

| Category and subcategory   | 2023<br>planned | 2023<br>actual | 2024<br>planned | 2025<br>planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7. On a high-priority issue concerning macroeconomic and development policies in Colombia                                    | 1               | 1              | 1               | 1               |
| 8. On current and emerging macroeconomic and development finance issues in Brazil to foster sustainable and inclusive growth | 1               | 1              | 1               | 1               |

**C. Substantive deliverables**

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** advice to member States, upon request, on macroeconomic, fiscal and monetary policy analysis and formulation, macroeconomic analysis and systems for monitoring economic development, and on the design and implementation of financing for development schemes and policies geared towards financial and productive development and/or social protection; technical cooperation services, upon request, in the fields of social policy, equality and structural change in Uruguay; technical cooperation services to public agencies of Colombia, at their request.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** statistical information for policymakers, academia and private sector analysts on economic, monetary and financial variables for countries in the region; statistical data sets covering government operations, public debt, tax revenue and revenue from non-renewable natural resources.

## Subprogramme 4 Social development and equality

### Objective

- 21.60 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to improve the overall well-being of the people of the region and achieve greater social and economic equality in line with the 2030 Agenda and with full respect for human rights.

### Strategy

- 21.61 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will focus on the following priority areas: addressing the multiple dimensions of poverty, inequality and well-being; bridging gaps in well-being and tackling inequalities; ensuring access to universal, comprehensive and sustainable social protection; promoting social and labour inclusion policies; coordinating social, economic and environmental policies; and promoting health, pensions and educational policies as key elements of inclusive social development and improving the capacity of social policy to adapt to new and emerging challenges related to such topics as demographic transition, migration, changes in the world of employment, new technologies, pandemics and climate change. In implementing these priorities, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Support countries in implementing the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, in line with the outcomes and agreements reached at the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, by conducting applied research, generating analyses, disseminating results, providing training and advisory services and formulating policy recommendations, as well as by promoting policy dialogue for inclusive social development among policymakers, academics, members of civil society organizations and other stakeholders and by facilitating the exchange of experiences and good practices;
  - (b) Assist countries with capacity-building and technical cooperation in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of strategies, policies and programmes. Research and advisory services will emphasize, in particular, social protection systems with full respect for human rights, taking an equality-oriented and sustainable approach; the protection and promotion of the rights of population groups subjected to discrimination and exclusion; social investment; and education and public health systems, thus helping member States to make progress towards the achievement of Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 16;
  - (c) Assist governments in tackling the socioeconomic consequences of crises through advisory services and knowledge-sharing activities in affected social policy areas.

- 21.62 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Deeper understanding by policymakers of the structural social challenges and disparities that characterize the region;
  - (b) Measures and public policies promoting greater social and economic equality and overall well-being of the people of the region;
  - (c) Expanded and improved social protection systems that take into consideration the social impacts that arise from crises, emerging challenges and catastrophic events and the need to build greater resilience over time.

### **Programme performance in 2023**

#### **Improved decision-making and reduced information gaps to monitor inclusive social development in countries of the Pacific Alliance<sup>2</sup>**

21.63 The countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru) require relevant information to monitor policies on inclusive social development in order to reduce existing gaps in data on poverty reduction, inequalities and education access, among other social issues. Since 2021, to provide accurate and relevant information to assist national authorities in their decision-making process and to strengthen social institutional frameworks, the subprogramme has been delivering technical assistance to the four countries to build an observatory on social development policies, to select data sets and to identify relevant statistics on inclusive social development. The Observatory of Social Development of the Pacific Alliance was launched in 2023 to disseminate information, analysis and collective knowledge.

21.64 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 21.9).

Table 21.9  
**Performance measure**

| <i>2021 (actual)</i>   | <i>2022 (actual)</i>   | <i>2023 (actual)</i>  |
|--|--|---|
| Countries of the Pacific Alliance identified gaps in information for monitoring policies on inclusive social development | Countries of the Pacific Alliance defined indicators and the selection of data sets to implement an observatory of social development policies | The Observatory of Social Development of the Pacific Alliance was launched to support member States in taking informed decisions and monitoring social policies |

### **Planned results for 2025**

#### **Result 1: more resilient social protection systems**

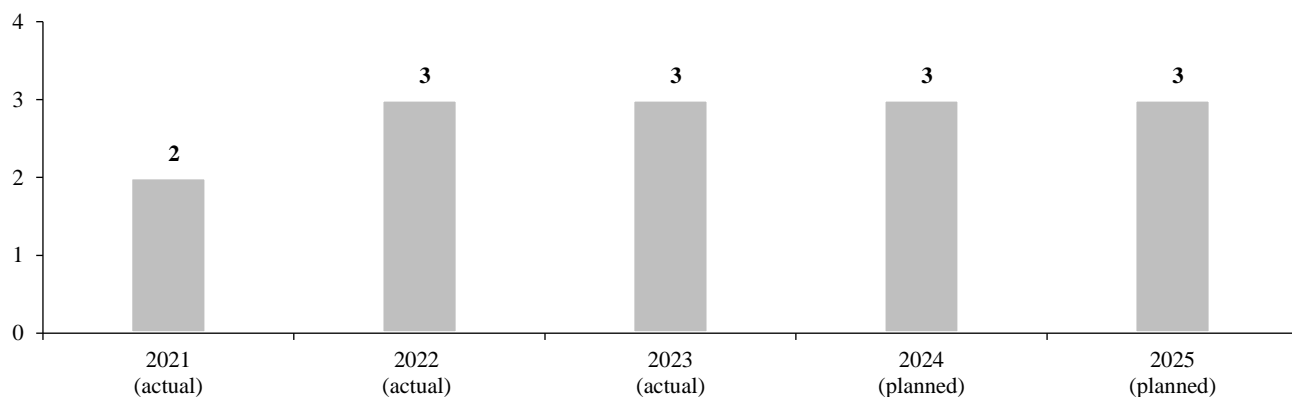
##### **Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 21.65 The subprogramme’s work contributed to three national institutions with improved capacities, which met the planned target.
- 21.66 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 21.IX).

<sup>2</sup> See <https://alianzapacifico.net/en/what-is-the-pacific-alliance/>.

Figure 21.IX

**Performance measure: number of national institutions with improved capacities to ensure social protection during periods of crisis (annual)**



**Result 2: strengthened comprehensive and universal social protection systems**

**Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 21.67 The subprogramme’s work contributed to 18 countries reaffirming their commitment to achieve universal and comprehensive social protection systems, which met the planned target.
- 21.68 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 21.10).

Table 21.10

**Performance measure**

| 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual)  | 2023 (actual)  | 2024 (planned)   | 2025 (planned)  |
|---------------|--|--|--|---|
| –             | Countries agreed on the importance of addressing social protection gaps to achieve universal and comprehensive social protection systems | Resolution 5 (V) of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted by 18 countries, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to achieve universal and comprehensive social protection systems | Countries identify obstacles and challenges to achieving universal and comprehensive social protection systems | Countries draft strategies or programmes to achieve universal social protection systems |

**Result 3: expanding social protection systems to include informal and independent workers****Proposed programme plan for 2025**

21.69 In Latin America and the Caribbean, 20 per cent of the population have no access to social protection,<sup>3</sup> and approximately 49 per cent of workers are informal.<sup>4</sup> The technological transformation has translated into changes in labour demand, and available information on digital platform workers shows their limited access to social protection.<sup>5</sup> The subprogramme has sensitized member States on the importance of strengthening social protection systems to incorporate the excluded population and has delivered technical assistance to strengthen national capacities in the design and implementation of policies aiming at more universal and sustainable social protection systems.

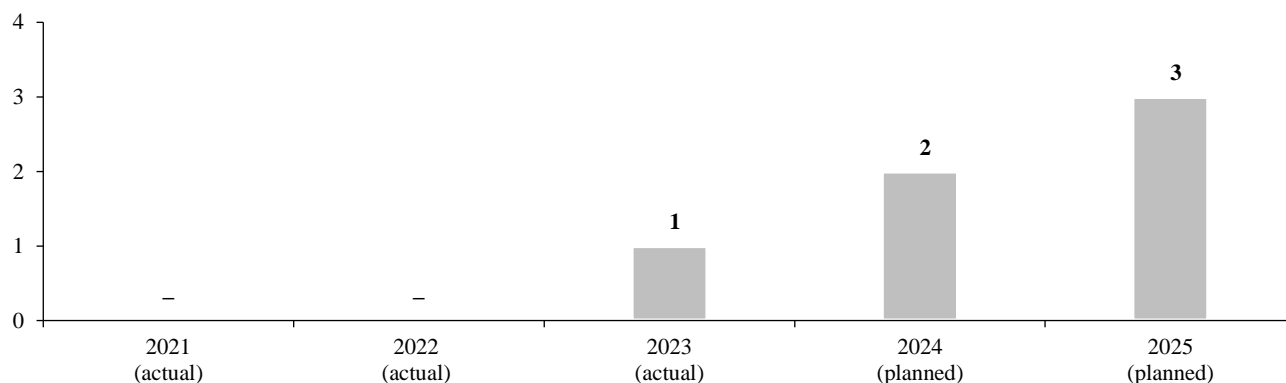
*Lessons learned and planned change*

21.70 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the use of face-to-face modalities to deliver technical assistance is highly valued by member States as it enables this support to be better tailored to take into consideration country-specific needs. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will strive to increase the provision of face-to-face workshops and training activities.

21.71 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 21.X).

Figure 21.X

**Performance measure: number of national policies or strategies that include actions for the expansion of social protection measures oriented to informal and independent workers (cumulative)**

**Deliverables**

21.72 Table 21.11 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

<sup>3</sup> *The Future of Social Protection in the Midst of a Protracted Social Crisis in Latin America: Advancing towards Universal, Comprehensive, Sustainable and Resilient Systems*, ECLAC Social Policy series, No. 246 (United Nations publication, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> *Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2023: Labour Inclusion as a Key Axis of Inclusive Social Development* (United Nations publication, 2023).

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. B.3.

Table 21.11

**Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

| <i>Category and subcategory</i>  | <i>2023<br/>planned</i> | <i>2023<br/>actual</i> | <i>2024<br/>planned</i> | <i>2025<br/>planned</i> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>  |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)   | <b>9</b>                | <b>9</b>               | <b>1</b>                | <b>9</b>                |
| 1. Session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean   | 9                       | 9                      | –                       | 9                       |
| 2. Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean   | –                       | –                      | 1                       | –                       |
| <b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>   |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)   | <b>2</b>                | <b>2</b>               | <b>2</b>                | <b>2</b>                |
| 3. On social protection, social and labour inclusion policies, human capacities and full respect for human rights in social protection systems; social investment and emerging challenges for social policies; and education, health and pension systems   | 2                       | 2                      | 2                       | 2                       |
| <b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)  | <b>14</b>               | <b>14</b>              | <b>14</b>               | <b>14</b>               |
| 4. Meetings of experts to examine mechanisms that contribute to increasing coverage, sufficiency and sustainability within national social protection systems with a rights and equality approach and to discuss trends in social issues and challenges for social policy institutions   | 8                       | 8                      | 8                       | 8                       |
| 5. Training activities on poverty reduction, equality and well-being, and access to social protection networks   | 6                       | 6                      | 6                       | 6                       |
| <b>Publications</b> (number of publications)   | <b>8</b>                | <b>8</b>               | <b>8</b>                | <b>9</b>                |
| 6. <i>Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean</i>   | 1                       | 1                      | 1                       | 1                       |
| 7. Position document for the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean  | –                       | –                      | –                       | 1                       |
| 8. Country office studies  | 2                       | 2                      | 2                       | 2                       |
| 9. On topics including social rights among specific population groups, social protection, productive and inclusive labour policies, pension systems, health, education, and social institutions, policies and programmes   | 5                       | 5                      | 5                       | 5                       |
| <b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)   | <b>2</b>                | <b>2</b>               | <b>1</b>                | <b>–</b>                |
| 10. On social development policies; and on analytical and methodological proposals to foster the universal implementation of social policies, including on social protection, and enhance their impact on equality gaps, to enhance intersectoral and inter-institutional cooperation and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of social policies   | 2                       | 2                      | 1                       | –                       |
| <b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>   |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advice to member States, upon request, on social policies for equality, social investment and policies; analytical and methodological proposals to enhance intersectoral and inter-institutional cooperation aimed at improving effectiveness and efficiency; and design, implementation and evaluation of social policies for the needs of the most vulnerable. |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> Observatory on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which includes databases on social development, young people, non-contributory social protection, social institutions and regional commitments.  |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>D. Communication deliverables</b>   |                         |                        |                         |                         |
| <b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> knowledge management tools, including on the strengthening of the Latin American and Caribbean Network on Social Development; and infographics or other material to disseminate research findings and policy recommendations.   |                         |                        |                         |                         |