

LINE OF ACTION



CARE POLICIES



Social policies

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This line of action focuses on strengthening care policies for people who require others' support to carry out their daily activities, such as older adults with dependencies, people with disabilities and young children.

In some countries, the action is aimed at supporting the construction of comprehensive care systems that fully cover the three populations and form one of the pillars of their social protection systems. In addition, the support in this area is focused on the strengthening of policies that recognise the work done by carers (in most cases women) as key actors in these systems, allowing them access to the social security and training systems that contribute to the professionalisation and improvement of the care system.

WHICH AREAS ARE INVOLVED?

Care policies for dependent people are becoming a priority in all Latin American countries. Their emergence on the public agenda is due to the concurrence of three factors: (i) the increase in the demand for care due to the increase in the population in general and, in particular, the increase in the elderly population; (ii) the broad recognition of the right to be cared for; (iii) the growing mobilisation around women's rights (and, especially, three intertwined demands: the co-responsibility of the couple for care, the greater participation of women in the formal jobs market and the remuneration of care work, mostly done by women). Although the differences between countries are quite marked, the



WHICH SDG DOES IT INVOLVE?



EUROPEAN CONSENSUS

In accordance with the principle of leaving no one behind, the EU and its Member States will give special attention to the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised, including children, the elderly, people with disabilities, LGBTI people and indigenous peoples. This will include measures to better guide, protect and support them and offer them the same opportunities and ensure non-discrimination.

configuration of a “care” pillar within social protection systems is generally imposed as a majority guideline. In some countries, interest is directed towards strengthening policies for one or other of these populations.

Regional care network

The European Union EUROsocial Programme, the Inter-American Development Bank and the French Development Agency are supporting the construction of a Regional Care —[REDcuidar](#)— as a space where Latin American and European countries can exchange good practices, knowledge and experiences on the subject.

In recent years, many countries in the region have advanced in building the comprehensive care systems that form one pillar of their national social protection systems, such as Uruguay, Chile and Costa Rica. Other countries have advanced in drafting policies while strengthening a set of services for dependent people, especially those with fewer resources: this is the case in Paraguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, etc. Of course, much remains to be done. However, there is a set of valuable experiences at the regional level that it is important to be able to share and discuss. Furthermore, the countries of the European Union have, for some decades now, been developing their care service systems for dependent people. With their successes and failures, these can constitute experiences of interest for the processes under way in the Latin American countries.



ACTIONS BY COUNTRIES

- ▶ ARGENTINA: Support for the development and installation of a Comprehensive Care System. And the legal framework for residences for the elderly.
- ▶ BRAZIL: Construction of a national policy of support measures for caregivers.
- ▶ CHILE: Support law on the legal capacity of persons with intellectual disabilities.
- ▶ COSTA RICA: we are incorporating the gender perspective into the child care services from the National Child Care and Development Network (REDCUDI).
- ▶ ECUADOR: we are supporting the strengthening of the care policy of the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion (MIES).
- ▶ PANAMA: We are contributing to the drafting of the National Plan for the Elderly by the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES).
- ▶ PARAGUAY: we are collaborating in the construction of the Care Policy in Paraguay for the Ministry of Women. And in the improvement of the Draft Law of the

National Care Policy of Paraguay, which creates the SINACUP.

- ▶ PERU: We strengthened the strategies for caring for people with disabilities in the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP). MIDIS worked on the social protection strategy for older adults and people with disabilities; as well as in the strengthening of the Protection Network of the Elderly and disabled.
- ▶ URUGUAY: we undertook a comprehensive accompaniment to improve the care for dependant people in the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES).

PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ IDB
- ▶ FDA
- ▶ ECLAC
- ▶ Organización Nacional Ciegos de España (ONCE)
- ▶ Caisse Nationale de Solidarité pour l'autonomie - CNSA

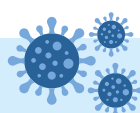
NETWORKS

- ▶ REDcuidar

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Long-term care services for older adults and people with disabilities, as well as services for children have been severely tested during the COVID-19 crisis. EUROsocial+ has facilitated the exchange of experiences and technical assistance between Latin American and European countries to strengthen the measures taken to guarantee care for these populations during the pandemic. Some interventions the Social Policy Area has undertaken during the crisis:

- ▶ Action: Support to the Technical Secretariat of the National Network of Child Care and Development (REDCUDI) to inform on the process to draw up the COVID-19 Attention Strategy in Costa Rica.
- ▶ Action: Strengthening of the Protection Network for the Elderly and People with Disabilities in Peru; this intervention coordinates national work between the different sectors and levels of government for nominal monitoring and the delivery of a prioritised service package to the target population in the context of the coronavirus health emergency (COVID-19).
- ▶ Webinar: “How to give continuity to remote support services for dependent persons during the pandemic”
- ▶ Webinar: “How to combat #COVID-19 in care homes and day centres for the elderly”



Publications

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- ▶ Informe comparativo del proceso previo a la creación del sistema integral de cuidados
- ▶ Envejecimiento y Atención a la Dependencia en República Dominicana
- ▶ Marco teórico de referencia para residencias de personas mayores en situación de dependencia
- ▶ Framework Document for the Design of the National Care Policy in Paraguay
- ▶ Rapporteur report for the 2nd Meeting of the EUROsocial+ Programme: Trust and Social Cohesion
- ▶ Publications on ageing and care for dependency with the IDB:
 - Ecuador
 - República Dominicana
 - Uruguay
 - Costa Rica
 - Colombia
 - Mexico