

10th MEETING Organized by RedCUIDAR+ Long-Term Care Policy Network in Latin America and the Caribbean

Sustainability and Financing of Long-Term Care Systems

Needs, Practices, and Lessons Learned

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TENTH MEETING

Sustainability and Financing of Long-Term Care Systems: Needs, Practices and Lessons Learned

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time (ET)
Meeting hosted by Uruguay through Zoom.

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

The Long-Term Care Policy Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (RedCUIDAR+) was created in 2020 to support regional efforts and increase the institutional and technical capacity of the region's countries in the area of long-term care for dependent older people. This initiative is

supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the European Union's EUROsociAL+ Program, and the French Development Agency (AFD).

The CUIDAR+ Network has more than 250 members from 25 countries and encourages the region's active participation in discussions on key aspects of long-term care. So far, nine meetings have been held, which have addressed crucial issues in the care agenda, such as the steps towards implementing a system, community care, and quality of care.

The Government of Uruguay will host the tenth meeting of the CUIDAR+ Network, which will address the topic: **Sustainability and financing of long-term care systems: needs, practices and lessons learned.**

Latin American and the Caribbean countries have been showing genuine interest in the development of long-term care policies, placing the issue on the region's public agenda. However, the implementation of such policies presents important challenges. These include estimating the cost of services and defining the sources of financing to ensure their viability and financial sustainability.

In this regard, public spending on care services in the region's countries remains limited, resulting in low levels of coverage and a narrow portfolio of services and jeopardizing the social sustainability of social protection arrangements in old age. Indeed, in the current context, women in families are the ones who assume most of the care responsibilities. This has a negative impact not only on their labor participation and economic autonomy but also on their physical and mental health. As the population ages and caregiving needs grow, these pressures are expected to increase.

To meet these challenges and allow for the expansion of care services to keep pace with the expected increase in demand while preserving their quality, it is necessary to think about how these services will be financed. In this context, estimating the current and future costs of services and assessing the feasibility of different financing mechanisms and their advantages and disadvantages becomes crucial to ensure the system's sustainability.

Although the financing model must be evaluated taking into account the economic, political, and social context of each country, there are challenges common to all. In the framework of its tenth meeting, the CUIDAR+ Network proposes reflecting on these challenges. The objective is to exchange experiences, best practices, and lessons learned among participants.

The meeting will be held virtually and have a conversational format. The first part will feature presentations by Florencia Krall, Director of Care of the Ministry of Social Development of Uruguay, Francisca Gallegos Jara, Subsecretary of Social Services of the Ministry of Social Development and Family of Chile, and Alexandre Farnault, Deputy Director of Care Supply Management Support at the National Solidarity Fund for Autonomy (CNSA) in France. Participants can share their experiences and learnings around a series of moderating questions that will guide the discussion.

After these interventions, a space for discussion will be opened to dialogue and deepen different aspects, considering the other experiences in the countries. The discussion is expected to lead to conclusions that will help accelerate changes in public policies and define initiatives that could be the subject of further exchange and assistance within the framework of the CUIDAR+ Network.

MODERATING QUESTIONS

Funding mechanisms for long-term care services:

- How are long-term care services currently funded in your country?

Budget management of LTC services:

- How does the country formulate the budget allocated to care services?
- Is there a regulatory mechanism to secure these resources?

Budgetary governance in LTC services:

- What coordination mechanism is used to harmonize budgets among the different institutions and territories in the care system?

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.	Start
	Moderator Patricia Jara, Social Protection and Health Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank
	Welcoming remarks by the host country: Uruguay Florencia Krall, Director of Care of the Ministry of Social Development
	Welcoming remarks by the Inter-American Development Bank
	Welcoming remarks by the European Union
10:15 a.m.	<i>Session I – Discussion: Experiences and lessons learned</i> Exchange between Uruguay, Chile, and France
11:05 a.m.	<i>Session II – Plenary Discussion</i>
11:50 a.m.	Closing remarks by the host country: Uruguay Closing remarks by the French Development Agency
12:00 p.m.	End