

# CIMMYT Worldwide

## Our Mission

CIMMYT is an international, non-profit, agricultural research and training center dedicated to helping the poor in low-income countries. We help alleviate poverty by increasing the profitability, productivity, and sustainability of maize and wheat farming systems.

## Focus

Work concentrates on maize and wheat, two crops vitally important to food security. These crops provide about one-fourth of the total food calories consumed in low-income countries, are critical staples for poor people, and are an important source of income for poor farmers.

## Partners

Our researchers work with colleagues in national agricultural research programs, universities, and other centers of excellence around the world; in the donor community; and in non-governmental organizations.

## Activities

- Development and worldwide distribution of higher yielding maize and wheat with built-in genetic resistance to important diseases, insects, and other yield-reducing stresses.
- Conservation and distribution of maize and wheat genetic resources.
- Strategic research on natural resource management in maize- and wheat-based cropping systems.
- Research on economic and policy issues in maize and wheat production and research.
- Development of new knowledge about maize and wheat.
- Development of more effective research methods.
- Training of many kinds.
- Consulting on technical issues.

## Impact

- CIMMYT-related wheat varieties are planted on more than 64 million hectares in low-income countries, representing more than three-fourths of the area planted to modern wheat varieties in those countries.
- Nearly 14 million hectares in non-temperate environments of developing countries are planted to CIMMYT-related maize varieties, which is nearly half of the area planted to modern maize varieties in those environments.

- Farmers on hundreds of thousands of hectares in developing countries use resource-conserving practices developed and promoted by CIMMYT and its partners.
- More than 9,000 researchers from around the world have benefited from CIMMYT's training efforts. CIMMYT alumni now lead major breeding programs, public and private, throughout the world.
- Our information products and research networks improve the efficiency of researchers in more than 100 countries.

## Funding

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## Location

Activities and impact extend throughout the world via our regional offices. Headquarters are in Mexico. See contact information, p. 61.

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