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Abstract

Social protection programs have become an important and effective tool to mitigate poverty and vulnerability. This document reviews the main cash transfer programs in Colombia. We study their history, targeting, coverage, operation, and fiscal commitments derived from their implementation. Likewise, we review the impact evaluations of these programs and their results in multiple social indicators. We hope that this document represents a starting point to consolidate the existing information about cash transfers in Colombia, in order to comprehensively understand the scope and challenges of these programs, as well as to identify possible areas of research and improvements.