

Understanding demographic change in Central America, Mexico and the Hispanic Caribbean, with emphasis on aging, is fundamental for social protection systems. The importance of addressing social protection gaps lies in their manifestation in terms of insufficient coverage, inadequate benefits or lack of accessibility, which prevents progress towards universal protection for all.

Social Protection

Social protection is a human right enshrined in binding international instruments and is one of the political commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. However, most of the world's population is excluded from social security and health. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the gaps in social protection systems, leaving many people and groups in a situation of exclusion due to the discrimination that affects them.

Age structure of the population by sex in the Subregion (10 countries)

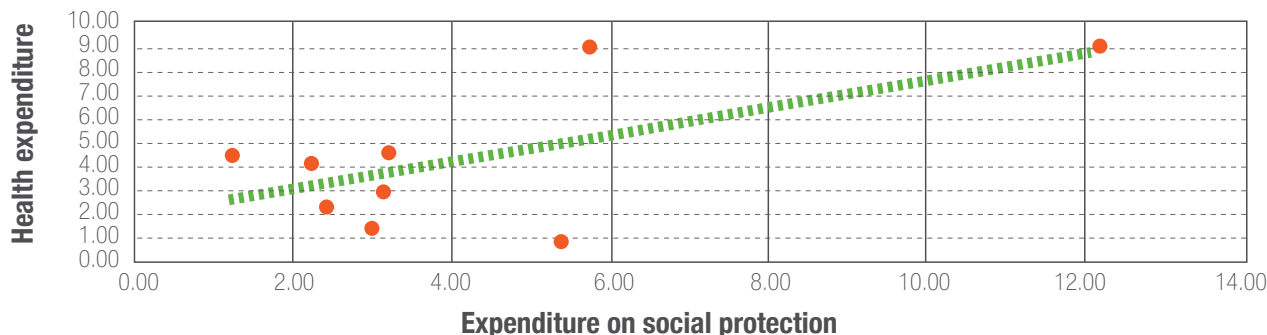
(Millions of people)

Men Women



Expenditure on health and social protection as a percentage of GDP in the Subregion

(8 countries) last year available



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