



GIRLS NOT BRIDES

The Global Partnership
to End Child Marriage

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE TOGETHER



Each year, **12 million girls** are married before the age of 18.

That's more than **one girl every three seconds**,
married off too soon.

Child marriage prevents millions of girls from
fulfilling their potential and leading happy,
safe and productive lives.

Across the world, it holds back the development
and economic growth of communities and the
countries in which they live.

**If we do not act now, 150 million girls
could be married as children by 2030, costing
national economies trillions of dollars and with
devastating consequences for the whole world.**

Collective action leads to change

From Nigeria to Nepal, Brazil to Bangladesh and the United States to the United Kingdom, *Girls Not Brides* member organisations in almost **100 countries** around the world are committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfil their potential.

Civil society is at the heart of our global partnership and many of our members directly support community-level work to address child marriage.

Stronger together, *Girls Not Brides* members:

- Bring child marriage to global, regional and national attention.
- Build an understanding of what it will take to end child marriage by sharing learning and suggesting solutions.
- Call for laws, policies and programmes that will make a difference in the lives of millions of unmarried and married girls.



What progress have we seen so far?

- UNICEF estimates 25 million child marriages were averted over the past decade.
- The number of global and regional commitments keeps growing, including United Nations General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions and commitments by the African Union and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.
- Governments around the world have committed to end child marriage by 2030, through target 5.3 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- More than 30 countries have developed – or are developing – national strategies or action plans to end child marriage; many have also amended laws and policies on child marriage.
- Civil society and youth campaigns have brought global attention to the issue.
- Funding and support for grassroots, community-based organisations has increased, but is not enough to meet the scale of the problem.

By working together we can achieve our vision of a world where every girl can choose her own future.

Join us, so that we can end child marriage together.





“ *Girls Not Brides* has promoted our work which has helped open doors for us and our members – especially in terms of accessing funding. ”

Girls Not Brides member from the Gambia





Our strength is our diversity

Girls Not Brides members work across sectors including health, education, human rights and humanitarian response, and range from small grassroots actors to large international organisations. A large number are youth-led organisations.

Some of our members work directly with girls, preventing child marriage and supporting child brides. Others focus on research and advocacy, seeking to bring national, regional and international attention to the issue. For a list of our members, please visit our website.

Interested in becoming a member?

Join *Girls Not Brides* and become part of a global movement to end child marriage, along with members from around 100 other countries.

Membership offers a host of opportunities:

- **Connect** with other members and partners working to end child marriage. Develop skills, share experience, increase your impact and learn from the successes and challenges of others.
- Enhance your **skills and knowledge** through global, regional and national events, workshops, webinars, group calls, and learning events on a variety of topics.
- **Share information** about your work and progress in your region/country.
- Make your **voice heard** by joining national, regional and global campaigns.
- Hear about new **information and research** on child marriage, as well as funding opportunities, advocacy campaigns, toolkits and materials.
- Learn about **opportunities** to profile your work through the media, our website and other digital communications.
- **Learn** from the latest cutting-edge analysis, evidence and data available on our online resource centre and through our events.



“ *Girls Not Brides* has provided a great platform to network and share resources. It's easy to seek information from members worldwide. ”

Girls Not Brides member from Uganda



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Join us!

If you are a civil society organisation committed to working in partnership to end child marriage and sharing your expertise with other members, we would welcome you to join us.

Membership is free and the application process is simple. All we ask is that you play an active role in the partnership

by sharing information about your work, connecting with other members and taking part in *Girls Not Brides* campaigns, events and consultations.

For more information and to complete the membership form, visit our website: www.girlsnotbrides.org

Our commitment to you

The collective work of *Girls Not Brides* members is supported by a secretariat, based in London, UK, with team members in Africa, Latin America and South Asia. The role of the secretariat is to amplify the work of members, galvanise support for efforts to end child marriage, and promote civil society and collective action.

We help our members in various ways: Providing opportunities for them to collaborate and learn from each other, sharing the latest research and learning on child marriage around the world, and supporting members to advocate to donors, policy-makers and other stakeholders to mobilise action to end child marriage.



Already a member?

Why not join a *Girls Not Brides* National Partnership?

National Partnerships are groups of *Girls Not Brides* members who believe in the power of collective action to end child marriage. Stronger together, these groups carry out advocacy activities, implement programmes and share learning.

In 2018, *Girls Not Brides* had National Partnerships in nine countries: Bangladesh, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Nepal, Uganda, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Girls Not Brides also works with national coalitions, networks and alliances in many other parts of the world.

Find out if there is a National Partnership in your country by visiting our website: www.girlsnotbrides.org/about-girls-not-brides/national-partnerships/

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“ Being part the National Partnership helps us to stay updated on emerging issues related to child marriage. It is very helpful to have a collective where we can discuss these obstacles and come up with solutions. ”

Member of the *Girls Not Brides*
National Partnership in Nepal

Learn more about what *Girls Not Brides* is doing to end child marriage. Visit our bilingual website www.girlsnotbrides.org where you can explore our resource centre, which contains lots of useful tools, publications and infographics to help you in your work.

Take action to help us end child marriage

Donate to our members or support their campaigns at www.girlsnotbrides.org/take-action/

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