

***Girls Not Brides* procedure for acceptance of membership**

The *Girls Not Brides* global secretariat is responsible for reviewing and approving membership of organisations. The secretariat will review the membership application form and reserves the right to perform due diligence to ensure the accuracy of any information provided. The secretariat may request further information or documentation from the organisation, and may contact the referees noted in the application form.

The secretariat will aim to inform the organisation via email of its decision within three months pending receipt of references and required organisational information. New members will be listed on the *Girls Not Brides* website, added to the secretariat's internal database, and invited to connect with other members based in the same country.

The secretariat reserves the right to refuse an organisation's application for membership. Possible reasons for refusal include (but are not limited to):

- Applicant does not agree to support the Mission Statement or Membership Principles of *Girls Not Brides*.
- Applicant does not commit to upholding the [Safeguarding Standards for *Girls Not Brides* members](#).
- Applicant has provided misleading information or has been untruthful in any of the required details on the application form or the documentation requested as part of the due diligence process.
- The secretariat believes the applicant's past or present actions might pose a threat to reputation and integrity of *Girls Not Brides*.
- The organisation is not a registered civil society organisation in the country in which they operate.
- The organisation has in the past taken part in fraudulent and/or illegal activities.
- The organisation does not fulfil all of the criteria for membership listed above.
- The organisation is likely to cease to exist within 6 months.