



INEQUALITY AND FISCAL REDISTRIBUTION IN MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru and South Africa

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What is CEQ: Description of Project

- The CEQ project is an initiative of:
 - The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR) and the Department of Economics, Tulane University, the Inter-American Dialogue and the Center for Global Development
- CEQ's goals are to:
 - Foster evidence-based policy discussion
 - Assist governments, multilateral institutions, and nongovernmental organizations in their efforts to build more equitable societies



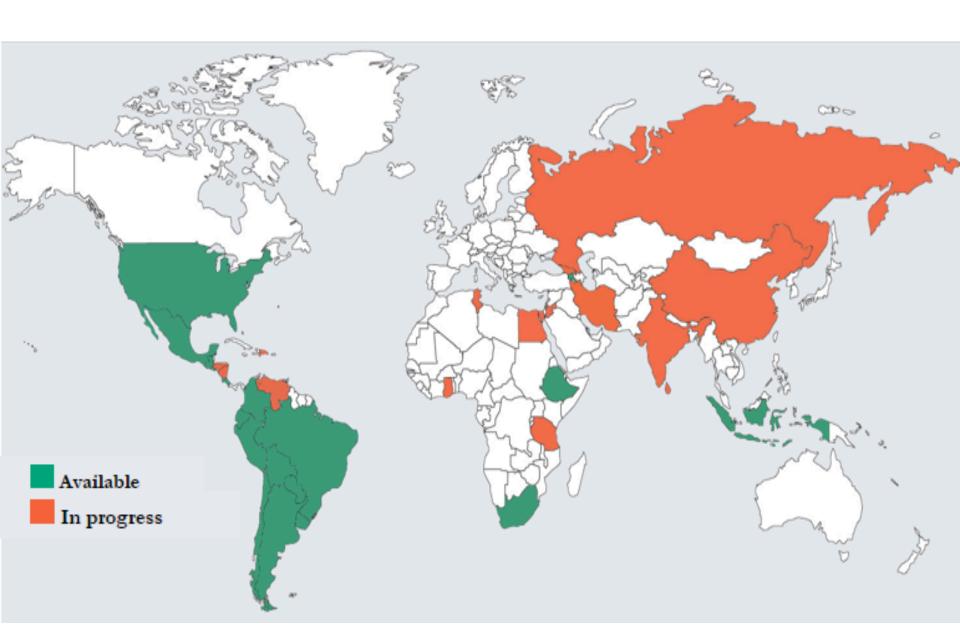
What is CEQ: the CEQ Assessment

The CEQ project developed the CEQ Assessment, a diagnostic instrument

- Comprehensive framework to analyze the effect of taxation and public spending on inequality and poverty
- Method: Fiscal Incidence analysis and qualitative diagnostic approach
- Application of a common methodology across countries makes cross-country comparisons more accurate
- Methodology is designed to be as comprehensive as possible without sacrificing detail in any particular component of the analysis



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Market Income

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Wages and salaries, income from capital, private transfers (remittances, private pensions, etc.) before taxes, social security contributions and government transfers AND contributory social insurance old-age pensions ONLY in the case in which pensions are treated as deferred income

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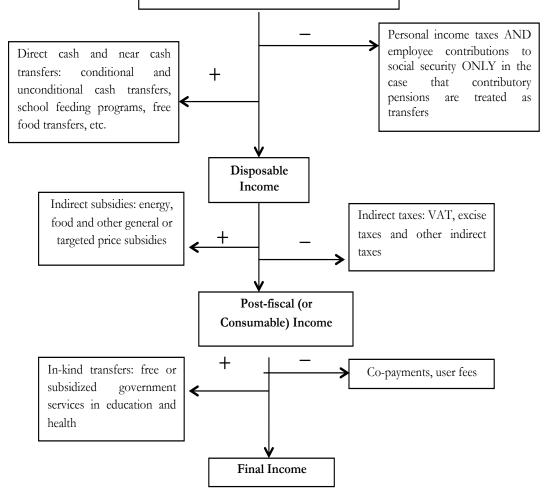
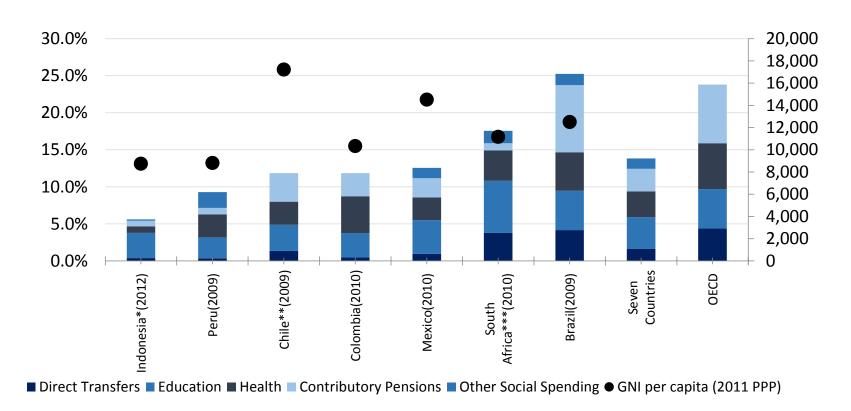


Figure 1: Size and composition of government budgets (circa 2010)

Panel a: Composition of Social Spending as a Share of GDP

(ranked by social spending/GDP)



Panel b: Composition of Total Government Revenues as a Share of GDP (ranked by total government revenue/GDP)

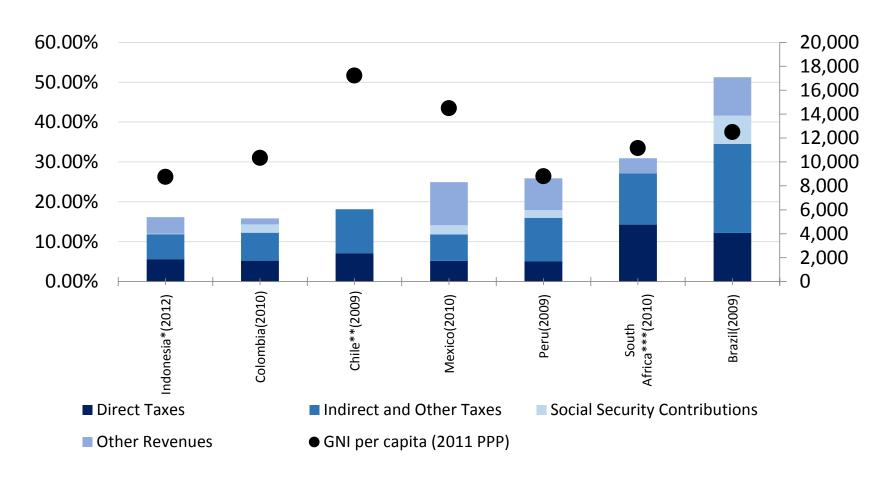
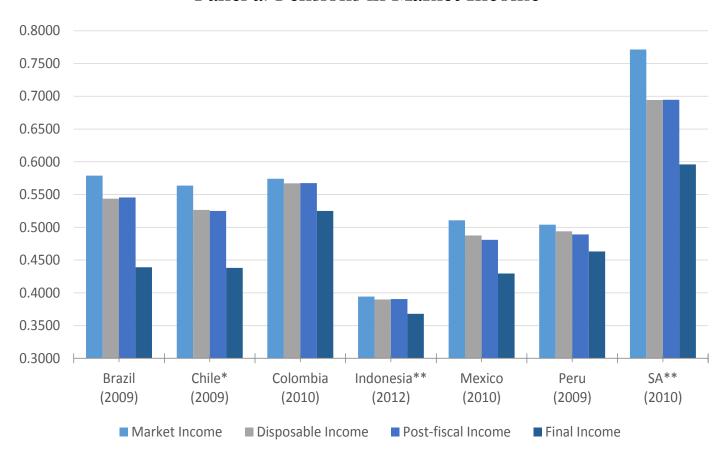


Figure 2: Fiscal Policy and Inequality (circa 2010) (Gini Coefficient for Market, Disposable, Post-fiscal and Final Income)

Panel a: Pensions in Market Income



Panel b: Pensions as Transfers

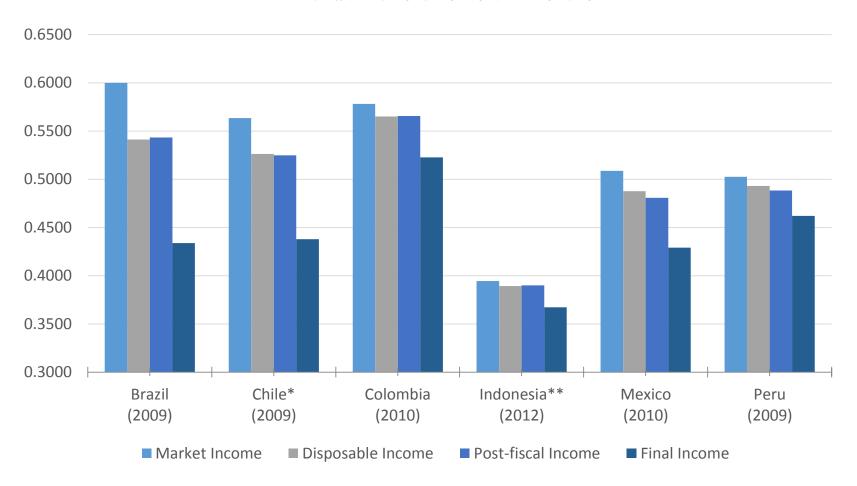
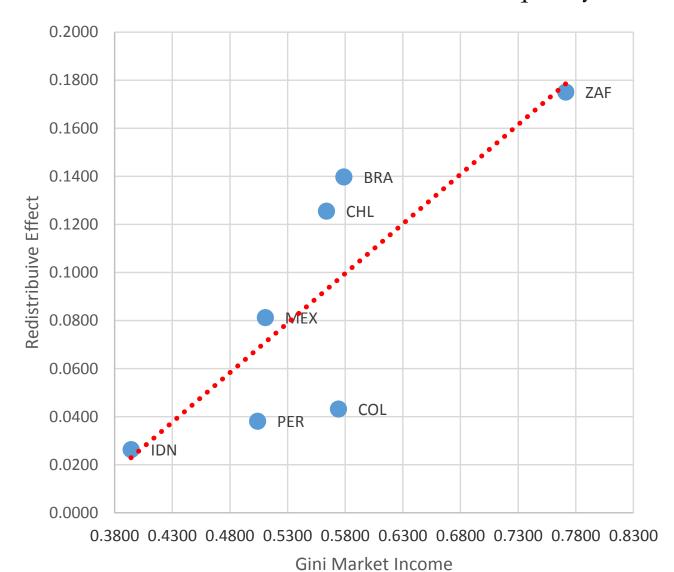


Table 1: Gini Coefficient for Pre-pension and Post-pension Market Income (circa 2010)

	Brazil (2009)	Chile ^a (2009)	Colombia (2010)	Indonesia ^b (2012)	Mexico (2008)	Peru (2009)	South Africa ^c (2010)
Pension as % GDP	9.06%	3.87%	3.14%	0.76%	2.60%	0.90%	0.97%
Gini Market Income w/o Pensions	0.5999	0.5635	0.5781	0.3944	0.5087	0.5025	
Gini Market Income w/Pensions	0.5788	0.5637	0.5742	0.3942	0.5107	0.5039	0.7712
Change in %	3.6%	-0.04%	0.7%	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.3%	
Change in ppts	0.0211	-0.0002	0.0039	0.0002	-0.0019	-0.0014	

A. Redistribution and market income inequality



B. Final income inequality and market income inequality

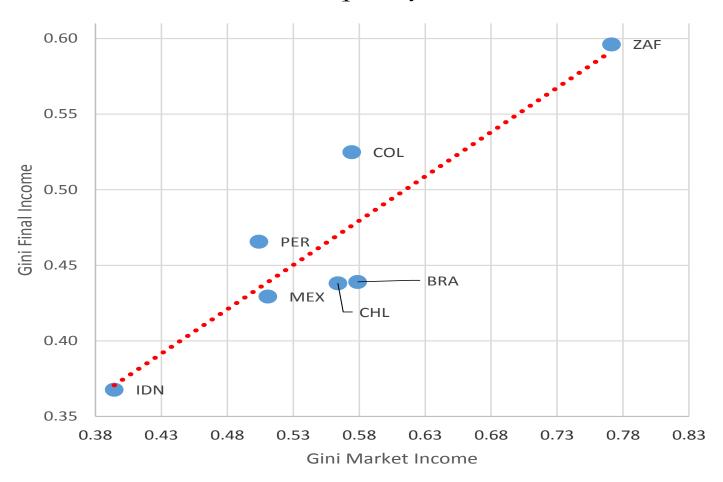
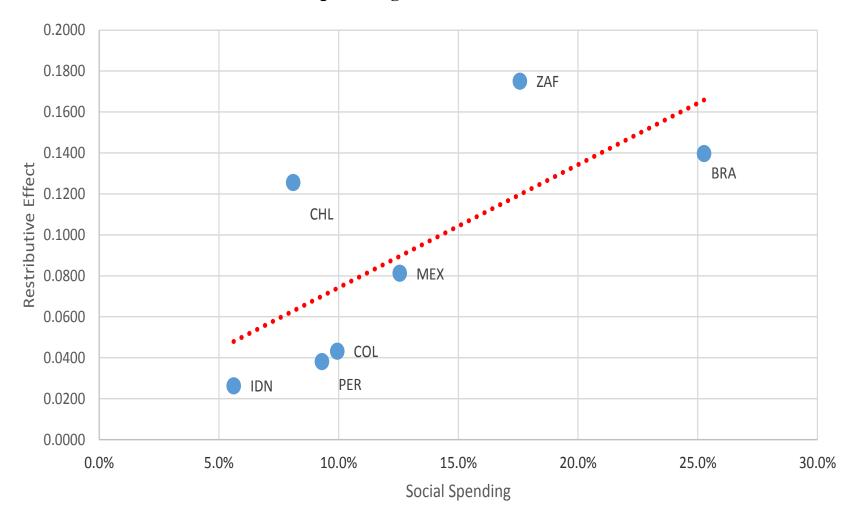
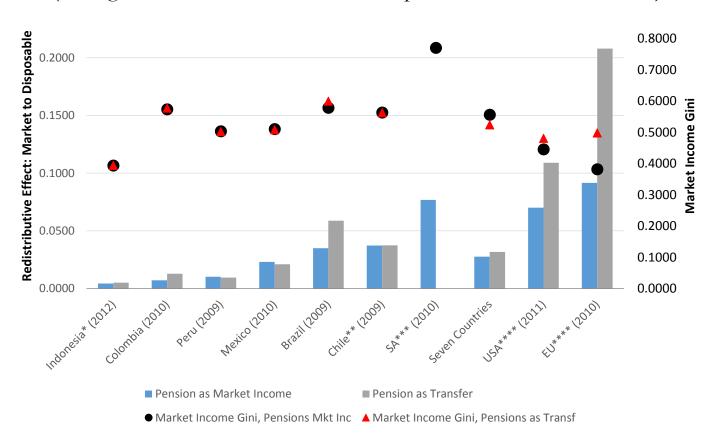


Figure 4. Redistribution and social spending, 2010



Redistributive Effect: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, South Africa EU and the United States

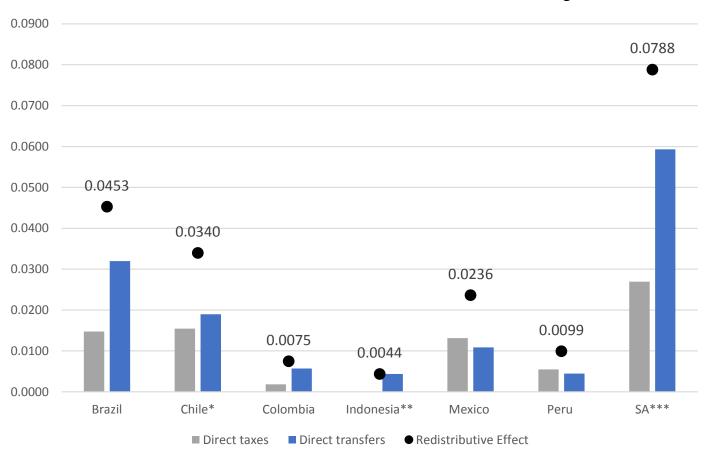
(Change in Gini Points: Market to Disposable Income; circa 2010)



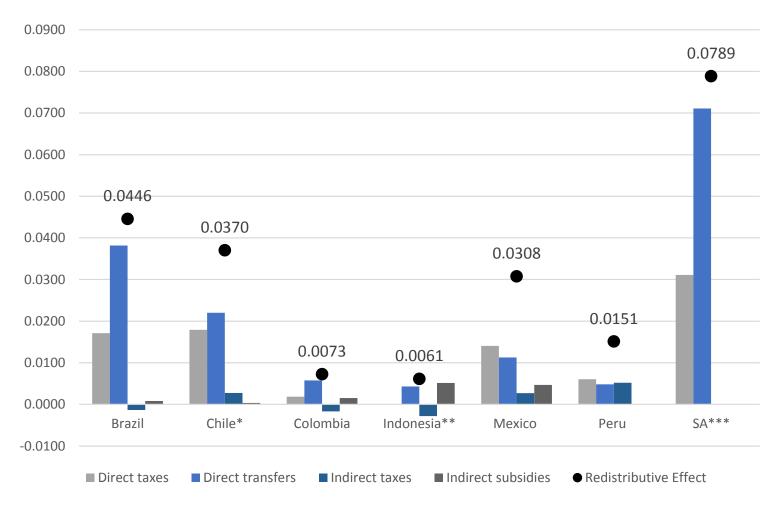
Marginal Contribution of Taxes and Transfers (circa 2010)

(Pensions as Market Income)

Panel a. Redistributive Effect from Market to Disposable

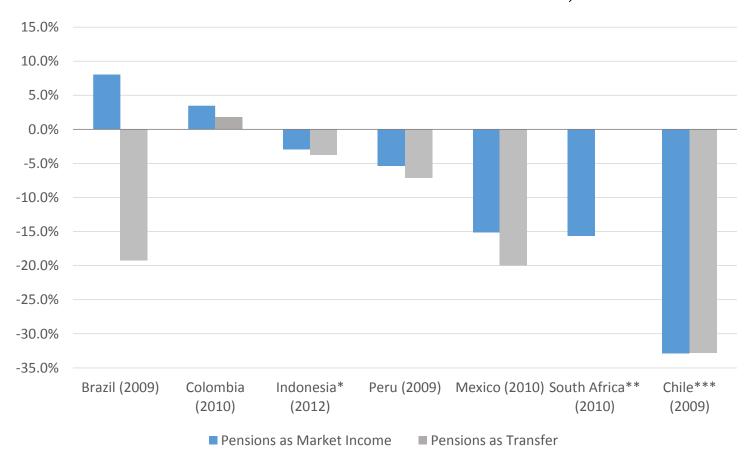


Panel b. Redistributive Effect from Market to Post-Fiscal



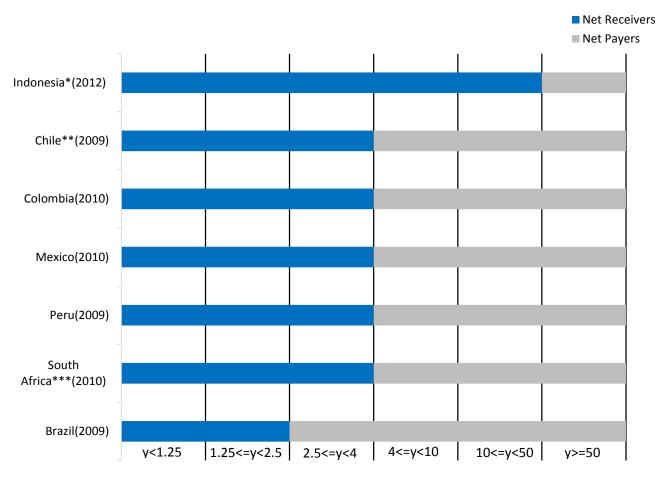
Fiscal Policy and Poverty Reduction (circa 2010)

(Change in Headcount Ratio from Market to Post-fiscal Income for Pensions in Market Income and Pensions in Transfers; in %) ^a



Net Payers to the Fiscal System (circa 2010)

Panel a: Pensions as Market Income



Progressivity and Pro-poorness of Education and Health Spending. Summary of Results

	Educ Total			Pre-school		Primary		Secondary		Tertiary				Health					
	Pro-poor CC is	Same per	1 -	Pro-poor CC is		Progressive CC	Pro-poor CC is			Pro-poor CC is		Progressive CC	Pro-poor CC is	Same per	Progressive CC	Regressive CC	Pro-poor CC is	Same per	Progressive CC
	negative	capita for all;	l'	-	capita for all;	positive but	negative	capita for all;		•	capita for all;	ľ		capita for all;	positive but	I.	negative	capita for all;	positive but
		CC =0	lower than		CC =0	lower than		CC =0	lower than		CC =0	lower than		CC =0	lower than	higher than		CC =0	lower than
			market			market			market			market			market	market			market
			income Gini			income Gini			income Gini			income Gini			income Gini	income Gini			income Gini
Brazil (2009)	+			+			+			+					+		+		
Chile (2009)	+			+			+			+					+		+		
Colombia (2010)	+			+			+			+					+		+		
Indonesia (2012)		+		na			+				+					+			+
Mexico (2010)	+			+			+			+					+			+	
Peru (2009)	+			+			+			+					+				+
South Africa (2010)	+			+			+			+					+		+		

^{*}CC is almost equal to market income Gini coefficient

If the Concentration Coefficient is higher or equal to -0.5 but not higher than 0.5, it was considered equal to 0.

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