

CIAT Increases Productivity and Savings with GCON4 MFL

CIAT is a non-profit organization which focuses its strengths in agricultural research with the main objective of reducing hunger and poverty around the world by helping the poor to crop more efficiently and on a sustainable way.

CIAT conducts scientific research based on projects, which requires a need for administrative support & control in the areas of procurement, finances, human resources, budgeting, travel requests and more.

With the aim of enabling transparency across all processes and clear reporting to the donors, CIAT has chosen Unit4 Business World (formerly Agresso) as the ideal ERP solution to be implemented across the different regional offices.

The following modules/functions of Unit4 Business World were being implemented in CIAT:

- Finances
- Planner
- Project Costing & Billing
- Travel Expenses
- Human Resources
- Logistics
- Project Management
- Reports
- Data Control
- Browsers

Company

International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

Industry

Non-Profit Organization

Mission

To reduce hunger and poverty, and improve human nutrition in the tropics through research aimed at increasing the eco-efficiency of agriculture.

Headquarter

Cali, Columbia

Employees

More than 900

Website

<https://ciat.cgiar.org/>



Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical
International Center for Tropical Agriculture
Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

The Challenge

- The data upload template was not generated based on the current configurations of the system, causing confusion.
- With no clear validation messages, it was time consuming and tedious for the users to try identify the source of the errors that have occurred during data migration.

The Solution

- GCON4 MFL (Master File Loader), an innovative tool that streamlines and accelerates data migration to Unit4 Business World.

The Benefits

- **Reduced labour**
1 instead of 3 dedicated users for data migration.
- **Reduced time**
Completed data migration safely and rapidly within 2 weeks instead of 6 weeks as projected.
- **Increased productivity and savings**
The reduction in labour and time has allowed the Project Manager to assign other higher-value tasks to his resources, granting significant savings in both implementation time and cost.
- **Increased confidence**
GCON4 MFL has allowed users to perform UAT with real data, reducing uncertainty and allow the testing to be more accurate and effective.

> 50%

Reduction in data migration

> 50%

Reduction in Labour

100%

Confidence in migrated data

"We are very happy to have used GCON4 MFL because it has given us total confidence on the data that was being migrated and has helped to significantly reduce the implementation time and cost of Unit4 Business World. We are also grateful with the great support given by GCON4 on using the tool to ensure a smooth data migration." - Mario Andres Velasquez, Project Manager, CIAT

ABOUT GCON4

GCON4 was founded by several senior consultants of the world-class ERP solution, Unit4 Business World (formerly Agresso). An official partner of Unit4, GCON4 is a dynamic and diverse global consultancy organization with implementation teams and clients across 5 continents.

Backed by its core vision, GCON4 achieves great success in its implementations through strong commitment and partnership with its clients to better understand their business needs and to help enable business change and flexibility.

For more information about GCON4 MFL:
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