Almost 1 in 3 households with children are living in survival mode

More than two years into the pandemic, many families with children in Latin America and the Caribbean haven’t bounced back.

Not all adults with children have recovered the jobs they lost during the pandemic.

Adults with children are more likely to have precarious jobs than those without children.

During the pandemic, many families started skipping meals.

Many of them also put less food on their plates.

Families with children say their top needs are:

But they have less support now, even as their needs persist.

By investing in children and giving their families the support they need, governments can reduce the lifelong effects of poverty, helping them and the whole region thrive.

Source: Survey conducted by UNICEF in collaboration with REACH. Household-level data was collected by phone in two rounds in 12 countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay) and the Eastern Caribbean. The first round collected data between June and August 2020 and the second round collected data between November 2021 and March 2022. Results are statistically representative at a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error.