



# COVID-19 Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean

Economic and social impact



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COVID-19  
RESPONSE



The new global scenario in times of COVID-19 makes it necessary to take urgent measures and assess the impacts they will have.



**ECLAC has built this Observatory to support review and follow-up over the medium and long terms and at the request of CELAC.**



The Observatory tracks the public policies that the 33 countries of the Latin America and Caribbean region are implementing to limit the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and offers analyses of the economic and social impacts that these policies will have at the national and sectoral levels.



# Contents of the Observatory



Special reports (April, 3 – 21)



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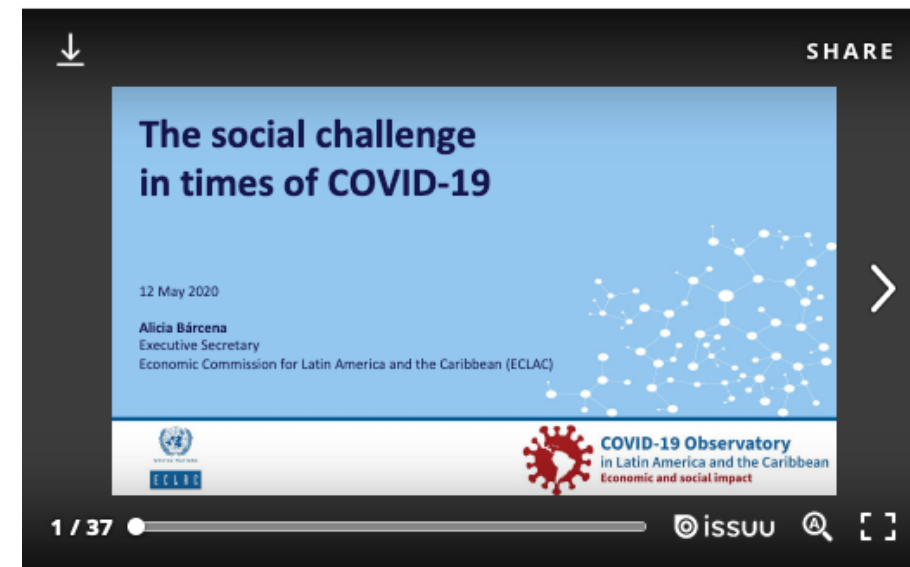
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## Latin America and the Caribbean and the COVID-19 pandemic

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## Analysis and responses of Latin America and the Caribbean to the effects of COVID-19 on food systems N° 2



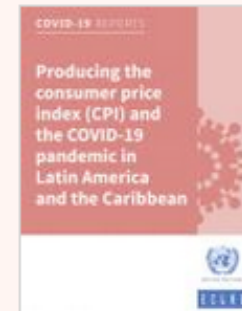
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## Restrictions on the export of medical products hamper efforts to contain coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Latin America and the Caribbean



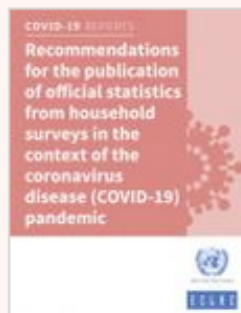
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## Persons with disabilities and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Latin America and the Caribbean: status and guidelines



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## Producing the consumer price index (CPI) and the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean



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## Recommendations for the publication of official statistics from household surveys in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic



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## Las oportunidades de la digitalización en América Latina frente al COVID-19



PRESS RELEASE 21/04/2020

## COVID-19 Pandemic Will Lead to the Biggest Contraction in Economic Activity in the Region's History: A -5.3% Drop in 2020

ECLAC released new growth projections for Latin American and Caribbean countries. It underscores that in the medium term, this crisis will provoke structural changes in the organization of production, international trade, and the current globalization model.



PRESS RELEASE 27/04/2020

COVID-19 Pandemic Calls on Us to Build a New Development Model and Strengthen Regional Integration to Confront the Crisis: ECLAC



BRIEFING NOTE 26/03/2020

Guterres asks the G-20 for a coordinated and supportive war plan against the coronavirus

PRESS RELEASE 03/04/2020

The Only Strategic Option in the Medium Term to Mitigate COVID-19's Effects in the Region is to Move Towards a New Development Model through Greater Integration

PRESS RELEASE 08/04/2020

In Light of Women's Greater Exposure, ECLAC Calls on States to Guarantee their Rights in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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60 International Agencies Urge Rapid, Coordinated Response as Pandemic Threatens to Destabilize Poor Countries' Finances



OTHER EVENTS | 7 MAY 2020 , SANTIAGO, CHILE

**Reunión informativa de los países miembros de la Conferencia de Ciencia, Innovación y Tecnologías de la Información y las Comunicaciones (TICs)**



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**Seminario virtual: COVID19, resiliencia y ciberseguridad**



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**COVID-19 response  
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**Directory of official sites on  
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**WHO: Global Coronavirus  
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## COVID-2019 Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean: actions by country

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- Movements
- Health
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- Employment
- Social protection
- Education
- Gender



Information on actions at the country level to face COVID-19, classified into seven types of measures:

1. Movements across and within countries
2. Health
3. Economy
4. Labour
5. Social protection
6. Education
7. Gender



The information is accessible by country through an interactive map

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## Country reports: Colombia

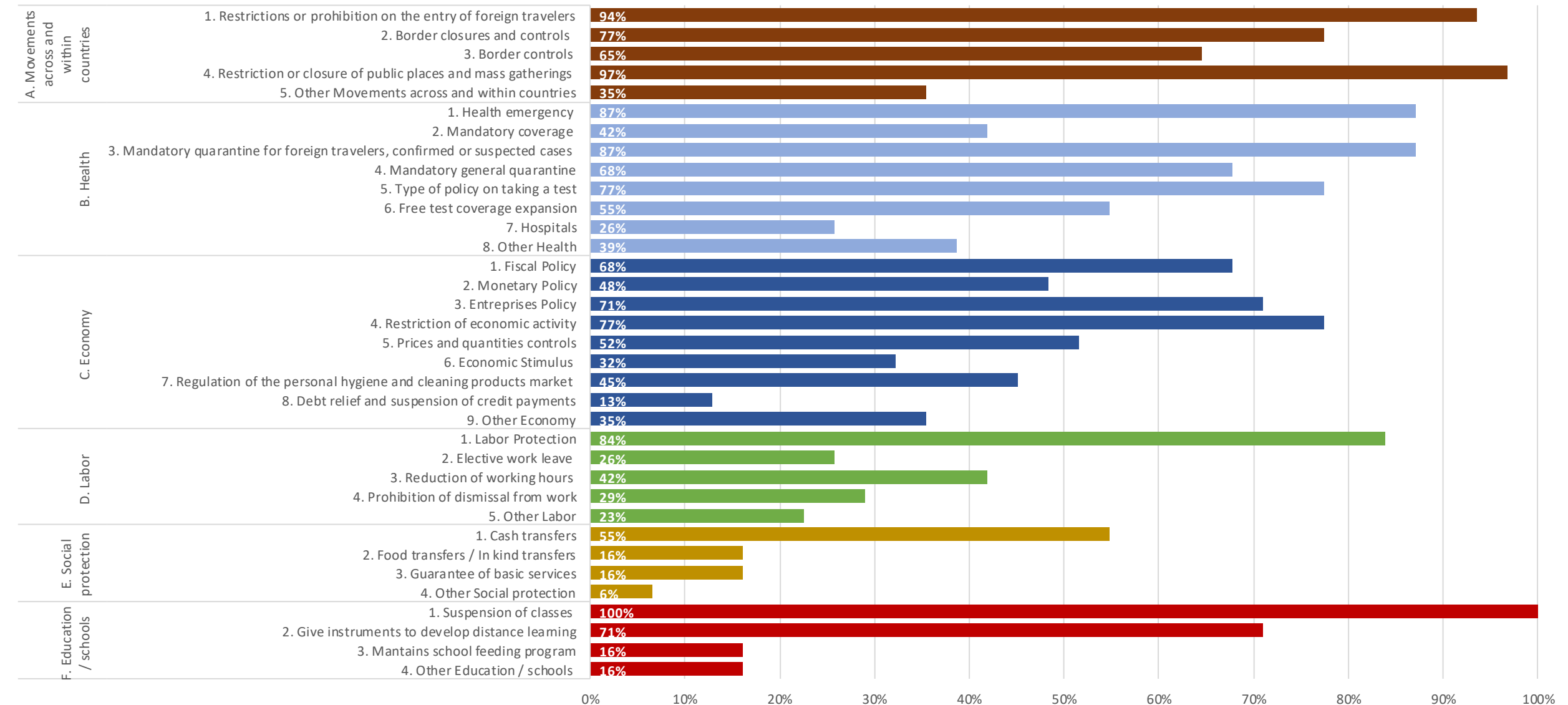
	Date	Authority	Amount	Currency	Financing source	Link
<b>A. Movements across and within countries</b>						
<b>1. Restrictions or prohibition on the entry of foreign travelers</b>						
Foreigners cannot enter. Residents can enter but into a 14 days confinement.	2020-03-16	Migration department-MinRex				
Airports are closed to all passenger transit	2020-03-23	Migration department-MinRex				
<b>2. Border closures and controls</b>						
The borders with Ecuador, Perú and Brazil are closed.	2020-03-16	Migration department-MinRex				
Ships are prohibited from dropping passengers.	2020-03-13	Ministry of Health and Social Protection				
The venezuelan border is closed (but the size of the border and the venezuelan migration crisis doesn't permit full implementation)	2020-03-14	Migration department				
<b>3. Border controls</b>						
<b>4. Restriction or closure of public places and mass gatherings</b>						
Gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited	2020-03-16	Ministry of Health and Social Protection				
Gatherings of more than 500 people are prohibited	2020-03-12	Ministry of Health and Social Protection				
<b>5. Other Movements across and within countries</b>						
1.No ships are allowed to drop passengers.	2020-03-13	Ministry of Health and Social Protection				
<b>B. Health</b>						
<b>1. Health emergency</b>						
A national state of health emergency was established until may 30 th	2020-03-12	MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
All doctors, and medicine students, are by law forced to be ready to be summoned to work during the crisis	2020-04-12	Central government-Ministry of Health				
Colombia declares the start of the mitigation phase (more than 10% of cases can't be traced) shifting "public policy from the infected to the	2020-03-31	MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
<b>2. Mandatory coverage</b>						
Colombia has mandatory public general health coverage for all its population, with a 97% affiliation rate. With full coronavirus attention		MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
<b>3. Mandatory quarantine for foreign travelers, confirmed or suspected cases</b>						
Foreigners cannot enter. Residents can enter but into a 14 days confinement.	2020-03-16	Central government- Migration department				
<b>4. Mandatory general quarantine</b>						
A national 19 days quarantine is issued, from March 25, to April 13.	2020-03-25	Central government				
Bogotá implements a 4 days quarantine simulation meant to prepare the population, from March 20 to March 24	2020-03-20	Mayor of Bogota				
The national 19 days quarantine is extended until April 27 th	2020-04-06	Central government				
Bogotá limits leaving the house (for buying groceries, attending medical emergencies, etc) based on gender (transsexuals stick to the norm	2020-04-13	Mayor Bogotá				
Capital cities (excluding Bogotá) limit leaving the house (for buying groceries, attending medical emergencies, etc) based on last ID number	2020-04-05	Local mayors				
<b>5. Type of policy on taking a test (universal, reduced to certain groups, etc.)</b>						
Only people that had been abroad, or to people who are symptomatic	2020-03-21	MINISTRY OF HEALTH				
<b>6. Free test coverage expansion</b>						





## Regional charts

Proportion of countries implementing the measure (of a total of 31 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean)





## Thematic Reports:



FOLLOW-UP OF THE EVOLUTION OF COVID-19, MEASURES AND EFFECTS

**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: A. Movements across and within countries**



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**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: B. Health**



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**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: C. Economy**



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**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: D. Labor**



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**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: E. Social protection**



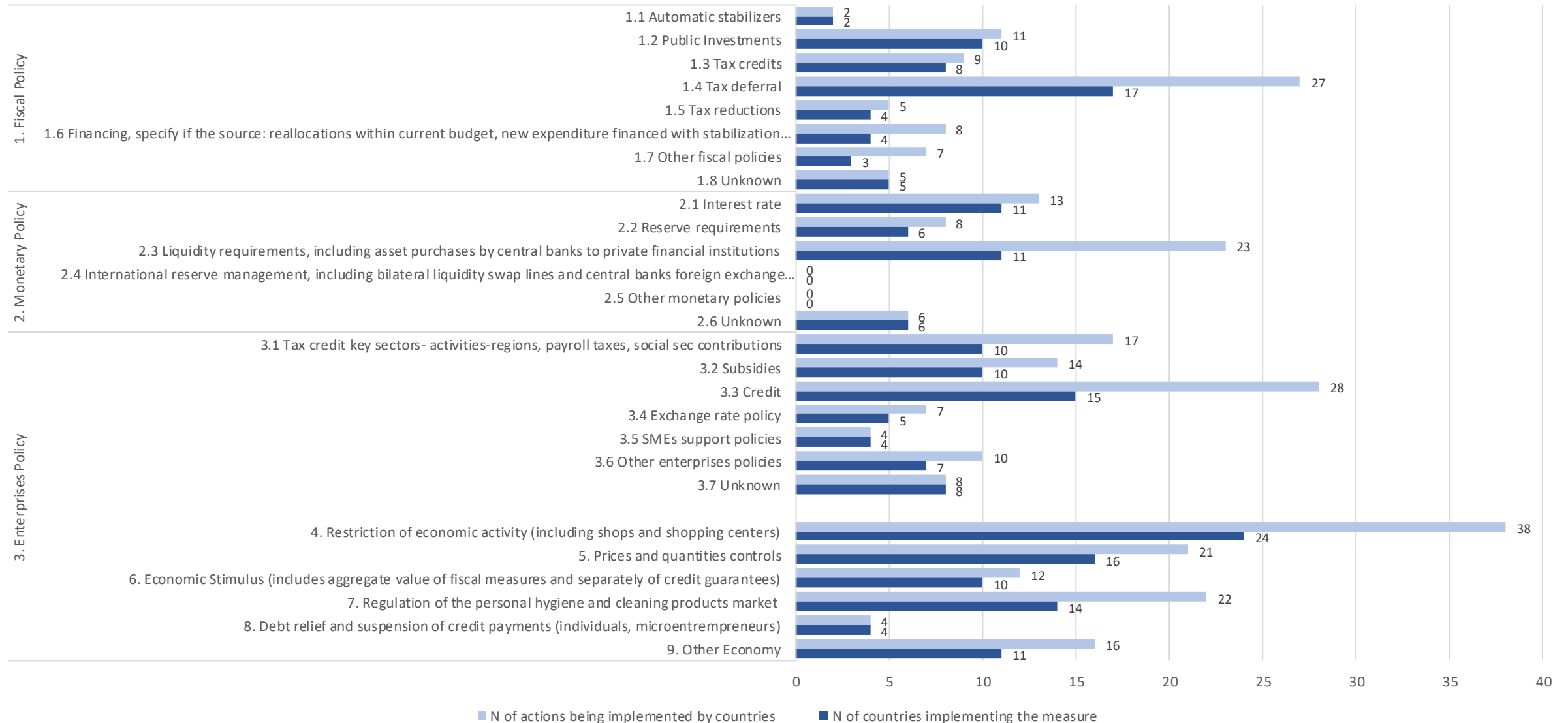
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**COVID-19 Measures informed by countries: F. Education/School**



## Thematic Reports: C. Economy

Number of actions reported as of April, 14: 325







## Thematic Reports: C. Economy

### Type of actions: 3. Enterprises Policy/ 3.3 Credit

28 Actions implemented by 15 countries of LAC

Country	Date	Authority	ACTION/Description	Amount	Currency	Financing source	Link
ARG	2020-03-16	National Government / Ministry of Production	- Soft loans for: (i) SMEs, (ii) manufacture of essential products (food, personal care, medications), (iii) most affected productive sectors; (iv) technological equipment to facilitate teleworking; (v) industrial parks. The amount of all these programs is equivalent to 1.6% of GDP. A line for \$ 320,000 million that will provide working capital to companies at preferential rates for a period of 180 days with an interest rate of 26% per year; \$ 25,000 million in loans from "National Bank of Argentina" at differential rate for food producers, personal hygiene and cleaning, and producers of medical supplies; \$ 8,000 million in financing for the production of technological equipment to guarantee teleworking and \$ 2,800 million for financing infrastructure in industrial parks, with resources from the Ministry of Productive Development.				
BLZ	2020-03-18	Central Bank of Belize	Reduce risk-weights for banks on loans in the tourism sector from 100% to 50%;				
BLZ	2020-03-18	Central Bank of Belize	Encourage financial institutions to refinance loans in affected sectors;				
BLZ	2020-03-18	Central Bank of Belize	In the budget, BZ\$25 million was earmarked for the tourism industry as a response to the devastating effects of COVID-19				
BOL	2020-03-25	Banco Central	Deferment of credit payments in the financial sector for borrowers affected by the health crisis. Applicable to payments between 15 March and 15 May 2020 Priority for small and medium-sized borrowers. Credit repayments of principal and interest, and other liens are deferred for the duration of the Pandemic and granted a maximum period of up to (6) months after the lifting of the declaration of emergency.				
BRA	2020-03-18	Ministry of the Economy, FAT	"Resolução No. 851" releases R\$ 5 billion in credit (reimbursable finance) for micro and small companies through the Income Generation Program (Proger), maintained with resources from the Workers' Support Fund ("FAT", in its Portuguese acronym). The amount will be passed on to public banks that grant loans aimed at the capital of micro and small companies.	5,000,000,000	BRL	FAT	
BRA	2020-03-22	National Development Bank (BNDES)	The BNDES approved temporary suspension of payments ("standstill") of installments of direct financing to companies in the amount of R\$ 19 billion. To that end, companies must file a suspension request to BNDES. The BNDES also approved temporary suspension of payments ("standstill") of installments of indirect financing to companies in the amount of R\$ 11 billion. The suspension should be negotiated with the financial agent that granted the financing. The total term of the credit will be maintained and there will be no default interest during the suspension period. Beneficiary sectors include: Oil and Gas, Airports, Ports, Energy, Transport, Urban Mobility, Health, Industry and Commerce and Services.  It also approved credit expansion for micro, small and medium-sized companies, through partner banks, in the amount of R\$ 5 billion. This measure contributes to the expansion of the capital offer for the day-to-day needs of companies, by expanding the scope of the "BNDES Credit Small Businesses" line, which will include from micro-companies to those with annual revenues of up to R\$ 300 million. The credit limit per beneficiary per year will be increased from R\$ 10 million to R\$ 70 million, contributing to the need for working capital. The companies will have a 24-month grace period and a five-year term to pay for these new loans.	5,000,000	BRL		
BRA	2020-03-18	Bank of Brazil (BB)	The BB revealed R\$ 100 billion in credit for existing lines: R\$ 48 billion for companies, R\$ 25 billion for agribusiness, R\$ 24 billion for individuals, R\$ 3 billion for municipal and state public administrations.	100,000,000,000	BRL		
BRA	2020-03-26	Caixa Econômica Federal (CEF)	CEF released R\$ 111 billion in resources to help combat the effects of the pandemic, which include R\$ 60 billion for "working capital" (capital de giro), R\$ 40 billion for purchase of payroll-deductible loan portfolios and vehicle financing held by medium-sized banks, should these financial institutions have difficulties, R\$ 5 billion for "Santas Casas" and R\$ 6 billion for agribusiness credit. In addition, CEF will reduce interest rates and extend credit payment terms. CEF will also present credit lines, prepayment of receivables and partnerships for SMEs.	111,000,000,000	BRL		
BRA	2020-03-30	National Development Bank (BNDES)	BNDES created a new Program "BNDES Apoio Emergencial ao Combate da Pandemia do Coronavírus", to will provide R\$ 2 billion to increase supply of emergency beds, as well as medical and hospital materials and equipment. The operation will be carried out directly by BNDES with an interest rate of TLP + 5.26% per year, which can be very unattractive to the business sector and create indebtedness that can hinder economic recovery.	2,000,000	BRL		
BRB	2020-03-20		The commercial banks have also agreed to temporary working capital financing options for corporates and small businesses which are directly impacted by COVID-19. Government will recapitalize the Small Hotel Investment Fund with \$20 million to allow small hotels to borrow and blend with other commercial funds so they can refurbish their property during this down period. The interest rate for loans will no longer be five per cent but reduced to 3 1/2 per cent.				
CHL	2020-03-23	Ministry of Finance	a. Acceleration of payments to State providers: at the beginning of April, all invoices issued to the State and pending payment will be paid in cash, generating immediate liquidity for approximately US \$ 1 billion. In turn, any invoice that is issued to the State from now on will be paid within 30 days.	1,500,000,000	USD		



## Country measures are uploaded through a web interface and are gathered in a dedicated database

Theme \*

Measure \*

Date

Authority



Description / Analysis \*

Link



Amount (local currency)

Financing source

\* Required data

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**Instructions for completing the web form with information on actions and measures implemented at the national level to confront the COVID-19 pandemic**

ECLAC has implemented a unified database to facilitate the compilation, storage, safeguarding and subsequent use of the information provided by the Resident Coordinators of the United Nations System in Latin America and the Caribbean on the national actions and measures implemented by the countries of the region in relation to COVID-19.

To facilitate and streamline the unified data collection process, an online web form has been created that allows information on new measures to be updated on the database, alongside with the information that was obtained since the last update (date depends on each country in particular).

The link to the web form is as follows, and it involves working in a secure environment through credentials provided for this purpose (username and password).

To access it, it is necessary to perform a login with an individual username and password for each country. This information was forwarded in a specific email.

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**National measures and actions**

**USER LOGIN**

User

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**The Observatory is being updated regularly to provide the latest information on policy measures to face the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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