

What's happening in the Andes Region?

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SOLUTIONS

In Ecuador, the "Stockholm+50 National Consultation" is being developed with the support of the UNDP. The objective is to collect reflections, ideas, and solutions from different actors in society, which will be included in a country report that will be presented at the Stockholm+50 World Conference, convened by the UN, in June 2022. More information [here](#)



CHALLENGES

In Colombia, financial inclusion continues to be a challenge. Credicorp's latest Financial Inclusion Index, which measures inclusion in terms of access, use and perceived quality of the formal financial system, gives Colombia (and Latin America) an inclusion score of 38.3/100. More information [here](#)



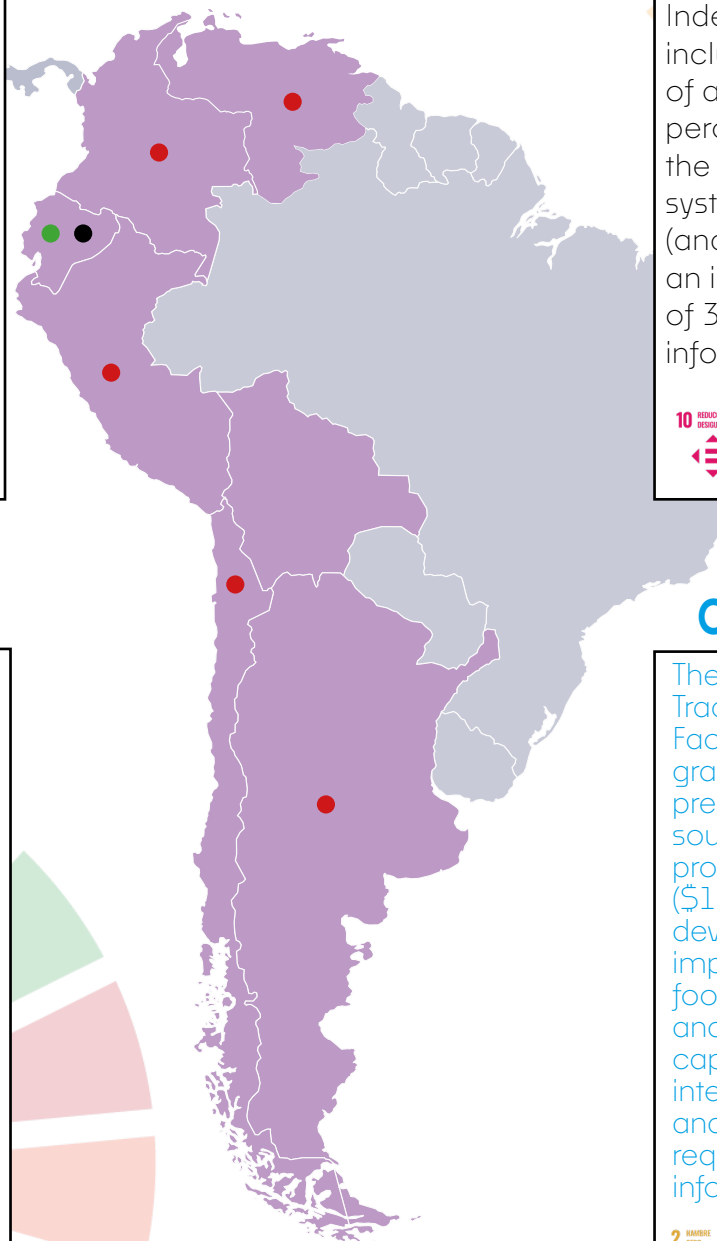
THREATS

The cost of food and energy rises in the region. The effects of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine have contributed to the increase in inflation. While the effect varies between countries, all are being affected. Important effects are seen in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela. This threatens to increase poverty and food insecurity. More information [here](#).



OPORTUNIDADES

The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) offers grants (\$50,000) to prepare technically sound and sustainable projects, and (\$1,000,000) to develop projects that improve food safety, food and animal and plant health capacity to meet international sanitary and phytosanitary requirements. More information [here](#)



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