest ROI potential
• Recruit and steward all funders with long-term relationship objectives
• Strengthen CGIAR's political relationships and awareness with funder govts at highest levels
• Leverage the power of public private partnerships

→ Build team of sharply skilled donor managers to drive strategy
Aligning approach across RM, communications, and advocacy

- Map links, interests, and financing capacity to maximize ROI
- Balance traditional funder growth with new market pipeline development
- Establish account managers for key markets

- Building an advocacy coalition of champions
- Embedding CGIAR into international debates – beyond converts
- Influencing issues and need for investment in target markets to help capital flow

**Communications**

- Global awareness raising across media and events
- Amplifying activities, impact and milestones
- Targeted placement of CGIAR content aligned to funder engagement strategies
Building and equipping the team

‘classic’ funding: protect, grow, diversify
Donor managers organized by portfolio of key existing and prospect markets

Leadership Deepen Leverage Expand
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new frontiers: imagine & implement
Emerging markets, alternative and climate finance

Innovative, alternative and green finance
International Financial Institutions / MDB
Foundations, philanthropy and PSPs
Emerging markets

Build Cross-cutting network of eyes and ears, advocates & champions.
Bringing it all together: 6 threads

- Capturing funding and impact through new lens
- Landing funding modalities discussion
- Resetting RM by market and growth opportunities areas
- Strengthening our toolbox
- Aligning approach across RM, communications, and advocacy
- Building and equipping the team
Bringing it all together: 2024 will be a pivotal year

Internally
- FMRG (July)
- Bring together comms RM and advocacy under new external engagement pole (completed by Nov)
- Building the team, getting the skill set upgrade (ongoing)
- New RM strategy (June)
- New external engagement strategy (Nov)
- In parallel, 2025—30 Portfolio and ICI are coming together

Externally
- VACS, China, Brazil, ADB, IsDB, Novo Nordisk, Bezos, reloaded WB and BMGF, tour of SC funders - building blocks for the future
- MPs & transition to business case towards reloaded campaign
- Build champions and advocates (with BMGF, Global Citizen, ONE and others)
- Position in key / new forums (COPs, G7/G20, Global Citizen, Paris Peace Forum, ... Davos)
- Advance on commission on innovative finance for food security

... but it will take time...!
Reflections and guidance from the System Council – discussion questions

System Council and System Board (IPB) will be essential in our collective success
- Champion, and recruit champions
- Access to networks and key stakeholders
- Leverage across political channels
- Expand and diversify donor base
- Help hone the narrative

Does the thinking & direction of travel resonate with SC?