Universal and comprehensive **social protection** systems are a key public policy to eradicate poverty and **reduce inequality**.

Coverage of **social protection** has grown in the region, but it is still far from universal. It is fundamental to develop comprehensive social protection systems.

Latin America and the Caribbean (20 countries): individuals in recipient households of CCT programmes and public spending on CCTs, 1996–2017 (Percentages of the total population and percentages of GDP)

Latin America (18 countries): employed persons who are affiliated or contribute to pension systems relative to the total number of employed persons aged 15 or over, 2002 and 2016 (Percentages)

Latin America (8 countries): receipt of contributory and non-contributory pensions among persons aged 65 or over, by sex, income quintile and area of residence, around 2015 (Percentages)

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