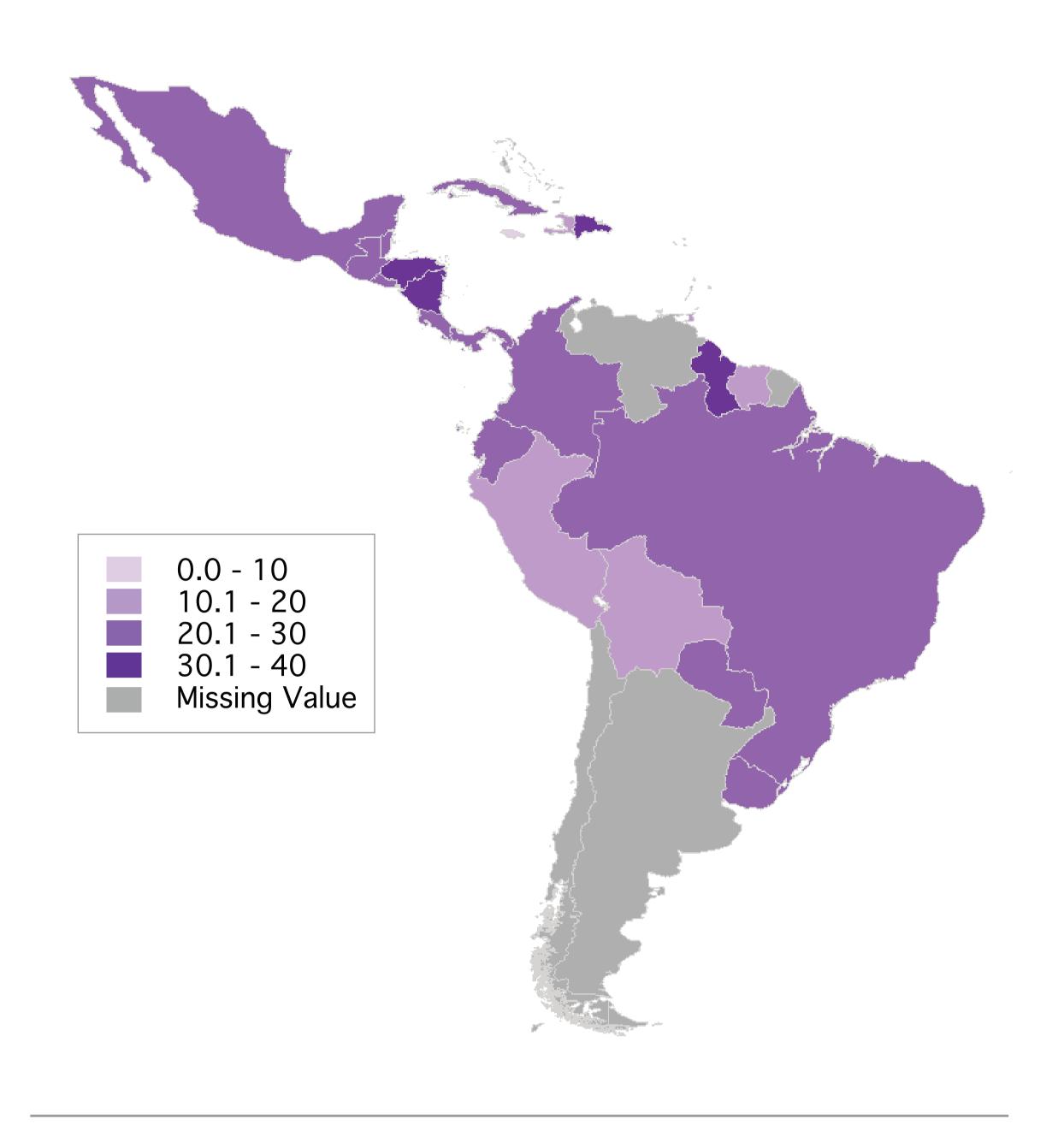
End Child Marriage and Early Unions in Latin America and the Caribbean:

the time is NOW

Latin America and the Caribbean is the only region with no reductions in child marriage and early unions over the past 25 years.



Child marriage and early unions are a reality in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Nearly 60 million adolescent girls were married before the age of 18.



YOUNG WOMEN

were married/in a union before 18

Informal unions make up about 70% of all unions among girls aged 15-17 years.

The drivers of child marriage and early unions in Latin America and the Caribbean represent the gender inequalities girls face.

The greatest risk is among those from the **poorest** households, those living in rural areas, and those from indigenous and afrodescendent groups.

Other causes and consequences include:









► Early pregnancy

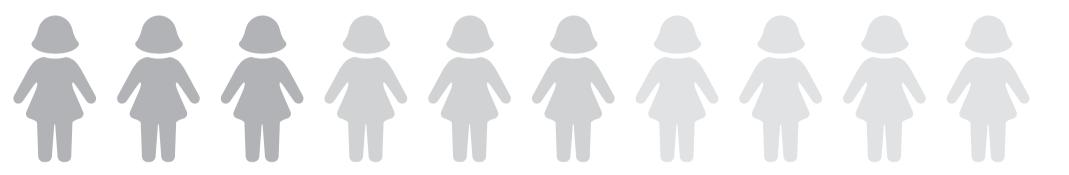
transitions

► Secondary school

▶ Gender-based violence

► Unequal gender norms

Girls who marry or are in union are denied their adolescence and opportunities for their present and future.



Social isolation from family, friends and other sources of support.

Intimate partner and other forms of gender-based violence.

Levels of education and employment opportunities.

Likelihood to already have children, or a higher number of children.

Joint actions and investment with and for adolescent girls are THE solution.

The Inter-Agency Regional Joint Programme to End Child Marriage and Early Unions in Latin America and the Caribbean aims to:



Align national frameworks with international standards on the age of marriage and gender equality.



generate a regional platform of allies to strengthen evidence, advocacy and intersectoral coordination to fulfil girl's rights.



Promote policies and services that address the drivers of child marriage and early unions.







If coordinated & girl-focused actions are not strengthened, Latin America and the Caribbean will have the second-highest prevalence of child marriage by 2030.

Join us to ensure that no girl in LAC is left behind!











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