Public employment increased the most in the Dominican Republic

In 2018, public employment in the Dominican Republic reached 14.8% of total employment, which is above the LAC average (11.9%). Between 2011 and 2018 public employment in the Dominican Republic increased by 1.8 percentage points, the largest increase in the region, reflecting an opposite trend experienced in the region, where it decreased by 0.4 percentage points on average.

Chapter 3: Public employment
3.1. Public sector employment as a percentage of total employment, 2011 and 2018

The Dominican Republic support public procurement of women owned enterprises

Only 25% of countries in LAC, including the Dominican Republic, have policies at place to promote procurement from women-owned enterprises. These policies could be a powerful tool for fostering women entrepreneurship and contribute in achieving gender equality.

Chapter 10: Public procurement
10.4. Strategic public procurement by objective, 2015 and 2018

Satisfaction with education is comparatively high

In 2018, 78% of people reported to be satisfied with the education system, the second highest in the region and above the LAC (63%) and OECD (66%) averages. Moreover, between 2007 and 2018, satisfaction with education increased by 7 percentage points, the third largest increase in the region.

Chapter 11: Core government results
11.11. Citizen satisfaction with the education system and schools, 2007 and 2018
**Public Finance and Economics**

**Fiscal balance (2018)**

- Dominican Republic: -2.3%
- LAC average: -2.9%
- OECD average: -4.3%

**Government gross debt (2018)**

- Dominican Republic: 50.5%
- LAC average: 108.6%
- OECD average: 64.7%

**Public Employment**

**Government investment (2017)**

- Dominican Republic: 1.6%
- LAC average: 3.1%

**Public sector employment as % of total employment (2018)**

- Dominican Republic: 14.8%
- LAC average: 21.1%

**Gender equality in public sector employment (2018)**

- Dominican Republic: 50.9%

**Public Procurement**

**Government procurement expenditures (2017)**

- Dominican Republic: 6.0%

**Strategic public procurement by objective (2018)**

- Support to green public procurement: Some strategies have been developed at a central level.
- Support to SMEs: There has never been a strategy/policy in place.
- Support to innovative goods and services: Some procuring entities have developed an internal strategy/policy.
- Support to women-owned businesses: A strategy/policy has been rescinded.
- Support to responsible business conduct: Public entities have acted to avoid conflict of interests.
Core Government Results

Rule of Law Index: Constraint to government powers (2019)

Dominican Republic
0.45
0.53
0.76

Source: World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2018)

National government
Dominican Republic
42%
34%

Average
34%

Range
42%
34%

Judicial system
Dominican Republic
34%

Average
56%

Range
49%

Health care
Dominican Republic
63%

Average
78%

Range
63%

Education system
Dominican Republic
78%

Average
63%

Range
78%

Source: Gallup World Poll

Gini coefficient: Differences in income inequality pre and post-tax and government transfers (2017)

Indicator from 0 (low income concentration) to 1 (high income concentration)

Dominican Republic
0.44

Higher inequality
Lower inequality
Before
After
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0


Notes
LAC and OECD averages for Public finance and economics and Government procurement expenditures are weighted.
* Costs of goods and services financed by general government are not included in government procurement because they are not accounted separately in the IMF Government Finance Statistics (database).

For more information on the data (including full methodology and figure notes) and to consult all other Country Fact Sheets:

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