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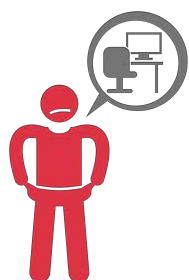
# COVID-19 and its impact on the adult population inequalities

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, practically all Latin American and Caribbean countries were forced to implement social distancing measures that had a pronounced impact on the work of adults.



ILO estimates that four million jobs were lost during the first quarter of 2020 and that another 26 million jobs disappeared in the second quarter of that year.

Labour-market responses to the COVID-19 pandemic included an accelerated trend towards teleworking, especially in large and medium-sized companies and especially at corporations.



This transition to teleworking highlighted the gap in access to technology and technological knowledge, especially in the lower-income population.

A high proportion of adults were placed at risk of losing their source of income and the impossibility of accessing social protection benefits that otherwise could have compensated for such lost income.



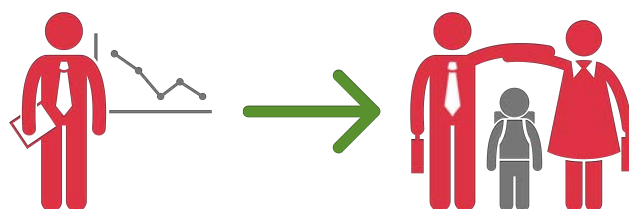


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## Actions as a response to COVID-19

The measures taken by most of the countries in the region in response to the COVID-19 crisis have been geared chiefly towards benefiting the adult population and particularly towards avoiding harm that would prevent them from performing their dual role as income providers and co-guarantors of other rights within their households.



These measures, centered around helping the formal sector create alternative work with decent wages and working conditions, have been important to recovering lost jobs.

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