

Claudia Vazquez

Senior Development Economist

Profile

Economist with 8 years of experience in the analysis, implementation, and evaluation of social programs with multilateral credit organizations.

Employment History

Programme Officer, International Organization for Migration (UN), Buenos Aires

January 2021 — present

- I manage the Programmes Unit, with a 7 million USD annual pipeline and a 15-people implementation team.
- I oversee the planning and implementation of direct support for migrants and host communities and technical assistance to governments.
- I am responsible for the liaison with Governments, Donors (PRM, EU, among others), implementing partners and private sector. I lead fundraising among public and private institutions.
- Focal point for the Refugee & Migrants Response Plan for Venezuela Platform, in close articulation with UNCHR, and for the UN Country Team.
- I developed the Operational Plan, the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, and support the update of the Country Office institutional strategy.
- I develop articles, proposals and presentations on labor migration, migrant protection and assistance, immigration management.

Independent consultant

October 2020 — December 2020

During this period, I consulted with a government agency for the development of evaluation plans and participated in international research projects on early childhood investments.

Consultant in Labor Markets and Social Security, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Argentina Country Office

October 2016 — Present

- Lead the technical dialogue with the Argentine government on labor markets, employment, social security, and skills development.
- Develop technical inputs to assist the Argentina Country Office in the strategic planning and programming process.
- Originate and prepare new loan operations to finance social policies in Argentina and other countries of the Southern Cone.
- Produce annexes to the project main document related to development effectiveness, such as the monitoring and evaluation

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Skills

Design and implementation of social policies

Experience in operations and project management

Impact evaluation and development effectiveness

Microeconometrics and programming in STATA and R

Ex-ante economic evaluations

Oral and written communication

Editing of texts in LATEX

Independence and self-learning

Sectors

Labor markets and social security

Vocational education and training

Early childhood development

Poverty and income distribution

Gender and diversity

Health and social protection

Migration

plan, the ex-ante economic evaluation, and the results matrix.

- Supervise operations in Argentina, preparing reports, administration missions and meetings with executors, reviewing analytical products.
- Lead technical assistance projects for Argentina in social inclusion and skills development and participate in technical cooperation projects in other sectors.
- Coordinate with other IDB Departments and institutions of the Group strategies to mainstream labor and social security issues.
- Design and supervise impact evaluations of the social programs in the portfolio.
- Conduct applied research, including the preparation of academic articles and the dissemination of results.

Consultant in Labor Markets and Social Security, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Washington, DC

July 2014 — October 2016

- Conducted a quasi-experimental impact evaluation of a training program in Chile using administrative data from social security.
- Prepared reports of baseline and follow-up surveys for the experimental evaluation of other labor programs in Chile.
- Designed and validated of instruments to survey the employment situation of youth and women in Chile and produced technical notes.
- Provided sector inputs for the definition of the IDB strategy for the countries in the Southern Cone.

Consultant in the Under secretariat of Competitiveness, Ministry of Economy and Public Finance, Argentina.

February 2012 — June 2014

- Developed and implemented a monitoring and evaluation system for trade policies based on administrative data.
- Prepared loan operations with multilateral credit organizations.

Research Assistant at Research Center for the Transformation (CENIT), Buenos Aires.

July 2009 — January 2012

- Led field work in Chaco, Argentina, coordinating participatory workshops with small cotton producers to understand the process of adopting GM cotton.
- Implemented a survey of researchers to estimate benefits of university-firms interaction.

Publications

Behrman, J. R. y Claudia Vazquez (2021), "Early-life Human Capital Investments in SSA", forthcoming.

Lopez Boo, F., J. R. Behrman and C. Vazquez (2020), "Economic Costs of Preprimary Reductions due to COVID-19 Pandemic", forthcoming.

Regions

Latin America and the Caribbean

Languages

Spanish (native)

English (fluent)

Implementation projects with OIM

Strengthening the regional response to the massive migration of Venezuelan nationals to North, South, Central America and the Caribbean (PRM).

Support for Integrated Border Management in Latin America (EU).

Support to the National Program for the fight against trafficking in Argentina (IDF-OIM).

Sustainable Resettlement and Complementary Pathways Initiative (EU).

Institutional Strengthening of Local Governments and Mainstreaming of Migration into Local Development (IDF-OIM).

Projects as an independent consultant

The "Plug and Play" program for cost of inaction for early life investments in low / middle-income countries (OSF and ECDAN).

Harnessing the power of global data to support young children's learning and development: Analyzes, dissemination, and implementation (UKRI GCRF).

Early-Life Human Capital Investments in Sub-Saharan Africa (AERC).

Richter, L.M et al. (2020), "Measuring and forecasting progress in education: What about early childhood?", forthcoming.

Novella, R., L. Ripani and C. Vazquez (2020). "Conditional Cash Transfers, Female Bargaining Power and Parental Labor Supply". *The Journal of International Development*, forthcoming.

Novella, R., G. Rucci, C. Vazquez and D.S. Kaplan (2017). "Training Vouchers and Labor Market Outcomes in Chile". *LABOUR*.

Lopez Boo, F., J. R. Behrman and C. Vazquez (2017). "The Cost of Inaction (Col) for reducing inequities in Stunting" *The Lancet* 389 (Web Appendix).

Lopez Boo, F., J. R. Behrman and C. Vazquez (2017). "The Cost of Inaction in Early Childhood Interventions in Latin America and the Caribbean". *The Lancet* 389 (Web Appendix).

Novella, R., L. Ripani, A. Suaya, L. Tejerina and C. Vazquez (2016). "Trading Places: A Decade of Earnings Mobility in Chile and Nicaragua". *Research in Labor Economics* 44.

Novella, R., G. Rucci y C. Vazquez (2015). "Porque No Quiero o Porque no Puedo: ¿Cuánto no Sabemos de la Participación Laboral Femenina en Chile?". Technical Note No. 842. IDB.

Arza, V. and C. Vazquez (2012). "Firms' Linkages with Universities and Public Research Institutes in Argentina: Factors Driving the Selection of Different Channels". *Prometheus: Critical Studies in Innovation* 30.1

Arza, V., C. Vazquez and L. Goldberg (2012). "Difusión del Algodón GM e Impacto en la Rentabilidad de los Pequeños Productores de la Provincia de Chaco". *CEPAL* 107, 137-156.

Arza, V. and C. Vazquez (2010). "Interactions between Public Research Organizations and Industry in Argentina: Analysis of Channels and Benefits for Researchers and Firms". *Science and Public Policy* 37.7.

Education

PhD in Economics, University of San Andrés.

2021 — 2023 (expected)

Master's in Economics, National University of La Plata (UNLP).

2011 — 2012

Thesis: "Impact of Research Grants on Scientific Productivity". Grade: 9/10.

Degree in "Big Data", Technological Institute of Buenos Aires (ITBA).

April 2014 — November 2014

Master's in Political Science, National University of San Martín (UNSAM).

2009 — 2010

Thesis: "Impact of a Non-Contributory Pension program on the organization of care: the case of Brazil".

BA in Economics, University Buenos Aires (UBA).

2002 — 2007

Financing projects with the IDB

Immediate public health response in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic to contain, control and mitigate its effect in health service provision in Argentina, \$470 M

Program to support the equity and effectiveness of the social safety net in Argentina -phase II, \$600 M

Program of strengthening and integration of health networks of the province of Buenos Aires, \$150 M

Program to support gender equality policies, \$200 M

Program to support the equity and effectiveness of the social safety net in Argentina -phase I, \$900 M

Program to support the national early childhood plan and the policy for universalization of early childhood education, \$200 M

Social and urban integration program, \$50 M

Urban integration and social and educational inclusion program in the City of Buenos Aires, \$100 M

Program to promote the development of skills for the future in Paraguay, \$30 M

Technical cooperation projects with the IDB

Support for skills development policies for productive transformation, \$0.25 M

Human capital development to improve the competitiveness of the textile sector in Argentina, \$0.5 M

Public-private partnership for

Courses

"Multidimensional Poverty Analysis", Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). Beijing.

June 2016

"Pathways to Sustainability", Sussex University, Brighton.

June 2012

Teaching

Industrial Organization, Department of Economic, University of Buenos Aires (UBA).

2014 — Present

Data management using STATA, Center for Studies on Science, Development and Higher Education.

2014 — Present

economic gender parity in Argentina, \$0.25 M

Strengthening of the National Agency for Disability (NAD), \$0.68 M

WorkerTech: new job opportunities through an integrated digital ecosystem for worker support, \$0.85 M

Support for the development of social protection policies for vulnerable populations in Argentina, \$0.35 M

Research projects in CENIT

Enhancing socioeconomic benefits of small farmers using GM cotton in Mercosur (IDRC)

Interactions between universities and firms: searching for paths to support the changing role of universities in the South (IDRC)

Overcoming barriers to investment and financing in Argentina (GOF)

Classification of Uruguayan exports by technological content (IDB)

The impact of research subsidies on the productivity of principal investigators (MINCYT-Argentina)