

Aid partnership with Latin America and Caribbean

The New Zealand Aid Programme has worked with Latin America since the 1970s. Our priority there is agricultural development. In 2013, we began to work in the Caribbean, focusing on energy (particularly

Total aid to Latin America and the Caribbean comprises programme funding for country-specific activities in these regions, as well as other funding which can include scholarships, regional initiatives, Partnerships Fund activities, and humanitarian response.

What we're supporting

We partner with Latin America and the Caribbean governments, international, regional, private and non-profit organisations to deliver aid activities.

Priority	Country	Activities and outcomes
Agriculture Increase economic and food security benefits from agriculture	Colombia	Working with The AgriBusiness Group and Colombian government partners to help develop a profitable and competitive dairy farming sector in the Colombian high tropical region. Target results include improved productivity and incomes for small and medium-size dairy farmers.
	Peru	Working with The AgriBusiness Group and Peruvian government partners to increase the productivity and incomes of small to medium scale dairy farmers in the Cusco, Puno and Cajamarca Departments of the Peruvian sierra.
	Colombia and Ecuador	Implementing a rural development project through Landcare Research, with Ecuadorean and Colombian partners, to improve catchment-based water and land resource management.
Energy Expand access to affordable, reliable and clean energy	Eastern Caribbean States	Technical assistance through Jacobs NZ for geothermal development. Activities range from surface exploration studies to providing peer review and advisory services in region.
Resilience Strengthen resilience	Colombia Demining	Supporting HALO Trust to identify safe land, map and mark minefields for clearance, to destroy unexploded ordnance in Colombia.
	Caribbean regional	Supporting the University of West Indies Seismic Research Centre to develop its volcanic monitoring capability and stakeholder systems with GNS Science.
Education Improve knowledge, skills and basic education	31 Countries	Providing 14 post-graduate scholarships for Latin America, and 20 for the Caribbean each year in priority areas of agriculture, renewable energy disaster risk management climate change and public sector management
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Humanitarian Respond to humanitarian emergencies		New Zealand contributes to humanitarian responses in Latin America and the Caribbean usually through international agencies working on the ground.

Recent achievements

Priority	Country	Activities and outcomes
Energy Expand access to affordable, reliable and clean energy	Caribbean regional	New Zealand has been working with five island states (Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines) and the Caribbean Development Bank to expand affordable, reliable geothermal energy using its expertise to lay the groundwork for larger donors and private sector to invest in partner countries. 1,052 farmers and growers in dairy and fruit sectors successfully trained in 2016 and 2017 on effective workplace practices in line with industry needs
	Colombia	In the first quarter of 2017, target farmers' milk production in the Colombia dairy project had increased on average by 18%.
Agriculture Increase economic and food security benefits from agriculture	Ecuador, Colombia	Detailed work on land/water related livelihoods under way in Cauca, Colombia and Cotopaxi, Ecuador.
	Ecuador	Experimental plots, demonstrations and training established with farmers for target crops such as Andean blackberry, and organic bananas.
Education Improve knowledge, skills and basic education	10 Countries	During 2016, 15 students from Latin America and the Caribbean completed post-graduate qualifications supported by New Zealand Aid Programme scholarships.
Humanitarian Respond to humanitarian emergencies	Caribbean region	In 2017 we provided humanitarian funding to the UN Development Programme, supporting Caribbean governments impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria with early recovery activities.



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