



Latin American journal publishes IPC-IG evaluation of Brazil's *Bolsa Família* Programme

Brasilia, 20 August 2010 – A revised version of International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) Evaluation Note # 1 has been recently published in the latest issue of the **Latin American Research Review** – LARR (Vol. 45, No. 2). The article entitled “[Evaluating the Impact of Brazil’s Bolsa Família](#)” was written by Fabio Veras Soares, Rafael Perez Ribas and Rafael Guerreiro Osorio and takes Cash Transfer Programmes into a comparative perspective.

This note reviews the targeting performance of *Bolsa Família* and its impact on inequality, poverty, consumption, education, health care, and labour force participation. *Bolsa Família* has several design and implementation characteristics that distance it from a pure human-capital-based conditional cash transfer model. For that reason, the impact of *Bolsa Família* is compared to that of other conditional cash transfer programmes in Latin America, such as in Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, and Chile. The evaluation shows that, as other programmes, *Bolsa Família* has helped reduce inequality and extreme poverty and has improved education outcomes, without having a negative impact on labour force participation. Where the programme has failed to have its intended impact, in health and nutrition, supply-side constraints seem to be the principal problem.

- Read the LARR’s article at: http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/LARR/prot/fulltext/vol45no2/Soar-Riba-Osor_173-190_45-2.pdf
- The original Evaluation Note is available in [English](#) and in [Portuguese](#).

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