

A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a bright yellow shirt, is smiling broadly while writing on a chalkboard. The chalkboard is filled with faint, illegible handwriting in white chalk. The background is a solid blue color.

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# Impact of COVID-19 on households in Latin America and the Caribbean

Results of the regional rapid household  
survey

November 2020

# Methodological Notes



- **Modality:** Telephone survey from a list of randomly generated mobile phone numbers (RDD)
- The survey reached **10,616 households in 13 countries**
- The survey is **representative at the regional (60% of LAC's population) and national levels**
- Includes strata of households with children and households without children
- Data collected from **June 01 to August 03 2020**
- **Includes convenient sample of Venezuelan immigrants in Trinidad and Tobago, Peru, Colombia, and Brazil.**
- **Implementing Partner:** Impact Initiatives

# Sectors/dimensions covered



## Education

- Continuation of learning
- Quality of learning



## Nutrition

- Meals per day
- Portion size



## Health

- Healthcare demand
- Healthcare access



## Child Protection

- Child labor



## WASH

- Demand for WASH supplies



## Social Inclusion

- Monetary poverty
- Sources of income
- Government assistance

Indicators can be disaggregated by country, income level, and migration status

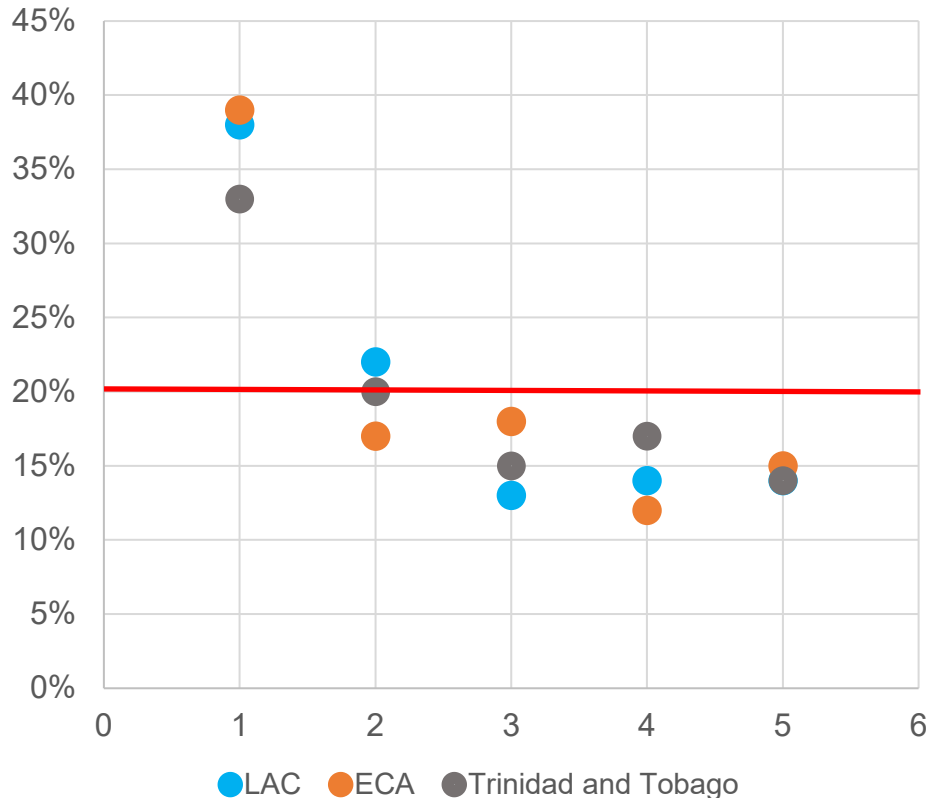
# In the Caribbean



# Impact of lockdown measures on all households



# Increasing proportion of households are sliding into the lowest income levels

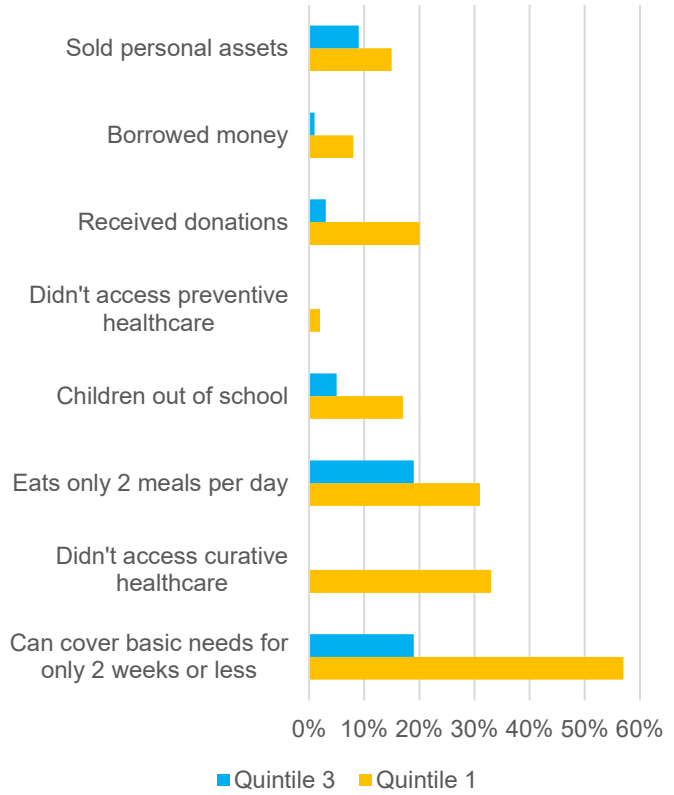


- Under normal circumstances, households would be evenly distributed across quintiles (20% each)
- Now, 38% of households are in the first quintile, while 24% are in the second one.
- Findings are similar for ECA, slightly better for Trinidad and Tobago

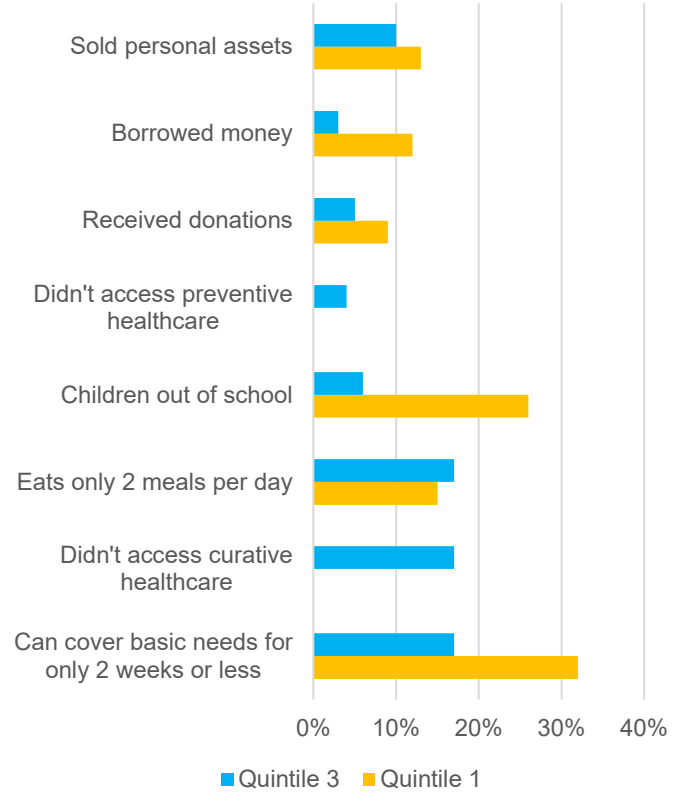
Those that were in the lowest income levels are struggling more



# ECA



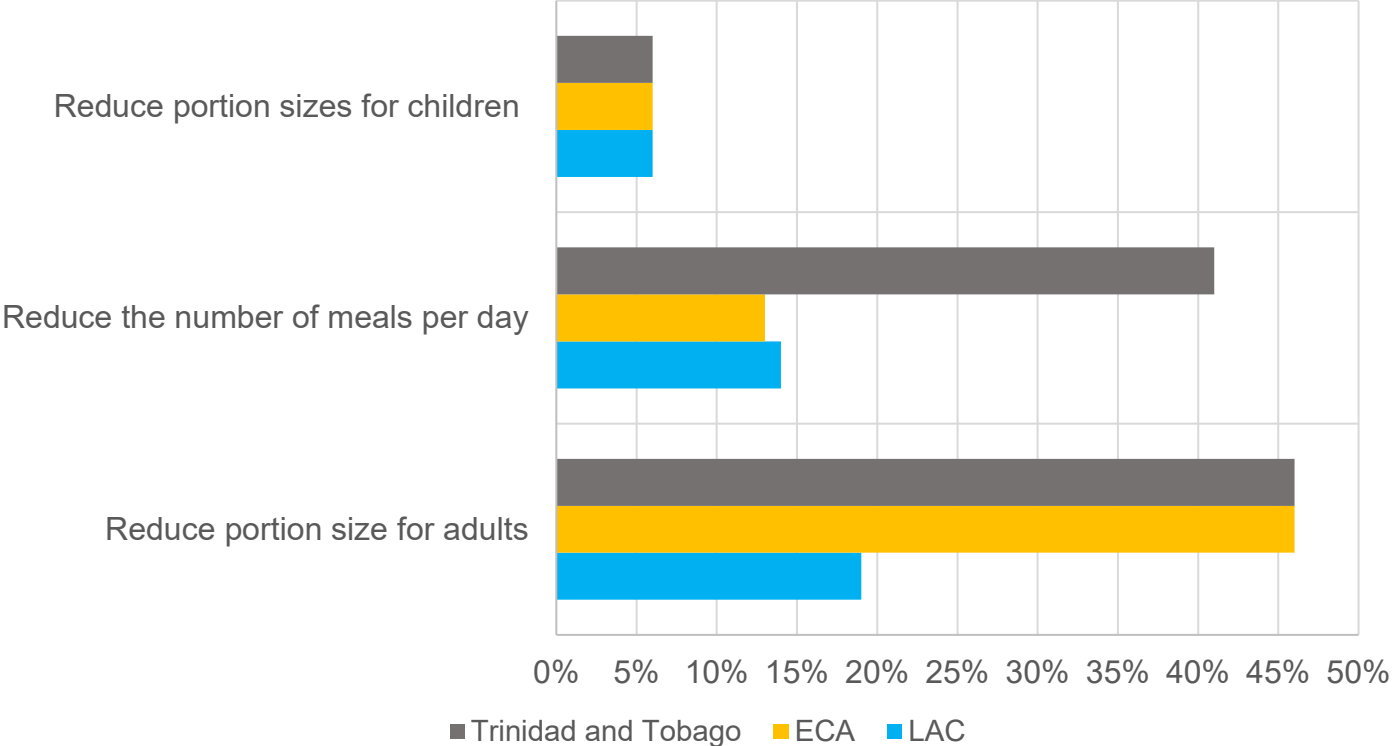
# Trinidad and Tobago



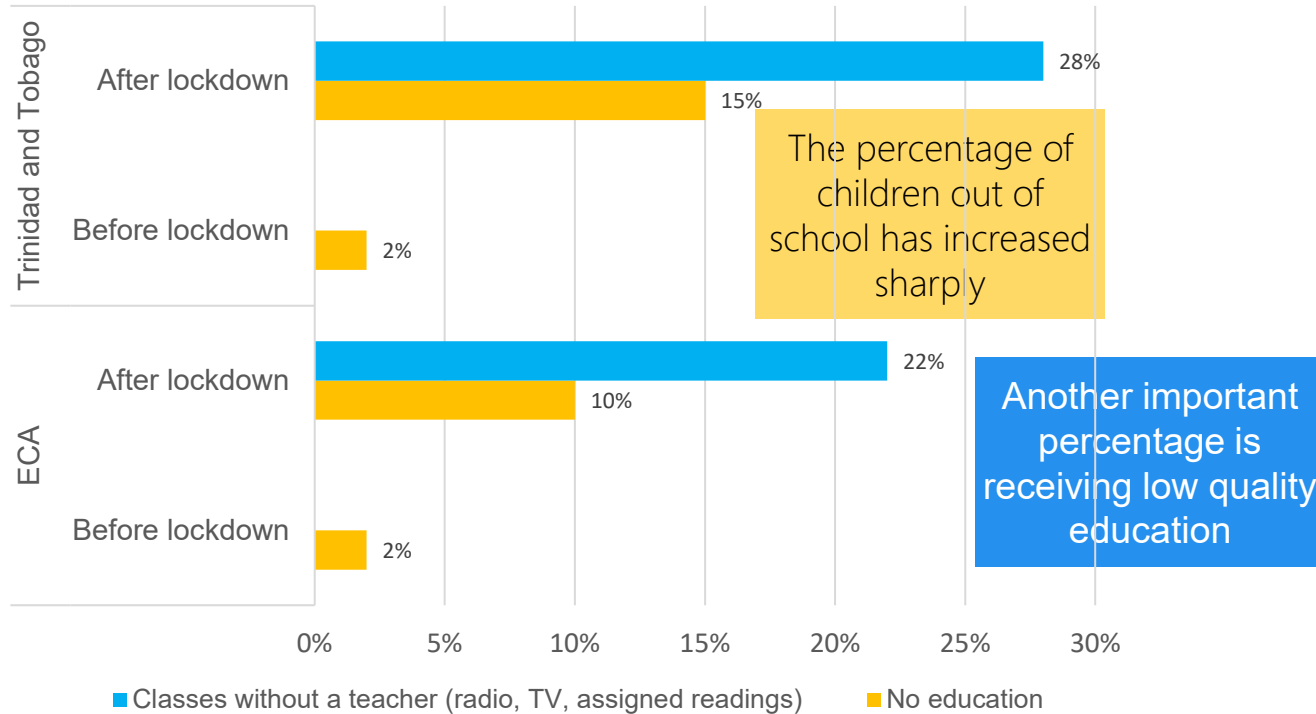


# Impact of lockdown measures on households with children

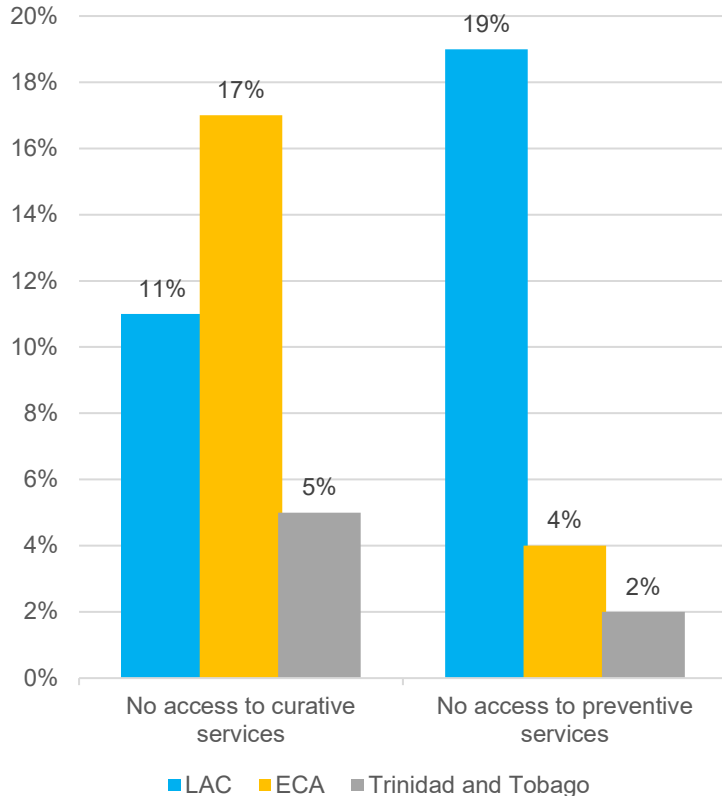
# Households with children are struggling to feed themselves



# Access to education has also taken a sharp turn downward



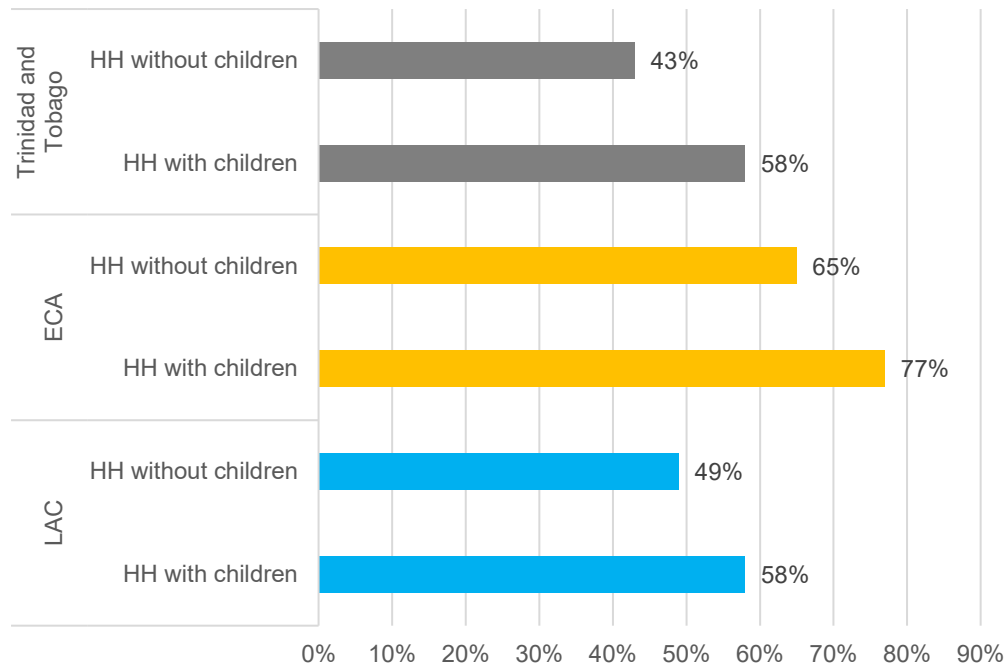
# A high number of households with children are foregoing preventive healthcare



- The main reasons blocking access are lack of capacity in the system (no healthcare supply), fear of contagion, and mobility restrictions.

\* Proportion among households that needed medical services.

# Households with children have a smaller cushion to rely on



In the region:

- The most pressing needs for households with children are food, employment, and healthcare.
- Over 10% of households also expressed need for help housing and education.
- 6% needs help with WASH supplies

# Key takeaways and future plans

# Takeaways/Key messages:

- While the lockdown is having a strong negative effect on households in the region, families with children are faring especially worse: COVID has doubled the number of families with children in the lowest income levels of society
- The pandemic is reversing gains across the region on all child rights indicators
- Prevailing inequities/gaps between poor and rich are widening in times of Covid
- The middle class also needs help

All countries are hurting, but some more than others