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Paper Title: **Social Services in Argentina: Quantity Over Quality**

**Abstract: This paper evaluated the availability and efficacy of social services available in Argentina in three discrete areas: employment, health care, and family support. Specifically, the paper focuses on the availability of such services to lower-income households. These topics were chosen because they are the current focus of the Argentine government. Relying on primary and secondary research, the analysis herein includes review of the social services that are currently available, the structure for service administration, the laws that effect social services, and any needed reforms. The authors found that the number of programs does not correlate with, and perhaps even decreases, the quality of social services available to the public. Shifting government priorities in the face of limited resources was a recurring theme, and the paper hypothesizes that a more focused approach to providing social services may improve quality, and the need to use these services over time.**