

## Chile (The Call for Innovative and Open Government: An Overview of Country Initiatives)

If we define service delivery as government expenditure in education, health, social security, etc., the 2008-09 global crisis did not affect service delivery. In contrast to other OECD member countries, the fiscal balance rule followed by Chile for several years allowed the country to expand government expenditure during the crisis (in 2009, Chile's fiscal deficit reached 4.4% of GDP, which is significantly lower than the OECD average.) As such, in the case of Chile, the crisis did not force fiscal consolidation. Actually, acting counter cyclically, Chile's fiscal expenses during 2009 increased by 16.9% in order to boost employment, reactivate the economy and support social services.

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