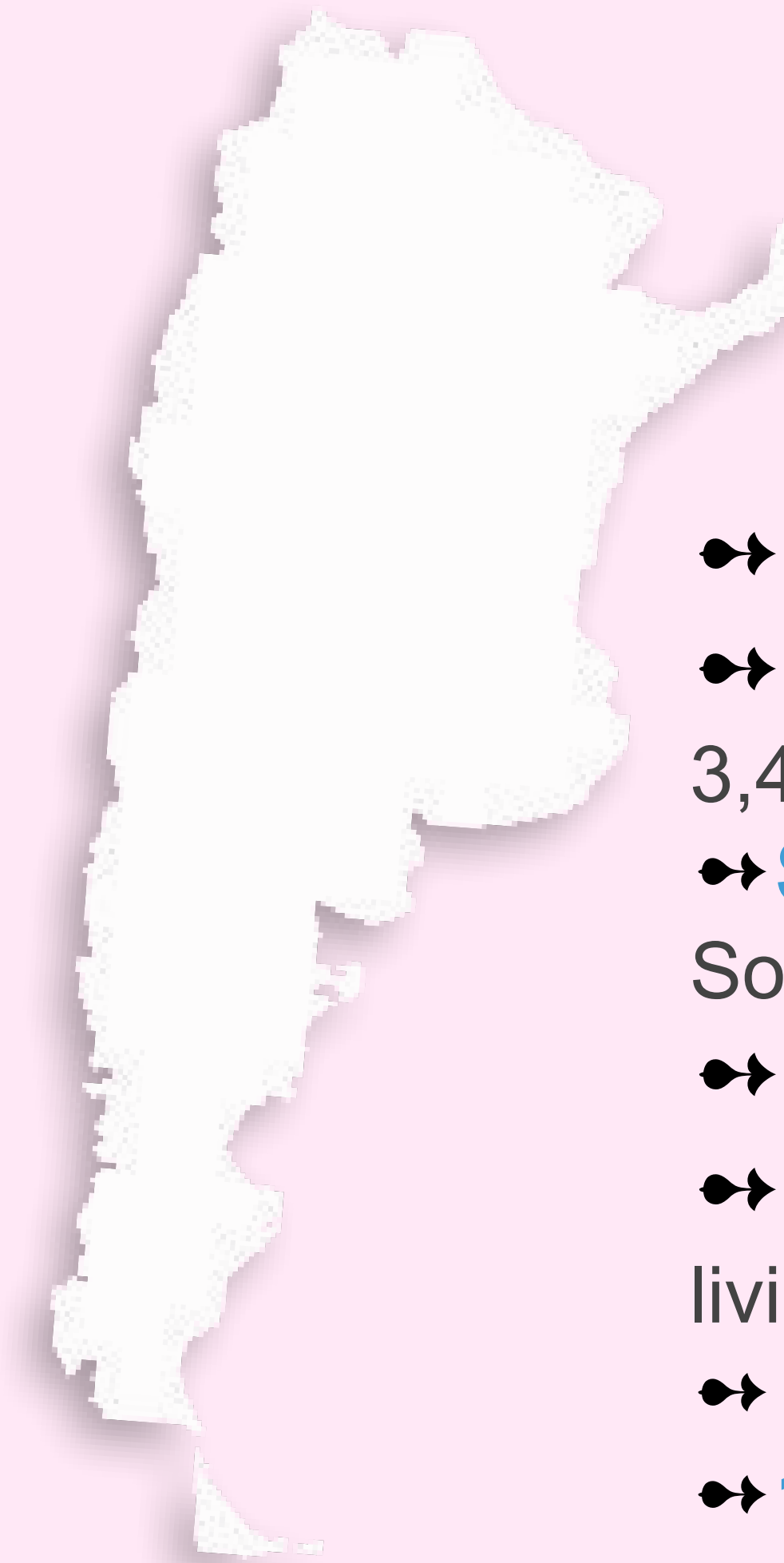


A child is born to a woman under 20 years old every 5 minutes

"A SOCIAL EPIDEMIC": Teen Pregnancy in Argentina

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- Population: 44,016,602
- Population aged 15-19: 3,464,000
- Second largest economy in South America
- IMR: 11.1 per 1,000 live births
- 8.4% of children up to age 17 living in extreme poverty
- 42.67:GINI index
- 19.77% youth unemployment rate

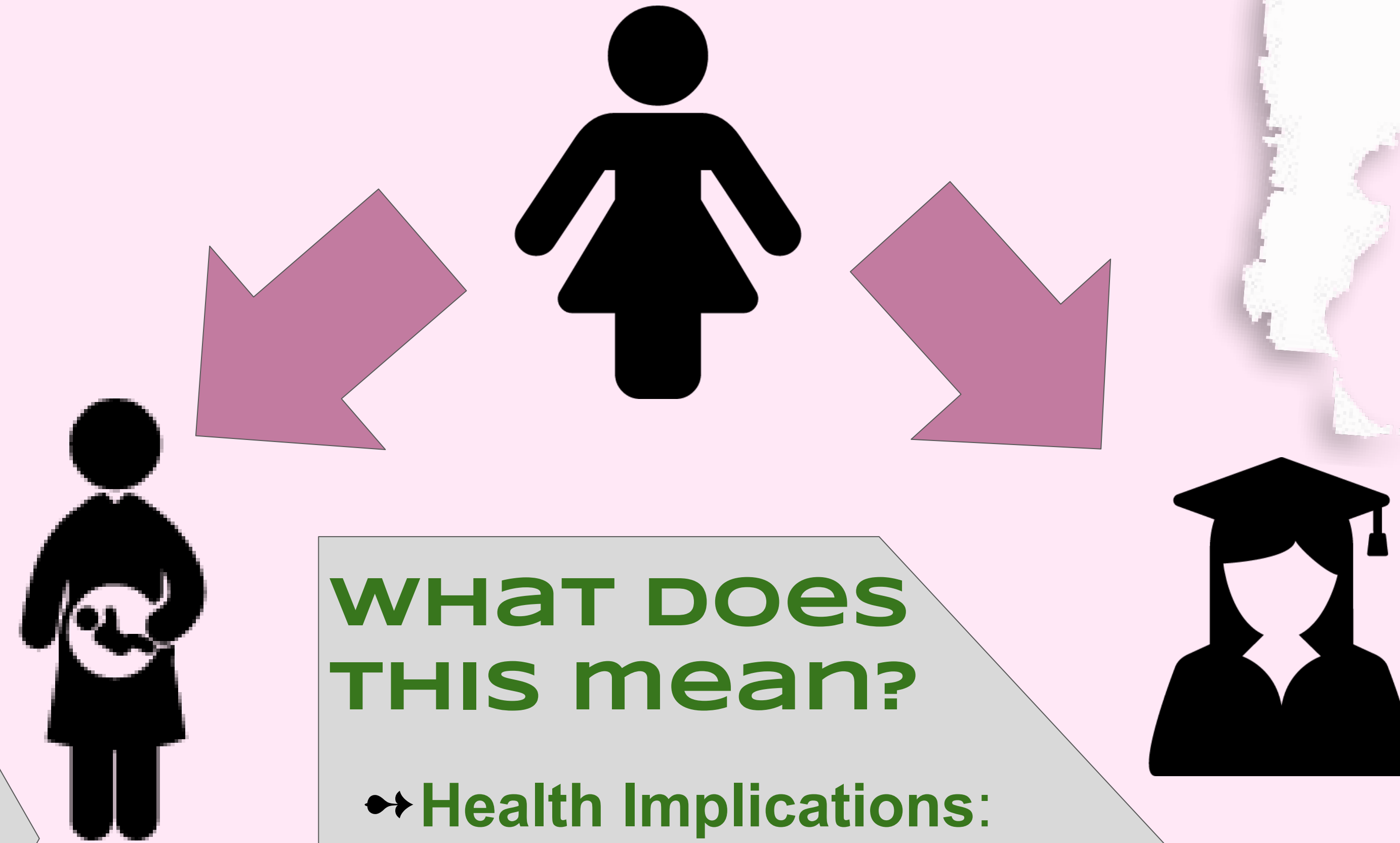
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- 64 out of every 1,000 live births are from women 15-19 years old in 2014. Rates have overall increased since 2007
- MMR: 52 per 100,000 live births-underreported, adolescents at high risk for complications and unsafe abortions due to illegal abortion status
- MMR for adolescents < 15 years old: 18.5 per 10,000
- 50% of teens say they don't use condoms or don't use them correctly
- Less educated women living in poor, rural areas most at risk.



18% of births in Latin America are to girls 15-19 years old, compared to 11% worldwide

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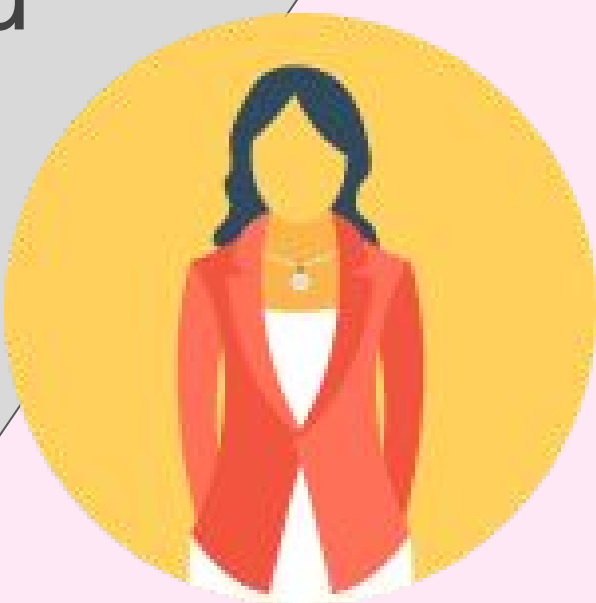
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Health Implications:**
 - Higher MCH health risks for adolescent mother
 - Abandoned children
 - Rise in unsafe abortion
- Economic Implications:**
 - Lack of intellectual capital due to large pool of untapped potential
 - Slowed economic growth
- Social Implications:**
 - Stigma
 - 'Ni-Ni's': youth (63% women) in Argentina that neither study nor work



WHAT'S BEING DONE?

- National Sex Ed Program with gender rights perspective targeting low income communities
- Push for comprehensive abortion legislation and sex education
- FEIM educating teens and distributing resources



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