

Developing an integrated household survey programme

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Since 2018, the national statistics institute of Costa Rica has developed the project for the implementation of an integrated household survey system. The main goal of this project is to improve the coordination of household surveys to generate a more efficient use of resources and, thus, supply the growing demand for statistical information that the institution faces. The above, accompanied by the implementation of the most recent international recommendations in the production of statistics through household surveys. This effort has become more significant given the COVID-19 pandemic and the obstacles it generated, which were not only reflected in a change in the context in which household surveys are currently being developed, but also it forced the implementation changes in the processes to carry out these surveys and the application of new methodologies to counteract possible biases in the estimates. In this sense, the institution continues with the development of this project for the implementation of an integrated household survey system in the coming years, which allows improving the quality of statistical production and, at the same time, is more flexible to deal in a better way eventualities such as the COVID-19 pandemic.