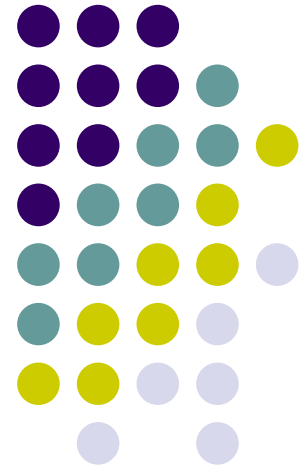
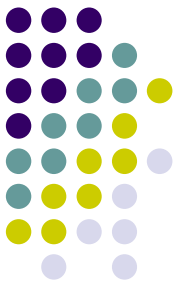


Argentina: Promoting the use of condoms among young people

Innovative actions and future
perspectives

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Argentina: brief description

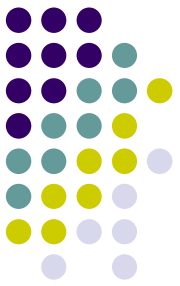
Argentina is a country located in South America

Its population is 36 million people

27 % of the population is young people (10 to 24), this means about 10 million youth

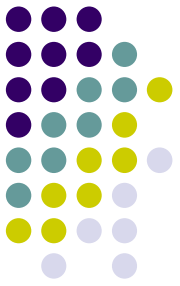
The official religion is Catholic, and almost 90% of the population practice this religion

Argentina: Youth and AIDS



- In the city of Buenos Aires, the capital of the country, HIV/AIDS is the main death cause among young women between 15 and 29
- 22.6 percent of people with HIV/AIDS are women.
This means 2.8 men for every infected woman, which suggests a rise of epidemic proportions in HIV incidence among women
- The transmission mother - son is 6.7 percent of all patients, a high value compared with other countries in the region

Argentina: Youth and Pregnancy



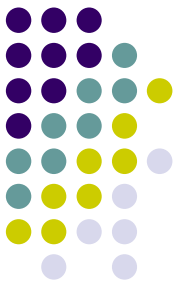
- Unplanned pregnancies among young people raise day by day. 20 % of the adolescents become pregnant in the first sexual relationship
- 100,000 of the 700,000 average births yearly are by women less than 20 years old. About 30 percent of these are the second or third baby
- Abortion is illegal and every year around 600,000 women face an abortion in unsafe and risky situations

The National Network of Adolescents



- Created in 1999
- Composed by organizations that represent the majority of the provinces of the country
- They organize national activities coordinated to generate more impact, on specific dates:
 - * May, 28th (International Day of Action for Women's Health)
 - * November, 25th (International Day of non violence against women)
 - * December, 1st (AIDS day)





The Condom Campaign

This campaign was created to raise awareness regarding the use of male condoms

It was organized with the inputs and ideas of many organizations of the country and was implemented nationally, with a coherent coordination, and reached many far away provinces



The Condom Campaign



Through innovative activities, the campaign was very successful and helped to:

- Promote the use of condoms among young people to prevent from ITSs and unplanned pregnancies
- Teach how to use the condoms properly
- Promote the condom use among civil society



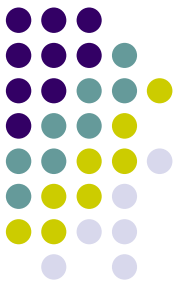
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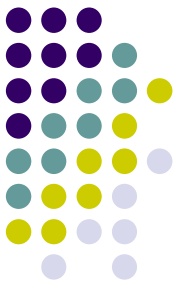
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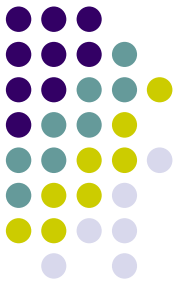
Argentina: The female condom



- Almost nobody knows it
- According to the National Reproductive Health Law should be available everywhere
- It's almost impossible to find one at pharmacies
- It's 3 times more expensive than the male condom



The female condom campaign



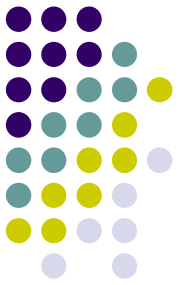
- Young women's group are planning to launch a campaign for the promotion of the female condom
- It is very safe for women to prevent AIDS and unplanned pregnancies
- It gives to the women the possibility to protect themselves while having sex without depending on the man to use a condom

The female condom campaign



The campaign will have 3 main targets:

- Ministry of Health
- Health Providers at Hospitals and Health Centres
- Young women around the country



Thank you!!!

