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## Comments

The objective of *The CISS-CIESS Survey on Long Term Care in Latin America and the Caribbean* is to gather the essential available information about Long Term Care (LTC) in the countries of the Continent on a single document.

The Survey was applied to members of CISS from April to July in 2005. Also it was required to be answered by those who visited or had taken any course or workshop at CIESS in the same months. It is worth commenting that we received information from 27 persons, who represent 13 out of 35 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Notwithstanding there is a consensus among Latin America and Caribbean countries about the need to design public policies focused on the elderly, the issue of LTC is not well understood in the region. This fact can make that the information provided herein varies across countries.

To facilitate the use of this document, we decided to present each question and its answers using figures and tables to allow easier access to information. At the end of the document we present the set of questions.

The interviewees were required to provide information about the institution they currently work and, to present general information about LTC policies in their countries. Nonetheless, in this document both levels are summarized.

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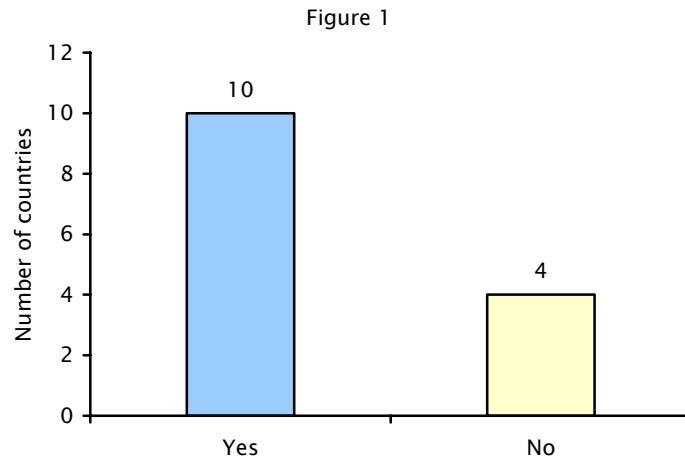
We hope this document constitutes a tool for all interested in the issue of Long Term Care in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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1. Is there any public program of long term care for elderly in your institution/country?



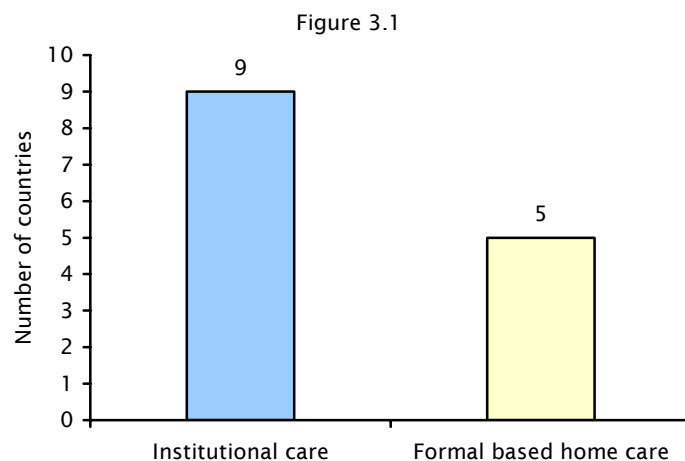
Note: See CISS Annual Report 2006 for LTC definition.

2. What is(are) the name(s) of the program(s)?

Table 2.1

Country	Program(s)	Since
Brazil	▪ Health family insurance	
Costa Rica	▪ Social benefits for Older adults	
	▪ Community center for elderly	1980
	▪ Home base care program	1990
Cuba	▪ Geriatric program	
	▪ Program for elderly	
Ecuador	▪ Social well-being service	1992
	▪ Program for elderly	
El Salvador	▪ Recreation center for elderly	1990
	▪ Program for elderly	2004
Grenada	▪ Public assistance program geriatric home	
Mexico	▪ Program for older adults	2002
Paraguay	▪ Community care for older adults	2003
Peru	▪ Home base care program	1995
	▪ Community care for older adults	
Dominican Rep.	▪ Program for older adults	

3. Coverage of the program:



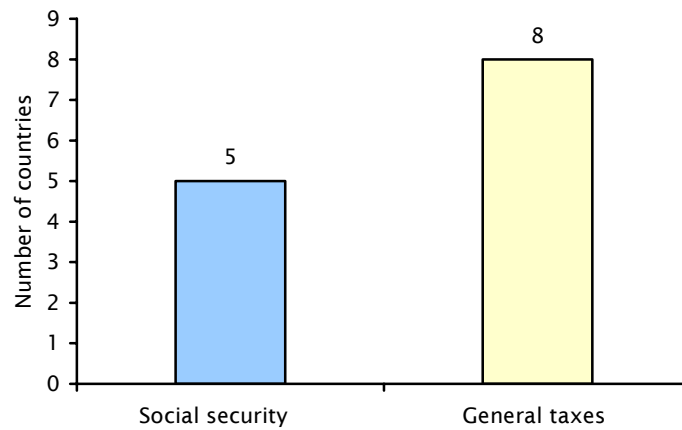
Note: See CISS Annual Report 2006 for definitions. Categories are not excluding.

Table 3.1  
Coverage offered by LTC programs, by country

	Institutional care	Formal home based care
Brazil	✓	✓
Costa Rica	✓	
Cuba	✓	✓
Dominican Rep.	✓	
Ecuador	✓	
El Salvador	✓	✓
Grenada		✓
Mexico	✓	
Paraguay	✓	✓
Peru	✓	

4. How is the program financed?

Figure 4.1



Note: Categories are not excluding

Table 4.1

	Social Security	General Taxes
Brazil		✓
Costa Rica	✓	✓
Cuba	✓	
Dominican Rep.		✓
Ecuador	✓	✓
El Salvador		✓
Grenada		✓
Mexico		✓
Paraguay	✓	✓
Peru	✓	

Note: The category "LTC security", which is actually included in the quiz, is not presented in Figure 4.1 and Table 4.1, because none of the interviewees selected it.

5. Private Market for LTC insurance: Only Brazil reported to have a voluntary private LTC insurance.



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The Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) is carrying out a research on long term care (LTC) for elderly in the Americas which will be included in its annual report 2006. According to World Health Organization (WHO) long-term care (LTC) includes activities undertaken for person that are not fully capable of self-care on a long-term basis, by informal caregivers (family and friends), by formal caregivers including professionals and paraprofessionals (health, social and others) and by traditional caregivers and volunteers. LTC does not include prevention, management of chronic disease, rehabilitation and acute care in general.

The CIESS appreciates your time to answer this survey and given definition above respond the next questions. If you don't have the information that we require, please forward this survey to someone you consider can provide us with the appropriate data or send us his/her e-mail so we can contact him/her directly.

The information you provide us in this survey is very important for our research and we would really be pleased to receive any other information on LTC via e-mail.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_

**I. INSTITUTION**

**2. COUNTRY**

I.1 Is there any public program of long term care for elderly in your institution?

2.1 Is there any public program of long term care for elderly in your country?

YES       NO (Go to 2.1)

YES       NO

I.2 What is(are) the name(s) of the program(s)

2.2 What is(are) the name(s) of the program(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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I.3 In what year did the program begin?

2.3 In what year did the program begin?

Program 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Program 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program 2 \_\_\_\_\_

I.4 Coverage of the program:

2.4 Coverage of the program:

Institutional care for elderly  
 Formal home care (For example: receiving nursing care at home)

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I.5 How is the program financed?

2.5 How is the program financed?

Program 1	Program 2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LTC Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Taxes

Program 1	Program 2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LTC Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Taxes

Other:

Other:

Program 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Program 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program 2 \_\_\_\_\_

2.6 Is there a voluntary LTC insurance in your country?

YES       NO

THANK YOU

For comments and suggestions please contact Jorge Huerta at: [j.huerta@ciss.org.mx](mailto:j.huerta@ciss.org.mx).

The CIESS is pleased by you interest answering this survey. We appreciate any additional information on the subject (document, working paper or triptych) that you might provide us via e-mail of mail to:

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