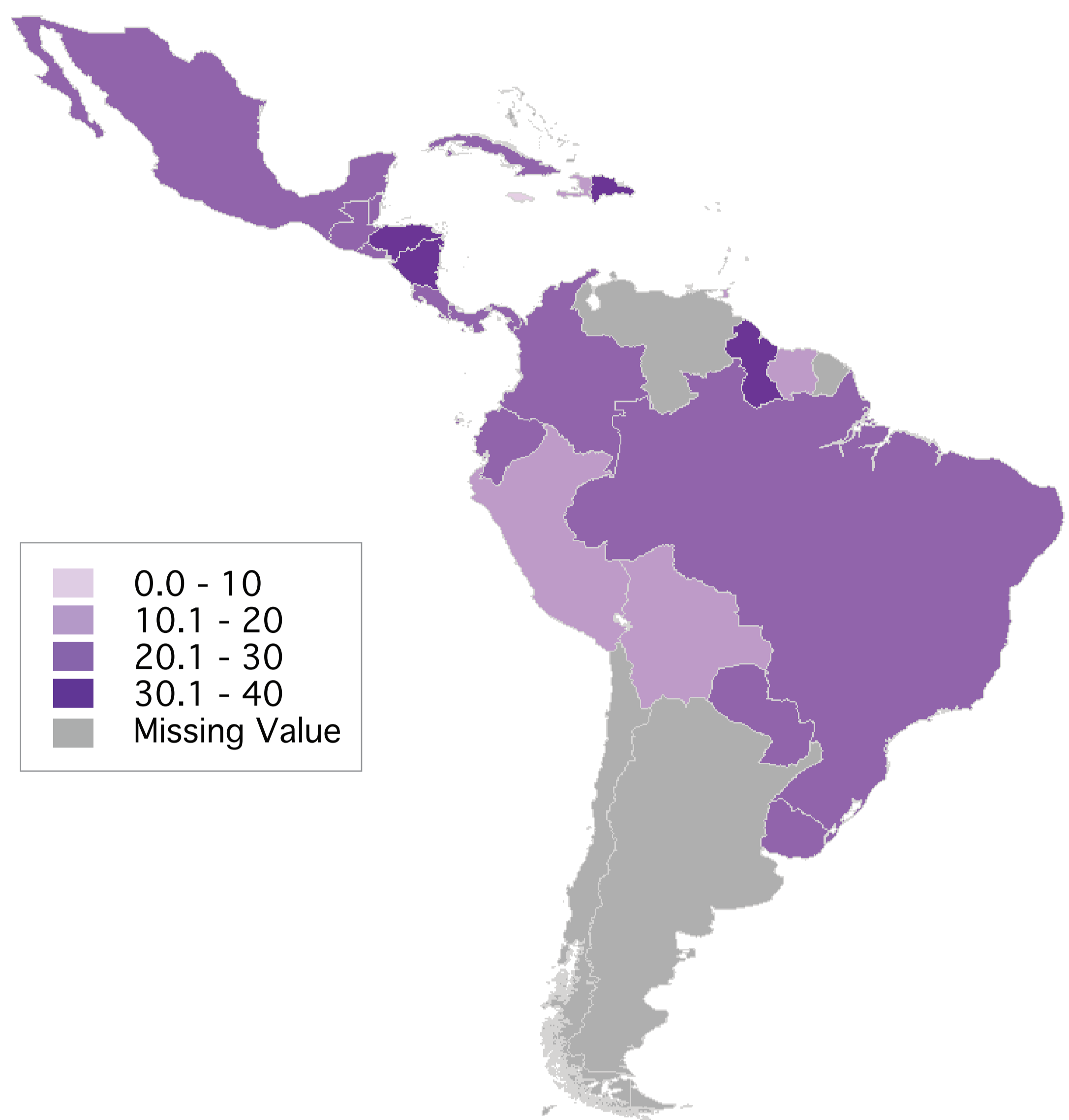


End Child Marriage and Early Unions in Latin America and the Caribbean: the time is NOW

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



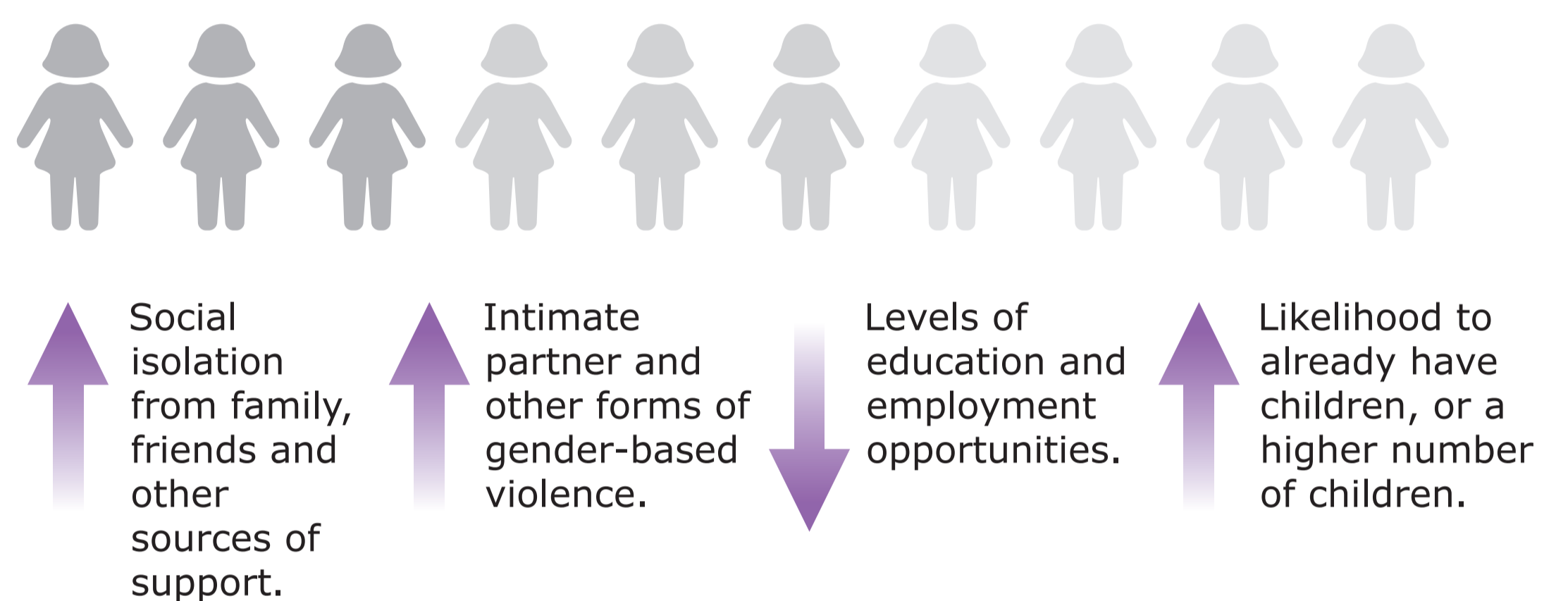
The drivers of child marriage and early unions in Latin America and the Caribbean represent the gender inequalities girls face.

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:



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



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.

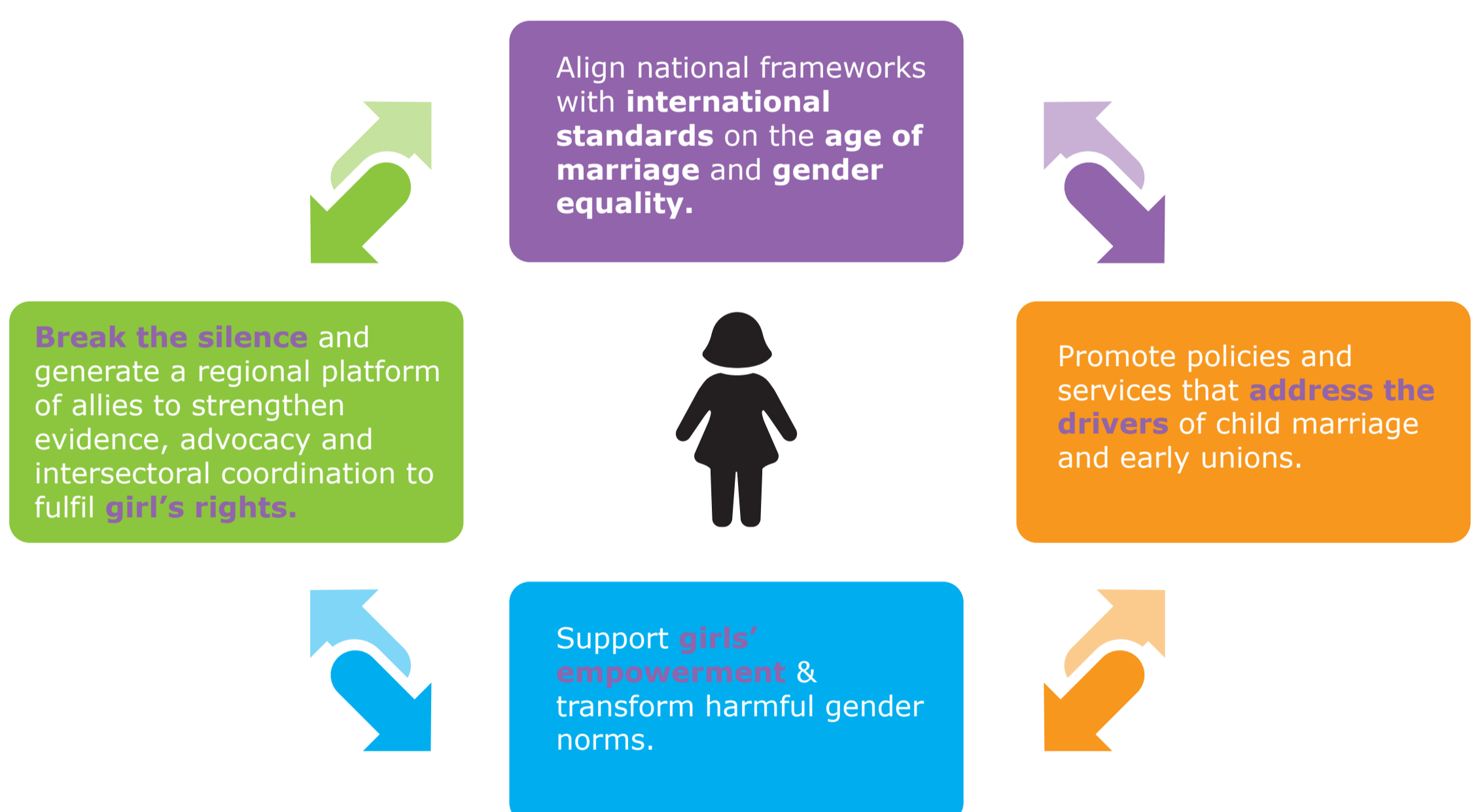


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YOUNG WOMEN
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Informal unions make up about **70%** of all unions among girls aged 15-17 years.

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:



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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