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Resolution 1(I): Progress made

- Documents and dissemination

The publication [*Inclusive social development: The next generation of policies for overcoming poverty and reducing inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean*](#) is available on-line at ECLAC's Web page and is disseminated on virtual networks (REDESOC) and ECLAC's Web page.

The publication [*The social inequality matrix in Latin America*](#) was prepared and will be presented at the Presiding Officers meeting on 1 November, 2016.

- Updated databases

[Database on social investment](#) Information for 21 countries on social expenditure is broken down into four sectors: education, health, housing and others, social security and pensions. Indicators are for the period between 1990 and 2014 depending on the availability of data for each country.

[Database on labour inclusion and productivity programmes](#) Contains information on 66 programmes in 21 countries.

[Database on cash transfer programmes](#) Provides information on 48 programmes in 22 countries. In general terms, explanatory information and data on budgets, coverage and cash transfer sums were updated.

[Database on social pension programmes](#) Contains updated information on 19 programmes on social pensions in 14 countries.

[Database on youth and social inclusion](#) Based on data from *Latinobarómetro* and household surveys, 35 youth indicators were updated. Furthermore, 41 programmes from 11 countries were added and national youth policies in 19 countries were revised.

- Technical Assistance

ECLAC has provided ample technical assistance:

- On social protection and institutionalism to Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Paraguay;
- On development of care institutionalism to Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Paraguay and Uruguay;

- On social expenditure, technical assistance was provided to Ecuador, El Salvador and Peru to assist in the homologation of the budget classifier with COFOG (Classification of the Functions of Government) with the objective of making social investment expenditures comparable at the international level;
- On malnutrition and health matters, technical assistance was provided to the Government of Uruguay for the evaluation of their digital health programme; moreover, a pilot study is being conducted on the double burden of malnutrition (Chile, Ecuador and Mexico);
- On youth social inclusion policies, technical assistance was provided to Paraguay and Mexico;
- On the institutional architecture of social welfare, technical assistance was provided to the Cabinet for the coordination of social policies of the Dominican Republic and to Mexico on its *Prospera* programme to contribute to rethink its relationship with the social protection system and deepen the rights approach.

- Poverty

A study is currently being conducted to systematize and compare different approaches for the construction of a multi-dimension index of welfare and poverty in general and in childhood, specifically. The study uses official and non-official approaches (methodologies that are not officially recognized). Further, workshops were carried out in Trinidad and Tobago and in Surinam and Guyana (post Presiding Officers meeting) on the multi-dimension measurement of poverty with a focus on childhood.

- 2030 Agenda

ECLAC is evaluating the social pillar of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account synergies and the overlap of different goals with the purpose of identifying those that are crucial to make significant progress in social matters and the effective implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) in the region.

- Labour inclusion

This matter is covered in Chapter 3 of the flagship Social Panorama 2015 (in press), entitled *Addressing structural gaps in the labour market: policies and programmes for labour and productive inclusion* (non-official translation). Technical assistance on the subject is currently provided to the *Más Capaz* programme of the National Training and Employment Service (SENCE) of in Chile.

- Experience exchange

ECLAC held several events this year with the objective of exchanging experiences: In June 2016, a seminar on responses to emergencies from a social perspective ([Optimizando la respuesta en emergencias desde lo social](#)); and one on universal social protection with a rights' based approach ([Avances y desafíos de la institucionalidad social en América Latina y el Caribe: caminos hacia una protección social universal bajo el enfoque de derechos](#)). In July 2016, Quito, Ecuador an international seminar/workshop was carried out on the progress made and future challenges for social expenditure measurement in Latin America ([Avances y desafíos en la medición del gasto social en América Latina](#)).

In October, 2016 a seminar on labour mediation as an instrument to improve the impact of training on work was be carried out ([Intermediación laboral: un instrumento para potenciar el impacto de la capacitación para el trabajo](#)).