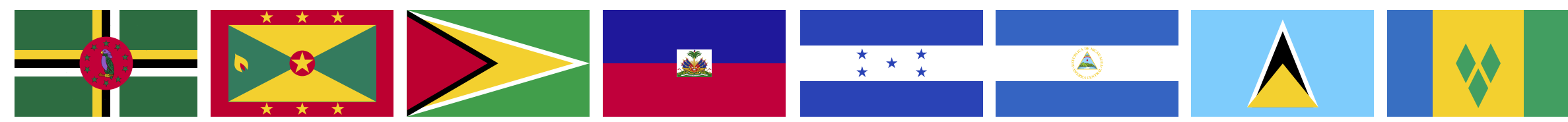


# 7 URGENT EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

According to UNICEF, more than 160 million children in Latin America and the Caribbean –**almost 100% of our students**– had their education affected as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic: In this context, what are the urgent challenges that education faces in our continent?



## 1. ADAPT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS TO THE NEW NORMAL

Designing learning leveling plans and adapting the school infrastructure to allow social distancing.

## 2. INCREASE ACCESS, COVERAGE, AND PERMANENCE IN THE SCHOOLS

Improve the quality of public education by prioritizing expansion of the pre-primary level and student retention at the secondary level.

## 3. IMPROVE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Aim for an education that looks beyond standardized test results and includes aspects of the vital development of students.

## 4. INNOVATE IN THE TARGETING OF EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Injecting more resources for students who need it most, particularly in rural schools.



## 5. STRENGTHEN TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Both in the pre-service and in-service education, betting on an improvement in the working conditions of teachers.

## 6. REDUCE GENDER DISPARITIES AND ADDRESS SEXUAL DIVERSITY

So that boys, girls, and adolescents, without distinction of gender, have the same opportunities.

## 7. STRENGTHEN A PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT PROMOTES SOCIAL COHESION

Generating options for quality public education without discrimination in access, moving towards an inclusive and intercultural education that allows the school to play the role of encounter that characterizes it.

