



Mexico

TURNING SUGARCANE SURPLUS
INTO A HIGH-VALUE RENEWABLE
ENERGY OPPORTUNITY

HAND-IN-HAND INVESTMENT FORUM
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What makes Mexico unique?

23.4M

Hectares cultivated

108.9M

Hectares in livestock

6.1M

Agricultural workforce

Top 10

Global producer of food & agricultural crops

MEXICO'S SUGARCANE FARMERS ARE AT THE HEART OF A WELL-ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY THAT SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF RURAL LIVELIHOODS AND AN EXTENSIVE AGROINDUSTRIAL NETWORK.

Yet, *surplus sugar production, volatile prices and export constraints* are putting increasing pressure on producers and limiting their ability to capture greater value from their crops.

Creating *new markets for sugarcane* through renewable fuels could provide farmers with more *stable demand and new income opportunities*, while strengthening rural livelihoods and supporting Mexico's energy transition.



What challenges does the sector face?

THREE GAPS ARE LIMITING THE SECTOR'S ABILITY TO CAPTURE NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

01

Surplus & Limited Diversification

Sugar output exceeds traditional demand, exposing producers to price volatility and export limits, while low diversification restricts higher-value uses like ethanol and SAF.

02

Regulatory uncertainty

Uncertainty around ethanol-gasoline blends has constrained the development of a larger domestic ethanol market, despite growing demand for renewable fuels.

03

Agroindustrial efficiency gaps

Underperforming mills and gaps between harvested and industrialized areas limit productivity, efficiency and competitiveness across the sugarcane industry.

What could change?

A **USD 1.3 BILLION** INVESTMENT TO TURN SUGARCANE SURPLUS INTO HIGH-VALUE RENEWABLE FUELS

01

Scale Anhydrous Ethanol Production and Use

Invest USD 720 million in six biorefineries to convert sugarcane surplus into anhydrous ethanol, alongside technical studies and E10 testing to enable greater ethanol use in the domestic fuel market

02

Develop Sustainable Aviation Fuel Production

Invest USD 555 million in three Alcohol-to-Jet modules to produce SAF and respond to growing demand for lower-carbon aviation fuels

03

Modernize the Sugarcane Industry

Upgrade underperforming mills and improve efficiency across field and factory operations to strengthen productivity and competitiveness across the sugarcane value chain

TOTAL INVESTMENT: **USD 1.3 Billion** | NPV: **USD 395.7M** | IRR: **12.7%**

Why invest in Mexico?

A GLOBAL AGRIFOOD POWERHOUSE WITH THE SCALE,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND MARKET ACCESS TO SUPPORT INVESTMENT

World's Top 10 Producers

Of food and agricultural crops and has a large established agricultural base

Strong Agroindustrial Infrastructure

Warehouses, dams, ports and processing centers provide an established platform for scaling agrifood investment

14th-largest Agricultural Exporter

Globally, with established access to international agrifood markets

14 Free Trade Agreements

With 51 countries, providing potential access to 1.376 billion international consumers

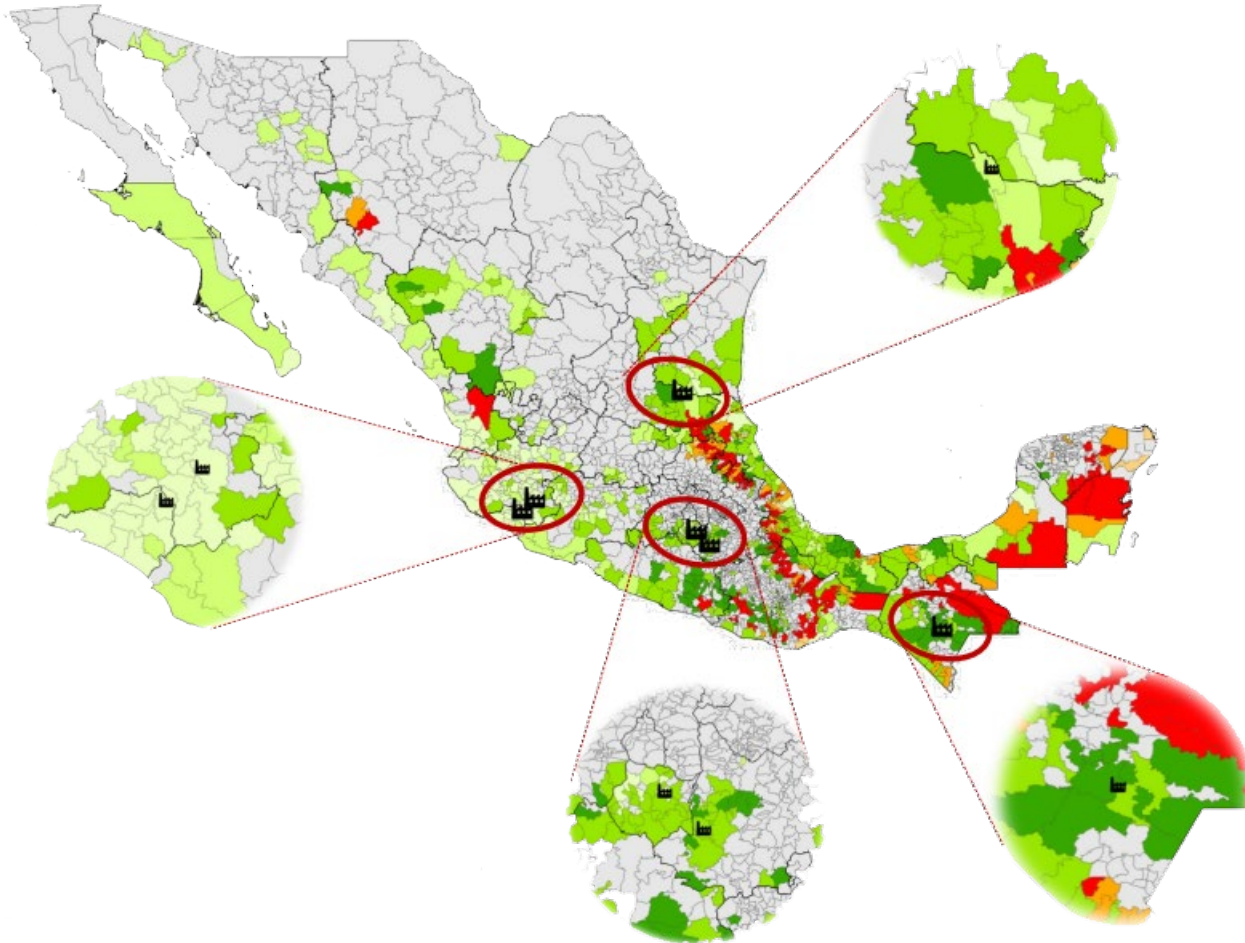
Strategic Connectivity

With strong access to the United States and global markets through an established logistics network

12th-largest Economy Globally

And second-largest in Latin America by GDP, providing a strong economic base for large-scale investment

How do we know where to target these investments?



FAO'S GEOSPATIAL PLATFORM HELPS IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL IS GREATEST.

INVESTMENTS ARE TARGETED TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES OF EACH TERRITORY, MAXIMIZING IMPACT.

- Critical with moderate agricultural opportunities
- Medium priority with moderate agricultural opportunities
- Low priority
- High priority
- Medium priority with high agricultural opportunities
- Low priority with high agricultural opportunities
- High performance



What impact can these investments deliver?

NEW MARKETS, HIGHER INCOMES AND A LOWER-CARBON SUGARCANE INDUSTRY

Direct beneficiaries

66,050

Indirect beneficiaries

174,300

Total beneficiaries

240,350

Per capita income increase

USD 3,741

GHG impact

-1,480,000 tCO2-e

How can you be part of this story?

THREE SIMPLE STEPS

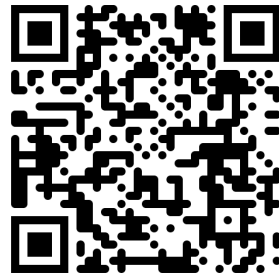
01 Explore the Investment Note

Download the **full investment note** or **investor deck** from the country page:



Access the most relevant document to you for more details on the country's investment cases.

02 Request a Bilateral Meeting



Schedule a one-on-one session with the country's delegation to discuss opportunities.



03 Join as an Investor/Partner



Engage with us as a DFI, MDB, or private investor to structure, derisk, and deploy capital.