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 Statelessness is an important issue that needs to be addressed worldwide and it has been an ongoing problem during human history. Since the earliest civilizations and nations, we have all been stateless. Although statelessness is common in countries, it most often affects groups such as minorities and people subject to discriminatory laws of nations. Statelessness has not only negative impacts on individuals’ physical living circumstances but also their psychological and social health. The world is looking for policy and assistance solutions to end statelessness. In recent years, Argentina has sought various policy solutions to tackle the problem of statelessness. Our economic crisis and social inequality play a major role in the increase of this problem.

 While Argentina has experienced economic crises, inflation problems and social nuisance, we have also developed many policies for stateless people. These policies are aimed at protecting the rights of stateless individuals who want to settle in Argentina and providing them with a national identity. Argentina is a signatory to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, which establishes an international framework to address statelessness, which still has a negative influence on the lives of millions of individuals worldwide. After determining the status of a stateless individual, we make the necessary arrangements for this individual to benefit from basic rights such as education and health services. With these regulations, Argentina has demonstrated its sensitivity to the stateless population in its country.

Another policy is to provide identity for stateless people. We have adopted a special law for stateless people to gain identity and citizenship. This law makes it easier to apply for Argentina citizenship if they want to live in Argentina for stateless people. In these citizenship applications, Argentina can be used from the moment the applicant starts living in Argentina land. This situation is a step towards a rapid solution to the stateless problem, unlike other countries’ citizenship laws. These applications are also related to its international policy. We have cooperated with international organizations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees(UNHCR). We also allow stateless persons to have dual citizenship, which allows them to become citizens of Argentina even if they are nationals of another nation. However, in this practice, it is still difficult for these people to fully exercise their rights.

Argentina is generally known as a country that has a humanitarian approach to the issue of stateless people. However, the economic and political crises in nearby countries ( especially Venezuela) might provide challenges sometimes. Although we have done important work on this issue, there are also some negative situations that these policies have caused. Stateless individuals are often marginalized from the workforce, and this, combined with our economic crisis, has led to stateless people becoming immiseration. Also, the lack of enough health care and social security for stateless people, makes their living conditions difficult. Providing stateless people with access to essential services such as education and health has been a challenge for Argentina, but it has found both positive and negative solutions to this situation. In some parts of Argentina, voluntary and state-supported projects have been provided for these people. Although access to essential services such as education and health has been made easier, these services have not yet been fully provided to all stateless people.

 As a country, we propose several solutions to this problem. The first one is; to support our country’s economy and create new job opportunities for stateless people by expanding business sectors such as agriculture, technology and tourism. Then we can eliminate inequalities in education and improve the educational opportunities of every young person in the country and shape the future of stateless young people who are affected by this. Finally, we determined to increase the interaction between different cultural communities in the country and minimize the feeling of social exclusion by instilling a sense of social unity in every person living in the country.