

CRANK child marriage research tracker

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Organisation	Authors / focal point	Title of study	Brief description	Country/ Region	Link	Duration of study	(Likely) Date of publication	Priority areas: (1) Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates; (2) Consequences; (3) Intervention effectiveness; (4) Implementation study; (5) Other
Research submitted up to August 2022								
ActionAid UK	Katy Chadwick	Building power together: A girl-led research project	<p>All around the world, adolescent girls living in poverty face unequal power dynamics that affect their everyday lives. This impacts their capacity to get the support they need, and to make their own decisions about various aspects of their lives.</p> <p>These structural inequalities shape their ability to claim their rights, such as a right to be listened to, to access quality education and information, support services, and community spaces, to make decisions about their own bodies or to live free from violence and child marriage.</p> <p>Girl-led research aims to provide an opportunity to shift power back to girls' building a sense of self-confidence, providing opportunities to connect with peers, mentors and supporters, and to take action to share research results and express their power to make change.</p> <p>This project is a collaboration between ActionAid Bangladesh, ActionAid Ethiopia, ActionAid UK and ActionAid Yappika (Indonesia). Girl-led research teams in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Indonesia designed this research and carried out both the data collection and analysis.</p>	Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Indonesia	https://actionaid.org.uk/publications/building-power-together-girl-led-research-project	2020 - 2022	May-22	Consequences
No Peace Without Justice	Giulia Schiavoni; Francesca Basso	Research study on child marriage in Italy	<p>Child marriage is a serious human rights violation and form of sexual violence against children. This document, created at the initiative of No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) with the support of The Circle Italia, is the result of an exploratory survey that lays the foundations for an advocacy campaign against child marriages in the Italian territory.</p> <p>NPWJ aims to raise awareness and mobilise stakeholders to fulfil the international human rights standards that the Italian State has committed to respect, highlighting and facilitating the dissemination of positive actions already carried out at local, regional and national level.</p> <p><i>Continued on next page.</i></p>	Italy	http://www.npwj.org/sites/default/files/ressources/NPSG%20-%20Research%20study%20on%20child%20marriages%20in%20Italy-web%20%2818_05%29.pdf	Sep 2020 - Jun 2021	Dec-21	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates

			<p>This study analyses the issue of child marriages and its incidence, the legislation in force at the national and international levels, and the actions implemented by different governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, both in Italy and beyond.</p> <p>The three main outputs of the bibliographical study consist of (1) a mapping of the relevant stakeholders in the Italian territory; (2) a review of the actions carried out in the last 10 years in Italy and beyond; and consequently, (3) the identification of the best practices by institutional and civil society actors and the evaluation of their potential scalability in the various Italian realities.</p>					
Plan International Sudan	Lazarus Mwale	Social norms sustaining female genital mutilation/ cutting and child, early and forced marriage in Sudan	<p>The purpose of this research was to gather in-depth and detailed evidence on the social norms that drive and sustain female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) and child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Sudan.</p> <p>The study focused on exploring and identifying social norms that promote or discourage FGM/C and CEFM in Kassala, North Darfur, and White Nile states. The research also explored community framing, interpretation and transmission of these norms, including social sanctions and rewards associated with the practices.</p> <p>The overall aim of the study was to understand how these interpretations could help design programmatic and advocacy interventions to influence policy, legal reforms, and practices to address FGM/C and child marriage effectively.</p>	Sudan	https://bit.ly/3xi8Y2G	2021	Sep-21	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
Norwegian Church Aid	Emily Seaman	ENGAGE - Enhancing Girls Agency and Gender Equality	Norwegian Church Aid has designed a holistic resource to prevent and respond to child marriage within existing gender-based violence programmes, focusing on humanitarian settings. The toolkit, named ENGAGE, is currently being piloted in Iraq and Somalia. It includes both service delivery and community outreach activities, an implementation guide, plus a training curriculum to support initial training and ongoing capacity building of staff responsible for implementing the ENGAGE program.	Iraq and Somalia	https://bit.ly/3eaTKFD	2019-2022	Jan-23	Practitioners technical guide
Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning brief #1: Influencing the influencers	<p>Oxfam's "Creating spaces to take action on violence against women and girls" project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organisations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada.</p> <p>Gaining support from influencers is important in the protection and promotion of girls' and women's rights. The Creating Spaces project showed strong evidence of their role in fostering legislative and policy change, and in shifting gendered institutional and community beliefs, attitudes and behaviours.</p> <p>This document shares Oxfam's key learnings on how to effectively engage influencers, whether they begin as opponents to, or champions for, gender equality.</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3ctI2PI	5 years	Mar-21	Learning brief

Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning brief #2: Youth mobilizing change to prevent VAWG and CEFM	<p>Oxfam's "Creating spaces to take action on violence against women and girls" project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organisations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada.</p> <p>In communities where violence is normalised, recognising it as a social problem is the first step towards changing mindsets, norms, attitudes and behaviours. Following the socio-ecological model on violence prevention, the Creating Spaces project applied a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder approach, at the individual, household, community and societal/institutional levels, to ignite change and prevent VAWG and CEFM.</p> <p>Fostering young people's awareness, participation and leadership was instrumental in mobilising change to prevent VAWG and CEFM. Youth were driven to act more than any other constituency. Through their bold efforts, they succeeded in delaying marriages for countless adolescent girls and boys, and influencing policy and legislative changes.</p> <p>This learning brief highlights project learnings on how to effectively engage youth to embolden their leadership on girls' and women's rights, and some of the concrete youth-led outcomes on VAWG and CEFM across the Creating Spaces countries.</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3R3R7Um	5 years	Sep-21	Learning brief
Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning Brief #3: Campaigning and advocacy to prevent and end child marriage	<p>Oxfam's "Creating spaces to take action on violence against women and girls" project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organisations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada.</p> <p>Following the socio-ecological model on violence prevention, the Creating Spaces project applied a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder approach, at the individual, household, community and societal/institutional levels, to ignite change and prevent VAWG and CEFM. Since 2016, Oxfam and partners led and supported several broad-based campaigning and advocacy efforts to both prevent and end VAWG and CEFM.</p> <p>This document shares lessons learned on effective campaigning and advocacy strategies that have the power to influence policy and legislative changes to prohibit CEFM, drawing on the historical victories achieved in Indonesia and The Philippines.</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3Q2v5QL	5 years	Sep-21	Learning brief

Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning Brief #4: Fostering survivor-centred response services	<p>Oxfam's "Creating spaces to take action on violence against women and girls" project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organisations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada.</p> <p>Following the socio-ecological model on violence prevention, the Creating Spaces project applied a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder approach, at the individual, household, community and societal/ institutional levels, to prevent and respond to VAWG and CEFM.</p> <p>In the project districts, girls and women experiencing violence were often unaware of their most fundamental human right to live free from violence, as enshrined in international and national laws. Access to survivor-centered response services (eg, psycho-social, legal, shelter, livelihoods, health) especially in underserved areas was very limited, inadequately resourced to meet immediate needs and stigmatised by communities.</p> <p>Based on project successes and challenges, this document shares lessons learned from Creating Spaces' strategies to improve the access, use and quality of response services for survivors, and to build community support against gender-based violence (GBV).</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3R3GZuP	5 years	Nov-21	Learning brief
Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning Brief #5: What Works to Advance Women's Economic Empowerment	<p>Oxfam's "Creating spaces to take action on violence against women and girls" project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organisations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada.</p> <p>Following the socio-ecological model on violence prevention, the Creating Spaces project applied a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder approach, at the individual, household, community and societal/ institutional levels, to prevent and respond to VAWG and CEFM.</p> <p>Women and girls experiencing intimate partner and family violence are often financially dependent on their abusers, and thus disempowered to change their circumstance. The devastating economic impacts and lockdowns associated with COVID-19 have only exacerbated matters, leading to a significant global rise in VAWG cases and unpaid care burden on women and girls. Global evidence affirms that strengthening women's economic autonomy is fundamental to breaking these cycles of violence. However, these efforts can be futile and even increase harms to women if the structural barriers and fundamental norms that drive gender inequalities and violence at the household, community, and workplace remain intact.</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3Kwj0C4	5 years	Jan-22	Learning brief

Oxfam Canada	Kimia Ghomeshi	Learning Brief #6: Centering Women's Leadership to Combat VAWG and CEFM	<p>Oxfam's Creating Spaces To Take Action on Violence Against Women and Girls (CS) project (2016-2021) aims to reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, and the Philippines. The project is implemented by local partner organizations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada. \\The project was implemented by local partner organizations, with support from Oxfam country offices and Oxfam Canada. Following the socio-ecological model on violence prevention and global best practice, Creating Spaces applied a multi-pronged, multi-stakeholder approach, at the individual, household, community, and societal/ institutional levels.</p> <p>Before the project was implemented, women and girls from the project districts were often unaware of their most fundamental human right to live free of violence, due to deeply entrenched social norms that had perpetuated gender-based discrimination for centuries. Building on Oxfam's work on transformative women's leadership, Creating Spaces empowered women and girls to understand their rights and to strengthen their capacity to claim them. The results were profound, as they gained confidence, became advocates for women's and girls' rights, stopped hundreds of cases of VAWG and CEFM, influenced policy change, and gained leadership positions in their communities.</p> <p>This document highlights project learnings on promising practices that ignited women and girls' role in preventing and responding to VAWG and CEFM, and built their representation and influence within decision making processes.</p>	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines	https://bit.ly/3QUD17P	5 YEARS	Apr-22	Learning brief
UNFPA	Satvika Chalasani	Motherhood in childhood: The untold story	<p>This report examines trends in adolescent childbearing using techniques that focus on the most marginalised girls, like child mothers, girls with repeat adolescent childbearing, and births that occur in dangerously quick succession. In using these new measures, it uncovers the untold story of more than 50 years of adolescent childbearing in the world's low- and middle-income countries.</p> <p>Nearly one third of all women in low- and middle-income countries begin childbearing in adolescence (i.e., at age 19 years and younger). It is worth emphasising that the majority of first births to girls aged 17 years and younger, in 54 low- and middle-income countries with data, occur within marriage or cohabiting unions.</p>	Global	https://www.unfpa.org/publications/motherhood-childhood-untold-story	1960-2020	2022	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates

Research submitted up to April 2022

McGill University	Alissa Koski	Child Marriage in Mainland China	<p>Child marriage, defined as marriage before 18 years of age, is a violation of human rights and a marker of gender inequality. Growing attention to this issue on the global development agenda also reflects concerns that it may negatively impact health. We conducted a systematic review to synthesize existing research on the consequences of child marriage on health and to assess the risk of bias in this body of literature.</p> <p>We searched databases focused on biomedicine and global health for studies that estimated the effect of marrying before the age of 18 on any physical or mental health outcome or health behaviour. We identified 58 eligible articles, nearly all of which relied on cross-sectional data sources from sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia.</p> <p>There are many reasons to be concerned about child marriage. However, evidence that child marriage causes the health outcomes described in this review is severely limited. There is more heterogeneity in the results of these studies than is often recognised. For these reasons, greater caution is warranted when discussing the potential impact of child marriage on health. We provide suggestions for avoiding common biases and improving the strength of the evidence on this subject.</p>	Global	https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.12185	2000 - 2010	February 3, 2022	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
McGill University	Alissa Koski	The health consequences of child marriage: A systematic review of the evidence	<p>We used publicly available data from 2000 and 2010 censuses to estimate the national- and provincial-level prevalence of child marriage across mainland China. Between 2000 and 2010, the prevalence of child marriage rose from 2.21 percent to 2.85 percent among women and from 0.54 to 0.77 percent among men. Our results indicate that child marriage continues across mainland China despite laws that ostensibly prohibit the practice. They also draw attention to the global nature of child marriage as a threat to gender equality.</p>	China	https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-022-12707-x/	All research published through May 2020	Feb-22	Consequences
Save the Children Denmark & Tufts University	Kimberly Howe	Leave No One Behind Study	<p>The Leave No One Behind (LNOB) study focuses on understanding the lives of female youth, aged 14-23, displaced by conflict. We use a longitudinal qualitative design to understand the wide range of experiences, challenges, opportunities and constraints faced by displaced female youth, with a particular focus on early marriage. The sample is comprised of Yazidi internally displaced persons (IDPs) and Syrian refugees living in Northern Iraq, and South Sudanese IDPs.</p> <p>With the support of researchers from the affected communities, the LNOB research team has conducted multiple rounds of data collection using participatory methods, with over 100 girls over a period of 1.5 years. Study participants include the following groups of girls: those who are unmarried, became pregnant under age 18, married as minors, or married as minors and later divorced or became widows. Some participants also have physical, intellectual or psychological disabilities. In total, the LNOB study has conducted over 600 interviews, gaining insights that span multiple sectors.</p> <p><i>Continued on next page.</i></p>	Norther Iraq and South Sudan	https://fic.tufts.edu/research-item/child-marriage-in-humanitarian-settings/	2019-current	May-22	Consequences

			Six briefing papers will be published on the study in 2022. Those on early pregnancy, decision-making and early marriage, and life after marriage have already been published; those on the situation of divorced and widowed youth, mental health and psychosocial support and early marriage, and education and early marriage are pending.					
CEFMU and sexuality working group	Sarah Green	Girls' sexuality and child, early, and forced marriages and unions: A conceptual framework	This conceptual framework is intended to support advocacy and more coherent and effective programming to prevent child marriage and advance adolescent girls' rights and agency. It sets out in visual and narrative forms the rationale for investment in programming that centres on control of adolescent girls' sexuality – which is a core manifestation of gender inequality – as a root cause of child, early and forced marriages and unions (CEFMU). It also provides programming principles to guide the design of gender-transformative approaches that promote adolescent girls' sexual rights and bodily autonomy as a pathway to ending CEFMU.	Global	https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/learning-resources/resource-centre/cefm-sexuality-framework/	2020 - 2022	Apr-22	Conceptual framework

Research submitted up to December 2021

<i>Girls Not Brides</i>	Nicholas Mathers	How cash transfers can contribute to ending child marriage (thematic paper)	This thematic paper reviews the available evidence on the effects of cash transfers on child marriage and provides policy makers, practitioners and advocates with the knowledge to maximise the potential of cash transfer programmes to contribute towards ending child marriage around the world.	Global	https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/learning-resources/resource-centre/cash-transfers-and-child-marriage/	2021	Dec 2021	Synthesis of Evidence
<i>Girls Not Brides</i>	Niholas Mathers	How cash transfers can contribute to ending child marriage (thematic brief)	As part of a comprehensive approach, social protection – especially cash transfer programmes – can help mitigate the economic and social drivers of child marriage. This thematic brief offers guidance for policymakers, practitioners and advocates to ensure cash transfer programmes contribute towards ending child marriage around the world.	Global	https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/learning-resources/resource-centre/cash-transfers-and-child-marriage/	2021	Dec 2021	Thematic Brief
Plan International	Clare Lofthouse (Plan International); Katherine Gambir (WRC)	Understanding the drivers and decision-making pathways of child marriage: A participatory, mixed-methods study in humanitarian settings	We are investigating the drivers and decision-making pathways of child marriage in food insecure areas of Zimbabwe and communities facing conflict, displacement, insecurity, and natural hazards settings in the Philippines. The research will help to understand the needs and priorities of adolescents in selected communities with the overall goal of developing a tailored approach to child marriage prevention and response. The research utilises a mixed-methods study design, including key informant interviews, participatory group sessions, and storytelling via SenseMaker®. SenseMaker® is a data collection and analysis tool that allows people to exchange short, open-ended stories about their experiences based on a story prompt. Over 4,000 participants, including adolescents (married and unmarried) and people influential in their lives (caregivers, community leaders, religious leaders, etc.) are engaged in the study across both sites including a community group in both locations engaged in tool development, data analysis, and action planning to inform a child marriage in humanitarian settings programme model.	Zimbabwe & the Philippines	TBC	Oct 2019 - Oct 2021	Philippines report (Dec 21) Zimbabwe report (Jan 22) Synthesis report (Feb 22)	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates

Research submitted up to October 2021

More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	A child marriage practitioners' guide to understanding new findings on girls' agency and decision-making	In this paper, MTBA acknowledges the significant link between norms and values around girls' sexuality and child marriage practices. The paper elaborates on the practitioners' tips described in the infographic and calls for the incorporation of more contextual and insider knowledge to better understand agency and decision-making, and to improve child marriage policies and programmes. Combining empirical evidence with lived experiences and voices of communities affected by child marriage when designing policies and programmes open pathways to address new, unheard narratives and "shift the power," moving resources and decision-making closer to those affected by the issue. Together, these elements point towards the expansion and elevation of the practitioner role from implementers to agenda setters, from designing and delivering programmes and interventions to mobilising their agency and that of others.		<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolioitems/knowledge-product-1-control-agency/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolioitems/knowledge-product-1-control-agency/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sept 2021	Intervention effectiveness
More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	Girls' choice and voice in child marriage decision-making: Uncovering the critical issues	In June and July 2021, a set of learning conversations on girls' agency in child marriage were convened between prominent researchers, activists, girl leaders and practitioners working in the area of child rights, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and child marriage. The six (90 minute) conversations with 32 participants from Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States provided a unique platform for sharing, listening and learning among colleagues from a wide range of backgrounds – both in terms of professional role and geographical location. In the report, you will find the summarised exchange of ideas and experiences that aim to continue the discussion on girl's voice and child marriage.	Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States	<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolioitems/knowledge-product-1-2-development-and-wrong-choice-convening-reports/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolioitems/knowledge-product-1-2-development-and-wrong-choice-convening-reports/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sept 2021	Learning exchange report
More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	What if girls decide that their marriage is a good choice? 5 tips for practitioners in addressing girls' agency in child marriage programmes (Infographic)	The prevailing idea amongst child marriage practitioners is that child marriage is a negative force to reject. In response, programmes target girls at risk of marriage, seeking to "empower" them to make the "right decision" and not marry at a young age. However, new research and practitioner insights illustrate that some girls do still choose marriage. For some, marriage is an aspiration; for others, a source of security and protection or an inevitable fate that is not worth resisting. Marriage can also offer a platform or opportunity to negotiate a "better deal" aimed at gender equality and the gratification of girls' needs and desires from within a union. These multiple realities informing the decisions taken by girls and/or their parents and communities call for the refreshment of thinking and practices around girls' empowerment. This infographic summarises five tips that can be seeds of transformation for child marriage programming.		<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/knowledge-product-1-3-infographic/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/knowledge-product-1-3-infographic/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sept 2021	Intervention infographic

More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	"Marriageability" across settings where child marriage is common	Examining context-specific concerns linked to marriageability has important implications for programmes aiming to change social norms that accelerate marriage for girls in places where child marriage is common. This paper identifies and explores factors contributing to notions of marriageability in different child marriage contexts and pressures to marry before marriageability declines. This paper summarises how marriageability is used in child marriage research and programme strategies, and introduces a conceptual framework drawing on qualitative data from India, Malawi, Mali and Niger. The framework can help identify salient components of marriageability in each context, target groups who may play a significant role in hastening marriage for girls, and designing strategies aimed at alleviating factors related to components of girl's marriageability to delay marriage and provide more opportunities for girls.	India, Niger, Mali and Malawi	<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/update-on-marriageability-publication/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/knowledge-product-2-update-on-marriageability-publication/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2022	Oct 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	A practitioner's guide to working with parents to end child marriage	It is important to nurture and build a strong understanding of the factors behind why child and early marriage may be accepted by parents. As primary decision-makers in adolescent girls' lives, working with parents is essential. To tackle the complexities and challenges that come with working with them, it is key to take an innovative approach to addressing sensitive topics related to child marriage and sexuality. This infographic gives five pointers to help practitioners improve their work with parents and to take steps to make programmes more impactful.		<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/a-practitioners-guide-to-working-with-parents-to-end-child-marriage/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/guide-pratique-pour-la-collaboration-avec-les-parents-afin-de-mettre-fin-au-mariage-des-enfants/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sep-21	Intervention effectiveness
More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	Building interventions on existing gender and sexuality information-sharing in communities	Although inequitable norms related to gender and sexuality are the primary drivers of child marriage, discussing sexuality within the community is considered taboo in many societies. Practitioners often perceive the taboo of talking about sexuality and conservative norms as a barrier to interventions. This article explores how child marriage interventions can build upon traditional ways of sharing knowledge about gender and sexuality while reorienting social norms away from child marriage. To successfully open discussions about child marriage, gender and sexuality, creating community ownership is vital. This paper explores existing ways in which communities share information about gender and sexuality with children and provides positive examples of how local practices can be transformed to empower girls.		<p>EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/knowledge-product-4-building-on-community-knowledge/</p> <p>FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwwk/portfolio-items/knowledge-product-4-building-on-community-knowledge/?lang=fr</p>	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sept 2021	Intervention effectiveness

More Than Brides Alliance	Jan Apperloo	Youth-led research. Child marriage and sexuality: Results and recommendations from the MTBA Learning Project	To ensure young people's voices and perspectives were represented in the research focusing on the significant links between child marriage and the norms and values around the sexuality of girls, youth-led research trajectories were carried out by MTBA's Learning Project. In these trajectories, young researchers were themselves in charge of choosing the research focus, data collection tools, data analysis, and drawing conclusions and relevant lessons learned. Each research trajectory explored the journeys of young girls and women (14-18 years old) and stakeholders in their social circles as they navigate the social norms and practices around adolescent sexuality and early marriage. This paper shows the research results which helped to confirm, expand and often challenge the common knowledge shared by these stakeholders.		EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/youth-led-research-results-and-recommendations/ FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/recherche-menee-par-les-jeunes-mariage-des-enfants-et-sexualite/?lang=fr	Jan 2020 - July 2021	Sept 2021	Youth led research methodology
More Than Brides Alliance - Oxfam Novib	Ruben de Winne	Quelle place occupent les jeunes (garçons et filles) dans le tissu économique communautaire / What place do young people (boys and girls) have in the community economic fabric	A youth-led research trajectory in which five girls are trained to coordinate their own research. In this trajectory girls look at their economic place in society and how this may influence norms and values that may influence child marriage	Niger	Not yet available. For background reading about the methodology check - Oxfam Novib's Guide to youth-led research: Methodology and applicability lessons. EN: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/youth-led-research- FR: https://morethanbrides.org/mmwwk/portfolio-items/guide-doxfam-novib-pour-la-recherche-menee-par-les-jeunes/?lang=fr	July - Sept 2021	Late Sept 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
Research submitted up to August 2021								
Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley	Julie Freccero	Child marriage in humanitarian crises: Girls and parents speak out on risk and protective factors, decision-making, and solutions	This report shares findings from new participatory research with displaced adolescents and parents in Jordan and Uganda exploring risk and protective factors for child marriage, decision-making, and support needs of girls and their families, as well as strategies and solutions to preventing and responding to child marriage in humanitarian settings. A special report looks at the impact of COVID-19 on child marriage.	Jordan and Uganda	https://humanrights.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/publications/child_marriage_in_humanitarian_crises_report_2021.pdf	Jan 2020 - May 2021	May-21	Risk and protective factors, decision-making, and community-driven solutions

REAL Centre at the University of Cambridge	Pauline Rose	Transformative political leadership to promote 12 years of quality education for all girls	<p>Education has the ability to empower, inspire and ensure a society that benefits everyone. But too often, girls are being left out of classrooms, and left behind. Today, over 130 million girls around the world are out of school. Even with access to education, many more lack the basics of literacy and numeracy. This problem has a real cost, not only in loss of talent and potential, but also on communities, societies and the global economy.</p> <p>How can political leadership promote 12 years of quality education for all girls? This report from the REAL Centre, University of Cambridge, seeks to answer this question. The study is based on a review of global evidence, with a focus on low-and lower-middle income countries where most action is needed to achieve the world's development goals.</p> <p>Across the world, over 130 million girls are out of school, and over half of all school-aged girls do not achieve minimum proficiency in reading and mathematics, even if they are attending school.</p>	Global	https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/real/publications/PoliticalLeadershipPaperFINAL_With%20ForwardWebsite.pdf	2019/ one year	1 year	Intervention effectiveness
REAL Centre at the University of Cambridge	Pauline Rose	Exploring the school to work transition for adolescent girls	<p>If countries are to grow and prosper in a way that improves the lives of everyone, they need to make a special commitment to supporting marginalised adolescent girls. This includes girls who experience extreme poverty, reside in rural areas, live with disabilities, are affected by conflict or belong to disadvantaged ethnic groups: these girls are among the most vulnerable people in the world and face the greatest risk of being left behind. In terms of the world's development ambitions, they are the least likely to complete primary and secondary schooling (part of Sustainable Development Goal 4, SDG 4) and face the greatest barriers in making the transition from school to decent work (SDG 8). Marginalised adolescent girls should be able to move to livelihood opportunities - formal jobs and informal work and self-employment - that are secure, safe, fulfilling and productive. But most marginalised girls in low- and lower-middle income countries do not have access to education beyond primary school. A combination of low educational opportunities, economic insecurity, vulnerability and exposure to violence, alongside harmful social norms and practices, can hinder girls' transition into a healthy, safe, productive and fulfilling adulthood.</p>	Global	https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/real/publications/School%20to%20Work%20Transition%20for%20Adolescent%20Girls%20Full%20Report.pdf	2020	Feb-21	Intervention effectiveness
Save the Children	Leslie Archambeault	Ending child marriage in West Africa: Enhancing policy implementation and budgeting	<p>This analysis was created to assess progress on policy implementation and funding for ending child marriage (ECM) in two West African countries, Niger and Sierra Leone following the High-Level Meeting on the Elimination of Child Marriage in 2017. Fieldwork for this research took place in Niger and Sierra Leone between January and August 2020. The focus for the budget analysis is centered around the budget cycles of three ECM-related sector ministries in each country: the ministry in charge of gender and child protection, the ministry of education, and the ministry of public health. The results of this analysis reaffirm the need for high-level decision-makers to create frameworks to generate change in order to end child marriage.</p> <p>Two child-friendly versions of the reports are available in English and French.</p>	West Africa	https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/library/ending-child-marriage-west-africa-enhancing-policy-implementation-and-budgeting-sierra-leone	2020	Jan-21	Policy implementation

Save the Children	Leslie Archambeault	Married by Exception: Child marriage policies in the Middle East and North Africa	Legal and policy measures that prevent and prohibit child marriage are a key approach to protecting girls from being married before they are ready. To better understand how child marriage laws protect girls affected by crisis in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, Save the Children undertook comprehensive desk research and consulted with adolescent girls and boys and young adults from refugee and local communities in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey. In April 2021, Save the Children spoke to 123 adolescents and young adults about their knowledge of child marriage laws in their country context, their views on whether these laws help protect girls from child marriage and, if not, what they think needs to change.	MENA	https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/library/married-exception-child-marriage-policies-middle-east-and-north-africa	2021	Jun-21	Intervention effectiveness
Save the Children	Leslie Archambeault	Spotlight Series: Ending child marriage for gender equality	Save the Children's Spotlight series is a collection of country briefings to support national-level advocacy through the latest data and analysis of progress and ongoing barriers. The spotlights seek to include data on drivers, risk factors and consequences of child marriage and other forms of gender-based violence, including data on rates of child marriage, adolescent pregnancy, skilled birth attendance, intimate partner violence, violent discipline and female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) as well as gender inequality index rankings and the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis to-date. Each makes recommendations to governments based on Save the Children's national priorities.	Global	https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/library/spotlight-series-ending-child-marriage-gender-equality	Jan-March 2021	Mar-21	Prevalence, trends, and policy analysis
Tariro Youth Development Trust	Samson Muzenda	Gender-based violence and women in artisanal mining in Zimbabwe	This study, conducted by Tariro Youth Development Trust utilises a mixed-methods approach to explore gender-based violence (GBV) experiences of women in artisanal small-scale mining (ASM). The study was conducted in three mining hotspot districts in Zimbabwe. Although the study primarily targeted women, it also involved men to examine the gender norms behind high levels of physical violence, sexual assault, emotional abuse, sexual violence, economic violence, forced labour and maltreatment affecting women and girls in ASM. The study investigated the abuse of power by men in ASM, women's general vulnerability, the harsh nature of the industry, common cultural practices rooted in patriarchy that normalises harmful gender norms as well as the lack of strong laws and policies to protect women and girls at risk of GBV in ASM. The study discovered that people with disabilities who work in the ASM chain are mostly vendors and, only in very rare cases, miners who are involved in manual work. Commercial sex workers, in particular, suffer from all forms of abuse at the hands of men, many of whom are drug abusers. Gold panners (Makorokoza) prey on teenage girls, using money and material things to lure them into having sex. As a result, the rates of child marriage are high in all three of the districts studied. In the face of the persistent economic meltdown and rising poverty levels, women and girls in ASM are trapped in a cycle of hardships and limited choices. Faced with these precarious conditions, patriarchy poses the biggest obstacle for women and girls to effectively exploit and benefit from ASM, the only available means of livelihood.	Zimbabwe	https://www.alignplatform.org/resources/gender-based-violence-and-women-artisanal-mining-zimbabwe		Jul-21	Other

Unchained At Last	Fraidy Reiss	United States' child marriage problem	The United States has a serious child marriage problem - but a simple solution is available.	United States	https://www.unchainedatlast.org/united-states-child-marriage-problem-study-findings-april-2021/	2021	Apr-21	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
University of Oxford	William Rudgard	Multiple impacts of Ethiopia's Health Extension Programme on adolescent health and wellbeing	In Ethiopia, 50% of the population is younger than 19 years. However, 88% of children and adolescents experience multi-dimensional challenges across nutrition, health and education. Rolled out in 2003, the Ethiopian Government's national Health Extension Programme (HEP) provides key health, sanitation and family planning services to disadvantaged groups. We aim to evaluate the effects of HEP on five dimensions of adolescent development, including teen marriage and teen pregnancy in girls. We will use four rounds of data from the Young Lives older cohort of 1,000 young people between 2000-13. The study exposure is self-reported receipt of HEP following programme rollout in 2003. Outcomes are measured when participants were 19 years.	Ethiopia	https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3880619	2002-2013	Jul-21	Intervention effectiveness

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CARE USA	Pravin, K. et.al. (2020).	Tipping Point Project: Report of the baseline study findings from Bangladesh. CARE USA and icddr, b.	icddr, b, Bangladesh, in collaboration with CARE Bangladesh, is conducting an impact evaluation of the CARE Tipping Point initiative focused on reducing the rates of child early and forced marriage as well as increasing adolescent girls' agency and decision-making power. The evaluation is designed as a three-arm cluster Randomised Control Trial (RCT), using mixed methods to assess girls' agency, relations and the social norms restricting them. The Baseline Report published on the Tipping Point website in 2020, presents findings of this study. In program areas, the majority of girls have accepted gender-inequitable attitudes, including control by their family about their mobility and other aspects of their lives. Girls rarely negotiate marriage, since social norms related to girls' voice and decision-making would lead to girls' opinions being ignored. Girls' interaction with boys outside of their family is also restricted and the result of violating this norm could be early marriage. The study recommends building the girls' movement for collective action in favor of girls' rights and community sensitisation to girls' rights, both of which are important components of the Tipping Point Phase 2 package.	Bangladesh	https://caretippingpoint.org/phase-2-evaluation-reports/	Jan - April 2019	"Peer reviewed publication likely by December 2021"	Intervention effectiveness
CARE USA	Bergenfeld, I. et.al. (2020)	Tipping Point program impact evaluation : Baseline study findings in Nepal	Emory University (USA) and IDA (Nepal), in collaboration with CARE Nepal, is conducting an impact evaluation on the CARE Tipping Point Initiative focused on reducing the rates of child, early and forced marriage and increasing adolescent girls' agency and decision-making power. The evaluation is designed as a three-arm cluster Randomised Control Trial (RCT) using mixed-methods to assess girls' agency, relations and the social norms restricting them. The study found that in programme areas, even girls in school were at risk of being married early if perceived to be disobedient – for example by roaming around their village “without purpose” or interacting with boys. <i>Continued on next page.</i>	Nepal	https://caretippingpoint.org/phase-2-evaluation-reports	May - July 2019	"Peer reviewed publication likely by December 2021"	Intervention effectiveness

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CEFM and Sexuality Programs Working Group- Girls Not Brides	Jacky Repila / Eugenia Lopez Uribe	Tackling the Taboo: Sexuality and gender-transformative programmes to end child, early and forced marriage and unions	Tackling the Taboo focuses on the need to address patriarchal control of adolescent girls' sexuality in the movement to end child, early and forced marriage and unions, and highlights the vital role played by gender-transformative programmes. The report presents findings from a review of 23 organisations that work at the intersection of child marriage and sexuality, and includes three case studies that feature the work of grassroots organisations working in politically and culturally conservative contexts.		https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/learning-resources/resource-centre/tackling-the-taboo-sexuality-and-gender-transformative-programmes-to-end-child-early-and-forced-marriage-and-unions/		2019	Case studies
Centre for International Health, University of Bergen	Joar Svanemyr	Child marriage and adolescent pregnancies in Malawi. Study on Save the Children's program on preventing child marriages and adolescent pregnancies	Qualitative study on the causes and drivers of child marriage and adolescent pregnancy with a focus on social norms, and on whether the programmatic response from Save the Children is appropriate and effective.	Malawi	Not available yet	Aug 2019 - June 2021	August 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
Centre for International Health, University of Bergen	Joar Svanemyr	Adolescent pregnancies, child marriage and social norms in Zambia	Qualitative study on social norms for adolescent sexual behavior and child marriage in rural Zambia.	Zambia	https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13691058.2019.1621379	2016-21	2020	Consequences
Flying Broom Women's Communication and Research Association	Sedagül Yavuz	Kızlar Okulda Gelecekleri Güvence	Within the scope of the EU-funded UN Women project "Regional Programme on Ending Violence against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey," we continue our activities to include the needs of refugee girls. Within this collaboration, since 2018, our association has carried out activities such as mapping child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Turkey, and developing advocacy materials, creating a basis for dialogue between the public and civil society, creating shadow reports and establishing national-international partnerships. The project aims to prevent the early and forced marriage of Syrian girls living in Turkey, and to ensure that girls attend school. Through the project, we have reached thousands of people - including Syrian girls, Syrian mothers, Syrian fathers, teachers, psychological counsellors, experts working for refugee rights, etc. - through training, workshops, digital activities and social media campaigns. We have conducted workshops on gender, legal mechanisms of CEFM, and preventing discrimination in schools. We have created a bilingual (Turkish and Arabic) website to support girls' education and increase their interests in STEM fields.	Western Balkans and Turkey	http://kizlarokuldagelecek-kleriguvende.org/	2018 - June 2021	2022	Consequences

GAGE/ODI	Nicola Jones et al. Contact: Kate Pincock	Child marriage risks in the context of COVID-19 in Ethiopia	To explore the short-term effects of the pandemic and resulting policy response on adolescents' risks of child marriage, this policy brief draws on rapid virtual qualitative research from the Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE) longitudinal research sample in the Afar, Amhara and Oromia regions of Ethiopia. A total of 138 adolescent girls and boys aged 13-19 years were interviewed by phone using a semi-structured format in May and June 2020. These were complemented by 31 key informant interviews with officials from the bureaus of health, education and women, children and youth affairs, emergency and food security, and kebele officials in each locality. Our findings highlight that adolescent girls in rural areas and some adolescent boys were and continue to be at heightened risk of child marriage even in the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Ethiopia	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f314dec8fa8f57acac337db/GAGE-Covid-19-Ethiopia-child-marriage.pdf		July 2020	Methodological / measurement
GAGE/ODI	Elizabeth Presler-Marshall et al. Contact: Kate Pincock	"Through their eyes: Exploring the complex drivers of child marriage in humanitarian contexts"	On the anniversary of the refugee compact, a report on child marriage drivers in humanitarian contexts (Middle East and North Africa and Rohingya). This report draws on data collected between 2017 and 2020 as part of the GAGE programme to understand adolescent and parental perspectives on the patterning and drivers of child marriage in humanitarian contexts and to explore options for prevention.	Middle East and North Africa, and Rohingya	https://www.gage.odj.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Child-marriage-report-final.pdf		December 2020	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
GAGE/ODI	Kate Pincock	Experiences of married girls	Report on the experiences of married girls across six capability domains in both developmental and humanitarian contexts. This will include the effects of COVID-19.		Not available yet		2021	Implementation study
Girls Not Brides	Eline Versluys	The impact of COVID-19 on adolescent girls in West Africa and promising practices to improve access to quality education for girls at risk of marriage	This is a desk study looking into the impact of COVID-19 on adolescent girls in Francophone West Africa, as well as a compilation of promising practices to improve access to quality education for girls at risk of child marriage. Practices will be collected from member organisations from both ending child marriage and education coalitions who are participating in Girls Not Brides' Education Out Loud project in West Africa.	West Africa	Not available yet	March 2021-August 2021		Implementation study
<i>Girls Not Brides Rajasthan</i>	Indira Pancholi and Yogesh Vaishnav	"COVID-19 response: Impact on girls. Making their voices heard: A study by Girls Not Brides Rajasthan"	A recent study conducted by Rajasthan Alliance, partners of Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage. This study was conceived and implemented to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the lives of girls in rural Rajasthan, India, with reference to health, education and their dignity of life, particularly in the age group of 15-19 years. It also aimed to elicit adolescent girls' perceptions and aspirations and the call for government and civil society organisations to work for the well-being and protection of their rights. The findings of this research pave the way to a strong advocacy network to raise voices around the concerns of girls, and to work in collaboration to end child marriage and promote girls' education. The research also finds that there are immense possibilities and potential among active girls to talk about their concerns and become activists. The analysis also showed that girls can be involved in the process as change-makers.	Rajasthan, India	TBC		October 2020	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates

GreeneWorks	Margaret Greene	Mapping the global evidence on child marriage over two decades: A large-scale systematic scoping review	<p>We conducted a systematic search of publications covering four languages (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish), encompassing a 20-year period (1 January 2000 to 31 December 2019), and including peer-reviewed and grey literature on all geographies. We included peer-reviewed journal articles, reports, dissertations, and other evidence-based materials such as working papers and research briefs. Following the review of 4,081 abstracts, we extracted and analysed data on publication growth and type, geographical patterns, language patterns, focus populations, key sectors, and key areas of child marriage research.</p> <p>Our review identified 1,068 publications (58% were peer-reviewed journal articles, 26% reports, and the remaining grey literature. Most publications focused on sub-Saharan Africa (n=335, 31.4%) or South Asia (n=309, 29%) and were published in 2013 or later (n=884, 82.8%). Approximately half (49.1%) of the publications used quantitative methods. Across all study designs, causes and determinants of child marriage and consequences were the most commonly represented domains (41.2% and 37.8%, respectively). Other domains represented included efforts to prevent child marriage (31.8%), followed by prevalence and trends (21.1%). The least represented domain described efforts to respond to the needs of married girls (10.7%).</p> <p>These data permit complex analyses of the growth of the child marriage field over this twenty-year period.</p>	Global	www.greenetworks.com	Data from 2000-2019, analyses ongoing	September 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
GreeneWorks	Tara Abularrage	Systematic scoping review on child marriage, 2020	While the prevalence of child marriage has decreased worldwide from one in four girls married a decade ago to approximately one in five today, the practice remains widespread. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals call for global action to end this human rights violation by 2030. However, if efforts are not accelerated, more than 120 million girls will marry before their eighteenth birthday by 2030. This systematic scoping review of child marriage literature published in 2020 builds on Margaret Greene and Manahil Siddiqi's review of child marriage research from 2000-2019 using an adapted version of their study protocol. The review will evaluate and synthesise the global evidence on child marriage from 2020 and assess where progress has been made, how COVID-19 has impacted rates of child marriage, and where research gaps lie, to inform and shape future research and programme priorities.	Global	www.greenetworks.com	2020	8 October 2020	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates; Consequences
Harvard	Yvette Efevbera; Jacqueline Bhabha	Defining and deconstructing girl child marriage and applications to global public health	Through an extensive review of primary and secondary sources – including legal documents, peer-reviewed articles, books, and grey literature across disciplines – we explore what the term “girl child marriage” means and why it more accurately captures current global efforts than other terms like early, teenage, or adolescent marriage. The lack of harmonised terminology – particularly in global public health – prevents alignment amongst different stakeholders in understanding what the problem is, in order to determine how to measure it and create solutions to address it.		https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-09545-0		15 October 2020	Methodological / measurement

International Federation of the Red Cross	Gurvinder Singh	Technical guidelines against child marriage	This technical guide can be used by the IFRC and National Societies when designing and delivering programming to prevent or respond to child marriage, either in humanitarian settings or in longer-term development settings.	Global	https://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/IFRC-Technical-Guidelines-against-Child-Marriage-2021-EN.pdf		June 2021	Practitioners technical guide
International Rescue Committee	Mehreen Jaswal	Formative study: Addressing child marriage in humanitraian contexts	Extension of Girl Shine addressing early marriage in humanitarian contexts. Tools and guidance include curriculum for married/divorced and unmarried girls and their caregivers, outreach strategy, training content (in-person and remote) on Girl Shine and for service providers responding to adolescent girls as well as key messages guidance for broader dissemination.	Uganda, Lebanon	https://gbvresponders.org/adolescent-girls/girl-shine/	2019		Implementation study
McGill University	Alissa Koski	Child marriage in the United States: How common is the practice, and which children are at greatest risk?	<p>Marriage before the age of 18, commonly referred to as child marriage, is legal under varying conditions across the United States. The prevalence of child marriage among recent cohorts is unknown.</p> <p>Methods: American Community Survey data for 2010–14 were used to estimate the average national and state level proportions of children who had ever been married. Prevalence was calculated by gender, race and ethnicity, and birthplace, and the living arrangements of currently married children were examined.</p> <p>Results: Approximately 6.2 of every 1,000 children surveyed had ever been married. Prevalence varied from more than 10 per 1,000 in West Virginia, Hawaii and North Dakota to less than four per 1,000 in Maine, Rhode Island and Wyoming. It was higher among girls than among boys (6.8 vs. 5.7 per 1,000), and was lower among white non-Hispanic children (5.0 per 1,000) than among almost every other racial or ethnic group studied; it was especially high among children of American Indian or Chinese descent (10.3 and 14.2, respectively). Immigrant children were more likely than U.S.-born children to have been married; prevalence among children from Mexico, Central America and the Middle East was 2–4 times that of children born in the United States. Only 20% of married children were living with their spouses; the majority of the rest were living with their parents.</p> <p>Conclusions: Child marriage occurs throughout the country. Research on the social forces that perpetuate child marriage is needed to inform efforts to prevent it.</p>	United States	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1363/psrh.12055	2010–2014	January 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
McGill University	Alissa Koski	Has child marriage declined in sub-Saharan Africa? An analysis of trends in 31 countries	The study used data from Demographic and Health Surveys in 31 countries to measure trends in child marriage over time.	Sub-Saharan Africa	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/padr.12035	mid 1990s - mid 2010s	-	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates

McGill University	Alissa Koski	Child Marriage in Canada	Child marriage, defined as formal or informal marriage before the age of 18, is a globally recognized indicator of gender inequality. Canada has placed itself at the forefront of global efforts to end child marriage as part of its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Despite these global aspirations, child marriage remains legal throughout Canada. Data from vital statistics agencies and recent censuses indicate that child marriage, although rare, is practiced across the country. In 2016, nearly 2,300 children between 15 and 17 years of age were in union, a prevalence of 0.2 percent. The vast majority (98 percent) of these were informal, common-law unions. Demographic patterns of child marriage in Canada are similar to those observed in many low- and middle-income countries. Girls were far more likely to be married as children than boys and typically wed much older spouses. There were marked differences in the prevalence of child marriage across the country, with the highest estimates found in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the territories. These findings draw attention to the discrepancy between Canada's domestic law and its foreign policy. They also highlight thorny challenges inherent in efforts to end this practice in Canada and elsewhere.	Canada	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/padr.12369	2000-2018	December 2020	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
Monash University	Laura Vidal	An examination of the experience of young women impacted by forced marriage in Australia: Experiences of vulnerability and support	This research is an exploration of young women's experiences of forced marriage in Australia. The research is interested in developing an understanding about the context in which forced marriage occurs and the strategies young people adopt when responding to their own or others' situations. The research seeks to inform considerations regarding law and policy responses to forced marriage.	Australia	www.forcedmarriageresearch.com	2019-22	The paper was published in 2021	Consequences
Norwegian Church Aid	Dashakti Reddy	TBC	Developing gender-based violence guidance and tools for child marriage. Includes curriculum for girls (married/unmarried with a focus on emotional support), caregivers, comprehensive community engagement components and for adolescent boys.		www.kirkensnodhjelp.no/en/		TBC	Practicioners technical guide
Partners for Law in Development	Madhu Mehra	Why girls run away to marry: Adolescent realities and socio-legal responses in India	Based on stories of girls from three cities, this study introduces the issue of self-arranged marriages into the debate on child and early marriage in India. It provides qualitative insights into the contexts within which young relationships develop and are compelled into elopements, and to show how punitive legal responses cause harm to young lives. "The report is fascinating because it highlights some of the most crucial complexities that surround the issue of women's freedoms... it is heart-breaking to read of a 17-year-old girl sent to a remand home and a 19-year-old boy imprisoned merely for the 'crime' of sleeping together or running away to get married." - Vaishna Roy, Journalist (The Hindu, 2019)	India	https://bit.ly/3qJW9ax	Cases identified from period 2010-16		Consequences

Partners for Law in Development	Madhu Mehra	Grassroots experience of using the Child Marriage Act, 2006	Based on case studies submitted by 25 organisations, this report aims to comprehend the grassroots experience of what “using the law” means for girls in a position of vulnerability for whom the law is intended, in order to provide them with security and claimant’s well-being. Should the attention be fixed on mounting legal sanctions, or focus on interventions to deal with root causes of such vulnerability?		https://bit.ly/2OrIjN9	2017-18		Intervention effectiveness
Plan International Asia Regional Office	Rasa Sekulovic	Their time is now: Eliminating child, early and forced marriage in Asia. Integral technical report	Plan International undertook extensive research on the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam in late 2017. This technical report provides comprehensive details of CEFM in Asia and further consolidates evidence that governments, universities, civil society organisations, and Plan International have generated over the past ten to fifteen years in the 14 countries that make up Plan International’s Asia region. It analyses recent evidence on the prevalence, causes, trends, drivers and impact of CEFM and outlines actions that must be taken to address CEFM in Asia and the strong commitment needed from stakeholders at multiple levels. This full technical report is complemented with a summary report derived from it and publicised under the same title.	Asia	https://plan-international.org/publications/their-time-now-eliminating-child-early-and-forced-marriage	2018	August 2018	Prevalence, trends, determinants & consequences
Plan International Asia Regional Office	Rasa Sekulovic	Their time is now: Eliminating child, early and forced marriage in Asia. A Summary Report	Plan International undertook extensive research on the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam in late 2017. This technical report provides comprehensive details of CEFM in Asia and further consolidates evidence that governments, universities, civil society organisations, and Plan International have generated over the past ten to fifteen years in the 14 countries that make up Plan International’s Asia region. It analyses recent evidence on the prevalence, causes, trends, drivers and impact of CEFM and outlines actions that must be taken to address CEFM in Asia and the strong commitment needed from stakeholders at multiple levels. This summary report is derived from a full technical report publicised under the same title.	Asia	http://www.civilsocietyasia.org/resources/their-time-is-now-summary	2018	August 2018	Prevalence, trends, determinants & consequences
Plan International & Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC)	Alexandra Shaphren; Clare Lofthouse; Katheine Gambir	Understanding the drivers and decision-making pathways of child marriage: A participatory, mixed-methods study in humanitarian settings	We are investigating the drivers and decision-making pathways of child marriage in food insecure areas of Zimbabwe and communities facing conflict, displacement, insecurity, and/or natural hazards settings in the Philippines. The research will help to understand the needs and priorities of adolescents in selected communities with the overall goal of developing a tailored approach to child marriage prevention and response. The research utilises a mixed-methods study design, including key informant interviews, participatory group sessions, and storytelling via SenseMaker®. SenseMaker® is a mixed-method research and analysis tool that allows people to exchange short, open-ended stories about their experiences based on a story prompt. Adolescents (married and unmarried) and people influential in their lives (caregivers, community leaders, religious leaders, etc.) are engaged in study tool development, data analysis, and action planning to inform a child marriage in humanitarian settings program model.	Zimbabwe and Philippines	Forthcoming		September 2021. Data expected to be analysed Q1 2021, tools developed by Q3.	Prevalence, trends, determinants & consequences

Plan International Asia Regional Office	Rasa Sekulovic	Time to act: Accelerating efforts to eliminate child, early and forced marriage in Asia. Emerging effective interventions and strategies	The Time to Act! report was produced with the support of UNFPA APRO and it builds on the previous report Their Time Is Now, providing recent evidence on the prevalence, causes, trends, drivers and impact of child, early and forced marriage (CEFM), and outlines actions that should be taken to prevent and end CEFM in Asia, emphasising the strong commitment needed from stakeholders at multiple levels. The Time to Act! report delves into emerging interventions that have high potential to be successful and effective in preventing, reducing and ending CEFM, and highlights the factors that might lead to success. It also identifies initiatives and innovative approaches that seem most likely to end CEFM if implemented at scale by governments and other relevant stakeholders in Asia and beyond. Extensive document review and interviews with a range of stakeholders were conducted in five focus countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia and Vietnam) to identify promising interventions and key success factors, challenges, opportunities and themes.	Asia	https://plan-international.org/time-act-accelerating-efforts-eliminate-child-early-and-forced-marriage	2018	7 November 2018	Intervention effectiveness
Plan International Asia Pacific Regional Hub	Rasa Sekulovic	Their time is now - Time to act! Report of the regional comparative analysis of approaches to youth activism and engagement to eliminate child, early and forced marriage in Asia	<p>As part of a multi-phased research series in the countries of South and South East Asia, the recent Time to Act! report (2018) identified youth-led advocacy and activism among the interventions and innovative approaches with a high potential for impact if implemented at scale by governments and other stakeholders. This comparative analysis, Their Time is Now – Time to Act! builds on the report and on previous child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) research studies and focuses on different aspects of youth-led activism, advocacy and engagement to end CEFM in Asia.</p> <p>This comparative analysis aims to systematise the information from 10 Asian countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam) where young people are supported by Plan International in preventing, reducing and ending CEFM. It also provides an analytical overview of the key enablers and barriers encountered by youth advocates.</p> <p>This comparative analysis report presents key findings on structural and functional aspects of the youth groups engaged in ending CEFM, while offering a set of practical recommendations for key stakeholders. It is complemented with a thematic brief, serving to strengthen and further legitimise youth engagement and activism in ending CEFM across Asia.</p>	Asia	www.civilsocietyasia.org/resources/their-time-is-now-time-to-act-report	2019	July 2019	Youth activism to end child marriage
Plan International Asia Pacific Regional Hub	Rasa Sekulovic	Their time is now - Time to act! Report of the regional comparative analysis of approaches to youth activism and engagement to eliminate child, early and forced marriage in Asia. Thematic Brief	<p>This thematic brief is derived from a full analysis report under the same main title.</p> <p>Young people's ideas, solutions and actions to end child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) are gathering considerable momentum across the Asia region. Evidence confirms that when young people are meaningfully involved in messaging and decision-making, real progress towards ending this harmful practice can be achieved.</p> <p>The creativity, boldness and energy that young people are contributing needs to be built upon, scaled up and sustained. Their time is now – Time to act! presents key findings on structural and functional aspects of youth groups engaged in ending CEFM, while offering a set of practical recommendations for key stakeholders.</p>	Asia	www.civilsocietyasia.org/resources/their-time-is-now-time-to-act-brief	2019	July 2019	Thematic brief on youth activism to end child marriage

Population Council	Sajeda Amin	Bangladesh: COVID-19 knowledge, attitudes, practices & needs. Responses from three rounds of data collection among adolescent girls in districts with high rates of child marriage	From 20 to 30 April 2020, during a nationwide lockdown, the Population Council Bangladesh conducted the first round of a rapid phone-based survey on COVID-19 knowledge, attitudes and practices. The survey randomly selected girls who had provided phone numbers during enrollment in a skills-building programme that began before the pandemic. The survey's objective was to assess the impact of COVID-19 on adolescent lives and to design programs that would contribute to protecting girls and meet social distancing guidelines imposed by the government. Phone interviews were conducted with 479 girls living in the districts of Chapainawabganj, Kushtia, and Sherpur who were participants in a program focused on reducing child marriage by increasing school attendance and grade progression among girls ages 12 to 15. A follow-up survey was conducted from 12 to 22 June 2020, prior to the introduction of virtual skills sessions as school closure and social distancing protocols were in effect. The nationwide lockdown had been withdrawn by that time. A third round of remote data collection took place from 5 to 11 September 2020. This brief presents the findings and comparisons from the three rounds of phone surveys.	Bangladesh	https://knowledgecommons.popcouncil.org/departments_sbsr-pgy/1170/		November 2020	Consequences
Save the Children	Chiara Orlassino	Global girlhood report 2020: How COVID-19 is putting progress in peril	This report looks at 25 years of progress with and for girls and the threats that the COVID-19 crisis now poses to those hard-won gains. It includes new projections based on the economic impact of COVID-19 in 2020, expected to increase the number of girls at risk of child marriage and adolescent pregnancy. This is Save the Children's first adolescent-friendly global flagship report. It was written with input from a girls' advisory group and includes written content, girls' stories, videos, art and poetry in every chapter, as well as recommendations to the global community on how to work with girls to #ProtectaGeneration against the worst impacts of the pandemic.	Global	https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/node/18201/pdf/global_girlhood_report_2020_africa_version_2.pdf		October 2020	Prevalance,trends & determinants
Save the Children International	Nina Gora	Addressing data gaps on child, early and forced marriage in humanitarian settings	Data gaps and ensuring accountability on child, early, and forced marriage in humanitarian settings		https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net/node/16649/pdf/cefm_in_humanitarian_settings_data-base_save_the_children.pdf		2019	Consequences
Stony Brook University	Rachel Kidman	Adverse childhood experiences, sexual debut and HIV testing among adolescents in a low-income high HIV-prevalence context	This is a longitudinal study in Malawi that interviewed adolescents age 10-16 in 2017-18 and will be re-interviewing them in 2021. One of the key outcomes we are tracking is child marriage.	Malawi	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6832840/		2019	Consequences

Terre des Hommes, Kings Colledge London	Marta Gil Gonzalez	Understanding child marriage amongst Syrian refugee communities in Jordan and Lebanon	This large, multi-method piece of research was undertaken in partnership with the University of Bedfordshire (UK), with lead researcher Dr. Aisha Hutchinson who has worked on the project with Tdh from 2016-20. The research draws together deliverables based on different research methodologies, addressing a variety of angles to analyse the process of child marriage itself, illuminating how it is understood, explained, considered and justified by girls and their families, as well as tackling policy and programme responses and the views and processes followed by different governments, organisations and community stakeholders such as faith-based actors. It also details the challenges faced by married girls and their reflections on marriage and life in the future.	Middle East and North Africa	https://www.tdh.ch/en/media-library/documents/research-child-marriage		2020	To generate consensus and priorities for driving action and response to the under explored topic of mental health impacts of child, early and forced marriage.
UNHCR	Page Munala		UNHCR mini guide on child marriage				TBC	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
University College London (UCL)	Dr Rochelle Burgess	Mental health consequences of child marriages: A narrative review	<p>This review attempted to answer the following questions: What are the mental health consequences child marriages had on girls and/or boys globally between the year 2000 and 2019? What causes distress in child marriages? And what are the resulting mental health consequences of causes of distress in child marriages?</p> <p>The review included both empirical and non-empirical papers using qualitative and quantitative methods focusing on the implications of child marriages and discussions of the resulting mental health impacts. Studies were included if they discussed mental health of children married or promised in marriage before the age of 18 years. Studies in which children married before reaching 18 years old were part of a larger sample, other populations were only included if their results were presented separately. This review did not limit inclusion based on study design. Studies that reported outcomes regarding child marriages but did not report or discuss any mental health impacts were also excluded.</p>	Global	https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.php?RecordID=139685	May 2019-August 2019	Expected summer 2021	Prevalence, trends, determinants & consequences
University College London (UCL)	Dr Rochelle Burgess	Mapping risk and resilience to mental health consequences of child marriage in Zimbabwe	<p>While the global social justice field works tirelessly to end child marriage, the associated trauma and distress has been widely overlooked and thus we know very little about the mental health consequences of child marriage.</p> <p>This study is the first known study on the mental health consequences of child marriage in the Southern African Development Community. This study will be conducted in Zimbabwe, where 1 in 3 girls are married before the age of 18. Using interviews and conversations with stakeholders in the wider community such as teachers, cultural leaders and health professionals, we will identify the elements which explain how child marriage and the socioeconomic challenges which Zimbabweans face, can affect mental ill-health.</p> <p><i>Continued on next page.</i></p>	Zimbabwe	https://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-health/research/z-research/march-zim	Dec 2020-July 2022	December 2022	Prevalence, trends, determinants & consequences

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University College London (UCL)	Dr Rochelle Burgess	Bringing an end to the silence: An investigation into the mental health consequences of child marriage and potential solutions	<p>Background: Despite being a global priority that is covered by Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG5) to end all harmful gendered practices by 2030, child, early and forced marriage continues to be a pervasive problem globally.</p> <p>While there is growing evidence on the physical health consequences of child marriage, there is a persistent lack of evidence on the mental health consequences of child marriage. The purpose of this study was to generate consensus and priorities for driving action and response to the under explored topic of mental health impacts of child, early and forced marriage.</p> <p>Methods: This study used the change-oriented Delphi approach to incorporate participatory research methods to draw on community perspectives and expert opinion, to examine the mental health consequences and potential solutions to the problem of child marriage. The study consisted of four stages; a workshop, a focus group in Zimbabwe with child marriage survivors, an online questionnaire with experts in the field, and finally, a follow-up questionnaire. Each stage informed the next. "</p>		https://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-health/research/z-research/mental-health-and-child-marriage-bringing-end-silence	Aug 2019-Apr 2021	2017	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
University of Kent & University of Malaya	Amrit Amirapu, Niaz Asadullah, and Zaki Wahhaj	The threat to female adolescent development from COVID-19	<p>We are investigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the practice of female early marriage in rural Bangladesh by monitoring trends in marriage outcomes. Longitudinal data spanning pre- and post-crisis period is utilised. The key outcome measures used to examine the effects of COVID-19 are: marital status and marriage offers, school enrolment status, intention to return to school after the lockdown, disruption to learning time and self-reported measures of income loss. A telephone survey was conducted during the week of 12-18 June 2020 (Survey on children, early marriage and COVID-19), directed towards 536 women located in 80 villages (from 23 districts) in Bangladesh. The respondents included all women with one or more unmarried daughters aged 9 to 24 years. If additional research funding becomes available, the study set up can be used to further track prevalence, trends, determinants and correlates extending into 2021.</p>		https://edi.opml.co.uk/resource/the-threat-to-female-adolescent-development-from-covid-19/		Ongoing (a brief is available summarising preliminary findings)	Ethical conduct of research on child marriage

Women's Refugee Commission / John Hopkins University /UNFPA- UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage	Janna Metzler	Child marriage in humanitarian settings in the Arab States Region: Study results from Djibouti, Egypt, Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Yemen	This synthesis report highlights findings on the prevalence and drivers of child marriage in four conflict-affected contexts in the Arab States region. Field studies were conducted amongst Somali and Yemeni refugees in Djibouti, Syrian refugees in Egypt, Syrian refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and IDPs in Yemen.	Arab States	https://s33660.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Child-marriage-Arab-states-synthesis-report-FINAL.pdf	2018-20	September 2021	Intervention effectiveness
Women's Refugee Commission / John Hopkins University /UNFPA- UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage	Janna Metzler	Child marriage in humanitarian settings in South Asia: Study results from Bangladesh and Nepal	In an effort to establish an evidence base for child marriage in humanitarian settings generally, and for South Asia in particular, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) partnered with the Women's Refugee Commission and the Center for Humanitarian Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to conduct two country studies on child marriage in humanitarian settings in Bangladesh and Nepal.	South Asia: Bangladesh and Nepal	https://www.womens-refugeecommission.org/research-resources/child-marriage-in-humanitarian-settings-in-south-asia/	2019-20	2019	Prevalence, trends, determinants & correlates
Women's Refugee Commission / John Hopkins University /UNFPA- UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage	Janna Metzler	A practitioner's guide to the ethical conduct of research on child marriage in humanitarian settings	The ""Practitioner's guide to the ethical conduct of research on child marriage in humanitarian settings"" is intended to offer practitioners a framework for decision-making considering whether and how to conduct research on child marriage in humanitarian settings. Our focus is on the ethical conduct of research among female and male adolescents and young people (aged 10–24 years) who are at risk of or have experienced child marriage and are living in challenging, low-resource, and often insecure environments. This guide is designed to help practitioners make decisions about whether or not human subject research on child marriage is needed in humanitarian settings, and, if it is needed, to help them examine the key concepts, elements, and options that should be considered in conducting ethical research.		https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/research-resources/practitioners-guide-ethical-conduct-of-research-on-child-marriage-in-humanitarian-settings/	2020	2019	Intervention effectiveness
Young Lives	Gina Crivello	Young Lives' response to COVID-19	Young Lives has conducted three rounds of COVID-19 phone surveys with two age cohorts of youth in Ethiopia, India (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states), Peru and Vietnam. The surveys capture broadly the impacts of the pandemic on young people and their households (eg, education, work, income, domestic violence, mental wellbeing, COVID-19 knowledge, etc.) but these surveys do not record child marriage (not least because the cohorts are aged 19 and 26). The headline reports of the second call are just out and can be found in the link column.	Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam	https://www.younglives.org.uk/content/young-lives-response-covid-19	2020 - 2021	Findings from rounds of surveys published through 2020/21	Intervention effectiveness