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## GENERAL M&E UPDATE

In May and June of 2016, JDC conducted a vulnerability study aimed at measuring the living conditions of impoverished Jewish families in the provinces of Argentina. The study was based on a vulnerability model designed by the Catholic University of Argentina. It was adapted to Jewish families and conducted among beneficiaries of the Mezonot program, JDC's largest welfare program in Argentina. It was also carried out in Uruguay among beneficiaries of the Tzedaka Foundation in that country. The results are helping JDC and other welfare organizations better understand the needs of families under their care, as well as the obstacles they face for full economic and social integration.

Another recent investigation was conducted under the direction of sociologist Gabriel Kessler, a renowned poverty specialist. Titled "Diagnosis and Future Scenarios of Poverty and Vulnerability in the Argentine Jewish Population," Dr. Kessler's research is based on data collected throughout the country. It analyzes the current state of poverty and needs within Jewish communities in order to provide information for future welfare policies. This type of investigation had not taken place in Argentina for many years.