

Company: Zijin-Continental Gold

Project name: Siembra Futuro Agricultural Development Program

Summary of the scope of the project: It covers the municipalities of Buriticá, Cañasgordas, Giraldo and Santa Fe de Antioquia, area of influence of the Buriticá Mine.

Details of the impact the project has and the number of people benefiting

SOWING FUTURE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program objective

For Zijin-Continental Gold, the agricultural development of the western Antioquia region is one of its priorities and is part of one of the five axes of its sustainability strategy: High operational standards, improvement of the living conditions of its workers, protection of the environment, institutional strengthening, and regional development and its communities. Siembra Futuro is also framed in our corporate value Harmony with the environment and the community.

The Agricultural Development Program "Siembra Futuro" whose objective is to strengthen the agricultural production units of the municipalities of Western Antioquia that are located in the area of influence of the Company's mining project, ensuring the presence of the State, and enhancing the public and private alliances in the West of Antioquia.

This is how on August 12, 2017 the company, hand in hand with an important group of allies, gave life to this program and after four years of execution thanks to the commitment of the peasants who were linked to the different projects, the results are outstanding and have exceeded the goals, with tangible benefits in the territory.

Siembra Futuro is one of the pillars for agricultural and economic development in the region. This program promotes the design and implementation of agricultural production units to increase food security and family income through access to capital, technical assistance and the strengthening of agricultural associations.

This program covers the four municipalities in the area of influence of the Buriticá Project (Buriticá, Giraldo, Cañasgordas and Santa Fe de Antioquia).

Siembra Futuro has the support of strategic local and regional allies such as Comfenalco and the Corporación Tecnológica Católica de Occidente (TECOC), who administer the Siembra Futuro Revolving Fund, at very low interest rates for program beneficiaries, provide training and carry out weekly technical assistance to each agricultural unit.

The program allows the comprehensive formulation of business plans and provides training in banking, formalization, product quality, and marketing.

It seeks to take advantage of local, regional, national and international market opportunities and is based on international impact evaluation studies

Results

This program accompanies 13 agricultural business plans in the municipalities of Buriticá, Cañasgordas, Santa Fe de Antioquia and Giraldo, promotes 1,600 agricultural production projects and benefits more than 2,000 people.

"Siembra Futuro" has allowed the implementation of a sustainable strategy of self-employment and self-sufficiency of agricultural productive business plans in different communities. It is part of the development of a comprehensive rural program where productive assets are transferred, frequent training and guidance is provided, access to savings and support for consumption, which are the variables that have been tested to obtain significant and lasting impacts on quality levels of life.

Siembra Futuro's business plans are: hartón Dominican plantain associated with coffee, poultry business plans, vegetable greenhouse, strawberry cultivation, fish farming, natural fibers - fique, potato cultivation, corn, beans, tree tomato, pig farming, sugar cane and support for coffee growing, for a total of 13 prioritized business plans. All previously arranged and structured with communities and local and regional institutions. The productive capacities, the efficient supply of water resources, the productivity and quality of the soil, and other technical variables of the agricultural sector of the West Antioquia region were consulted.

With this program, Zijin-Continental Gold also contributes to maintaining the agricultural vocation of Buriticá and the West of Antioquia.

In Colombia, agriculture is the main economic activity in many areas of legal mining influence and both activities are increasingly coexisting in a better way for the benefit of all, thanks to the execution of programs such as Siembra Futuro.

Potato cultivation in the municipality of Giraldo

One of the most outstanding agricultural production projects in 2020 was the cultivation of capira potatoes in the municipality of Giraldo.

Thanks to Siembra Futuro, four hectares of capira potatoes were planted in this municipality thanks to an agreement between Zijin-Continental Gold and PepsiCo, a food company that promised to buy 70 percent of each crop if it is of good quality.

Video 1. Siembra Futuro: Marquesinas para hacer perdurar la tradición cafetera

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrryl6ZYDMk>

Video 2. Siembra Futuro: Cosechamos sueños en familia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHSxv6B3LZ8>

Ayudas para el Occidente de Antioquia a través de Siembra Futuro y PEP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQjkQc3frzc>