

Who we are?

The Panorama of Aging and Long-term Care team is comprised of specialists from the Social Protection and Health Division of the Inter-American Development Bank and experts who share information and international experiences that focus on Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the section below we present our team.



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Marco Stampini joined the IDB's Social Protection and Health Division in May 2011. His work focuses on the preparation and evaluation of social protection strategies for the poor and vulnerable, with an emphasis on conditional cash transfer programs. Before joining the IDB, he was Principal Research Economist at the African Development Bank (2008-2011), a researcher at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (2002-07), and a consultant on various development topics for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Bank. He was also a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University and the University of Brasilia, and Senior Lecturer at the Catholic University of America. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as *World Development*, *Demography* and the *Journal of Comparative Economics*. Marco is a native of Italy, holds a doctorate in economics from Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and is a Fellow at the Institute of Labor (IZA) in Germany.



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