This brief provides an update to the Human Capital Index (HCI). First launched in 2018, the HCI measures the amount of human capital that a child born today can expect to attain by age 18. It conveys the productivity of the next generation of workers compared to a benchmark of complete education and full health. Worldwide a child born in 2020 can expect, on average, to be 56 percent as productive as she could be when she grows up. All data represent the status of countries pre-COVID-19.

**THE HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX**

**Human Capital Index.** A child born in Costa Rica today will be **63 percent** as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health. This is higher than the average for Latin America & Caribbean region and Upper middle income countries. Between 2010 and 2020, the HCI value for Costa Rica increased from 0.60 to 0.63. Figure 1 shows how the HCI and each of the components evolved over time.

- **Probability of Survival to Age 5.** 99 out of 100 children born in Costa Rica survive to age 5.
- **Expected Years of School.** In Costa Rica, a child who starts school at age 4 can expect to complete **13.1 years** of school by her 18th birthday.
- **Harmonized Test Scores.** Students in Costa Rica score **429** on a scale where 625 represents advanced attainment and 300 represents minimum attainment.
- **Learning-adjusted Years of School.** Factoring in what children actually learn, expected years of school is only **9 years**.
- **Adult Survival Rate.** Across Costa Rica, **92 percent** of 15-year olds will survive until age 60. This statistic is a proxy for the range of health risks that a child born today would experience as an adult under current conditions.
- **Healthy Growth (Not Stunted Rate).** Data on stunting are not available for Costa Rica.

**DIFFERENCES IN HCI ACROSS GENDER AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS**

In Costa Rica, the HCI for girls is higher than for boys. Table 1 shows gender disaggregation for each of the HCI components.

In Costa Rica, there are not sufficient data to disaggregate HCI by socio-economic groups.

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