

"The social impact of the global economic and financial crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean"

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Presents the main current dilemmas triggered by the crisis at the global level, followed by the analysis of the transmission channels of the crisis to the region, in particular the ones through which the impact has been stronger, which is illustrated by graphs with the latest information available: trade, fiscal revenue, workers' remittances and unemployment .

The link between unemployment, poverty and health is established and the current situation of the region concerning the MDGs related to health is presented: malnutrition, child mortality and the advances of HIV/AIDS programs in the Caribbean.

The presentation ends with a reminder of another current dilemma, climate change, which mitigation and adaptation cannot be postponed and the current crisis should be made an opportunity to define strategies and strengthen commitments in this matter