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## Abstract

Given the human, social and economic impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) across the world and in Latin American and Caribbean countries, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has, since the onset of the pandemic, focused its work agenda on the pandemic. To contribute to these efforts, this paper presents the Methodology for the Assessment of Disasters (known as Damage and Loss Assessment – DaLa) developed by ECLAC, and its applicability in the national assessments of the effects of COVID-19. ECLAC is therefore making this tool and the technical support for its implementation available to the countries. In the current context, it is important to have a consistent methodology with which to examine the sectoral effects of the event.

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