

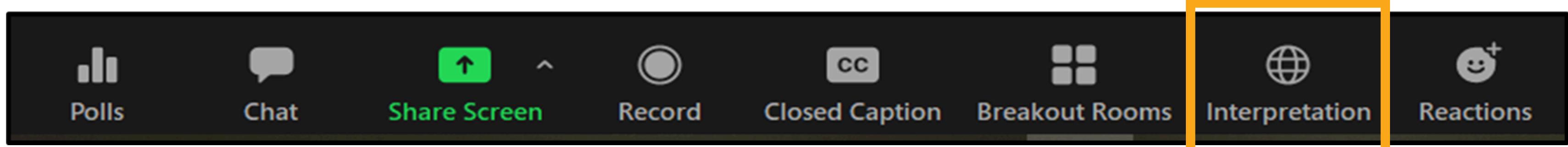
The Child Marriage Research to Action Network (The CRANK)

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यह सत्र अंग्रेज़ी में प्रस्तुत किया जाएगा। अपनी सुविधा अनुसार अनुवाद सुनने के लिए, कृपया अपनी स्क्रीन के नीचे दिए गए ग्लोब आइकन पर क्लिक करें और अपनी पसंदीदा भाषा चुनें — अंग्रेज़ी, स्पैनिश, फ्रैंच, हिंदी, बांग्ला या विकल्प "कोई अनुवाद नहीं"।



WELCOME

Shape Action: Join us for
the Global Thematic
Consultation on Social
Norms, Community
Engagement & Child
Marriage Evidence Gaps



GLOBAL THEMATIC CONSULTATION SOCIAL NORMS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CHILD MARRIAGE - TODAY'S AGENDA

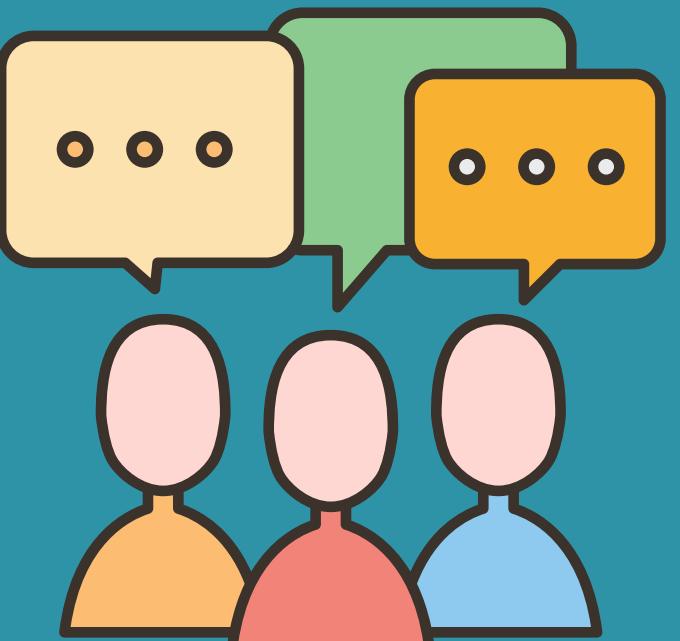
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Setting the scene

Step by step guide:
Identifying evidence gaps &
research questions

Social norms and child
marriage: what does the
evidence tell us?

Group work -
Identifying
evidence gaps
on social
norms and
child marriage



Bringing
it all
together



Shared Global Evidence Agenda

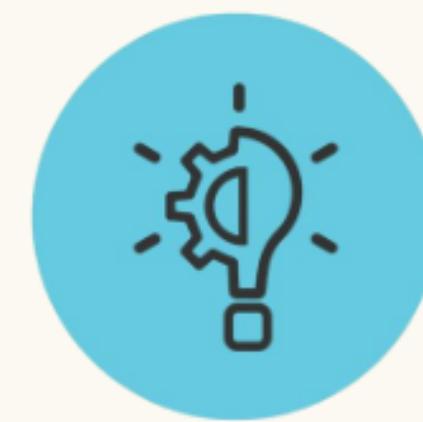
Co-create

Participatory approaches

Evidence-based programmes & policies

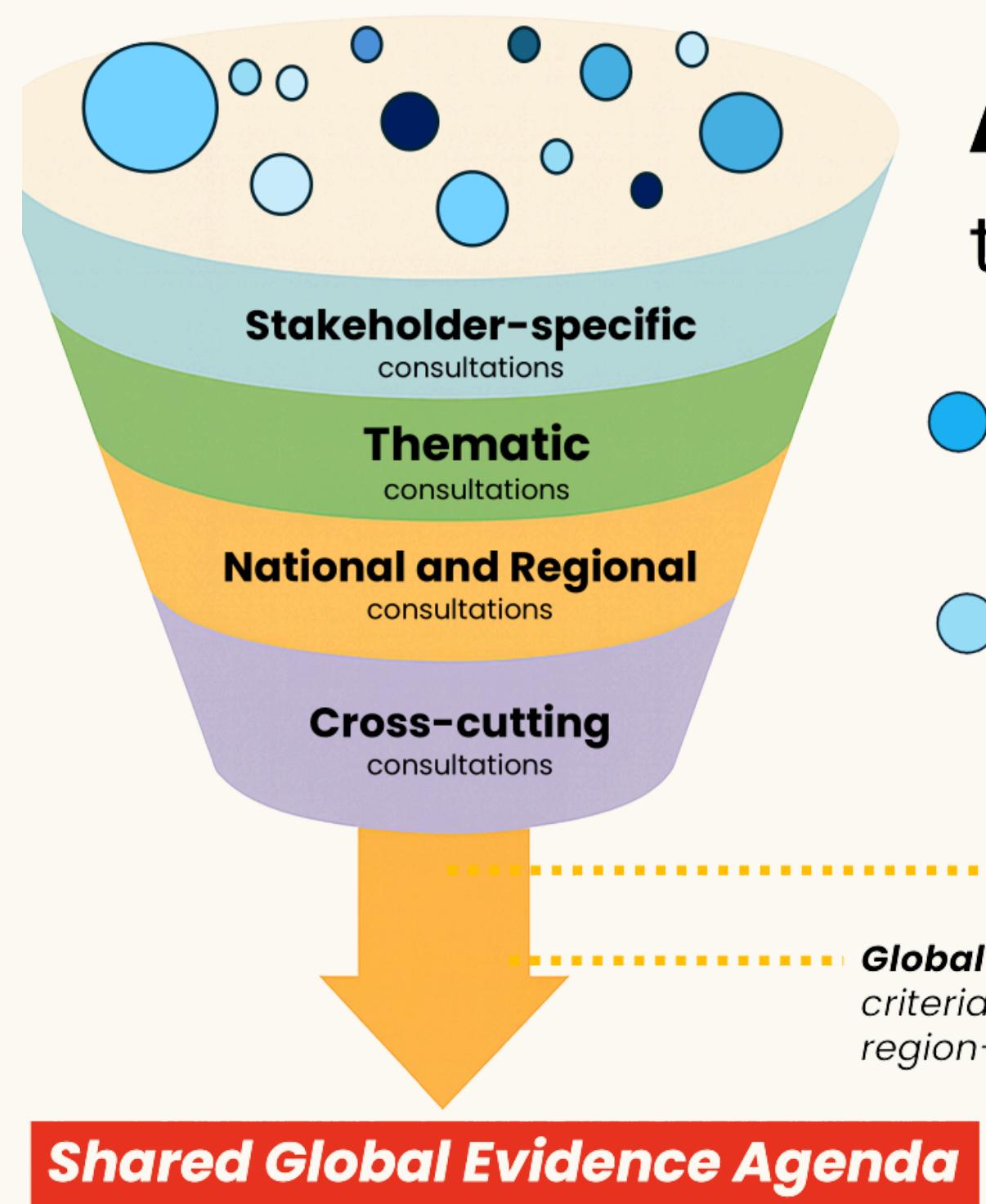
Diverse stakeholders

Strengthen prevention & response efforts



Stage 3: Identify Evidence Needs

Identify pressing research needs through national, regional, and global consultations, complemented by key informant interviews; develop a prioritised list of questions to drive impact.



A layered approach
to consultations

● **Facilitated**
consultations
(120 min)

● **Online engagement**
Platforms (BuzzBoard, Miro, LinkedIn Groups)

● **Key informant**
interviews

● **Focus Group**
Discussions

All inputs **consolidated** across a diversity of geographies, stakeholders, and themes

Global priority-setting survey to score questions against criteria to identify overall and domain-specific, and region-specific research priorities

Global Thematic Consultation

Child Marriage & Social Norms Change

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Objectives

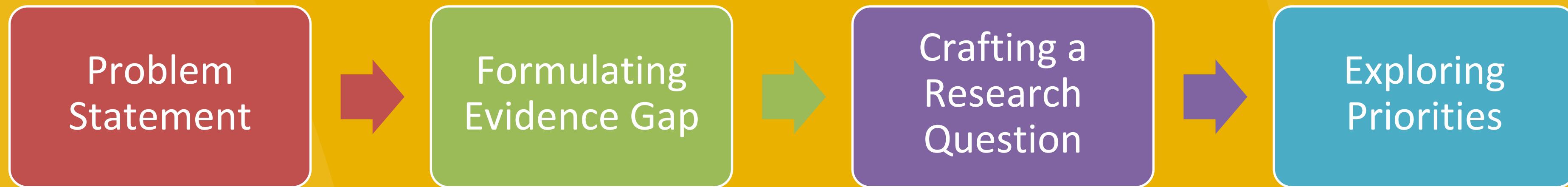
- * **Surface evidence gaps from diverse contexts**
- * **Ensure the global agenda reflects real programming and policy challenges**
- * **Make future research relevant and actionable**

... Today is about hearing from you.

Key question to consider

**What evidence gaps or unanswered questions
do you wish you had better answers to when
trying to prevent child marriage and shift social
norms?**

4 Key Stages



Problem Statement

Problem Statement:

What real-life **programming or policy challenge** is ~~holding~~ back progress on addressing child marriage in your context?

Formula

“We are struggling with... [challenge] ...for [who] in [where].”

situate the problem gap in your local / community, national or regional contexts

Evidence Gap

FORMULATING EVIDENCE GAP

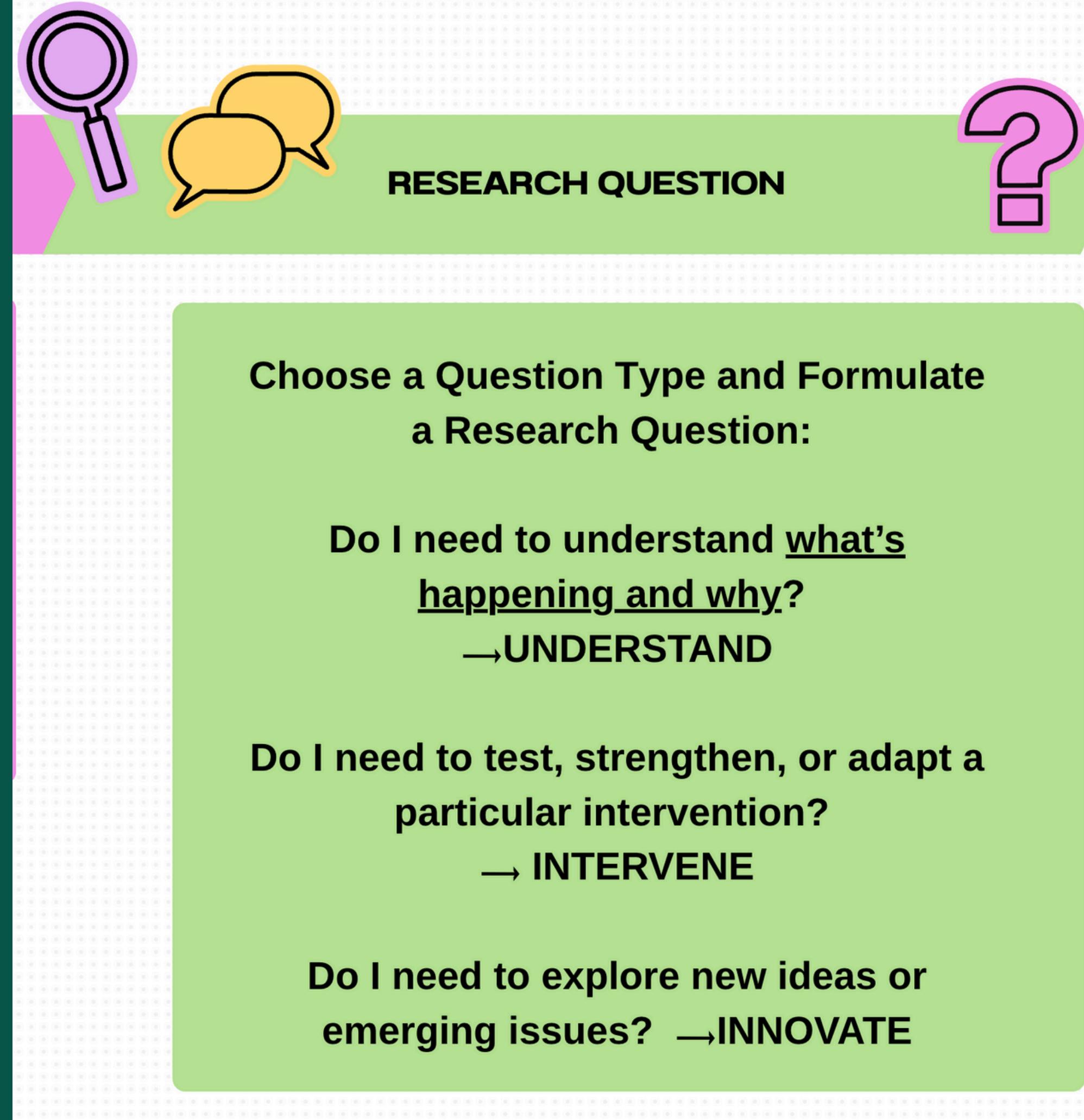
Evidence Gap

Gap: What do we NOT know — from the existing evidence on child marriage and social norms— that is blocking us from addressing the problem effectively?

Formula

““We do not know enough about... [specific unknown] ...which makes it hard to solve this problem.”

Crafting a Research Question



Exploring Priorities

PRIORITISATION

“Each of you has 3 stars. Place them on the **three research questions or gaps—not your own—that you find most interesting or urgent.”



Canva board

Engagement, and Child Marriage

What does the evidence say and where are the gaps?

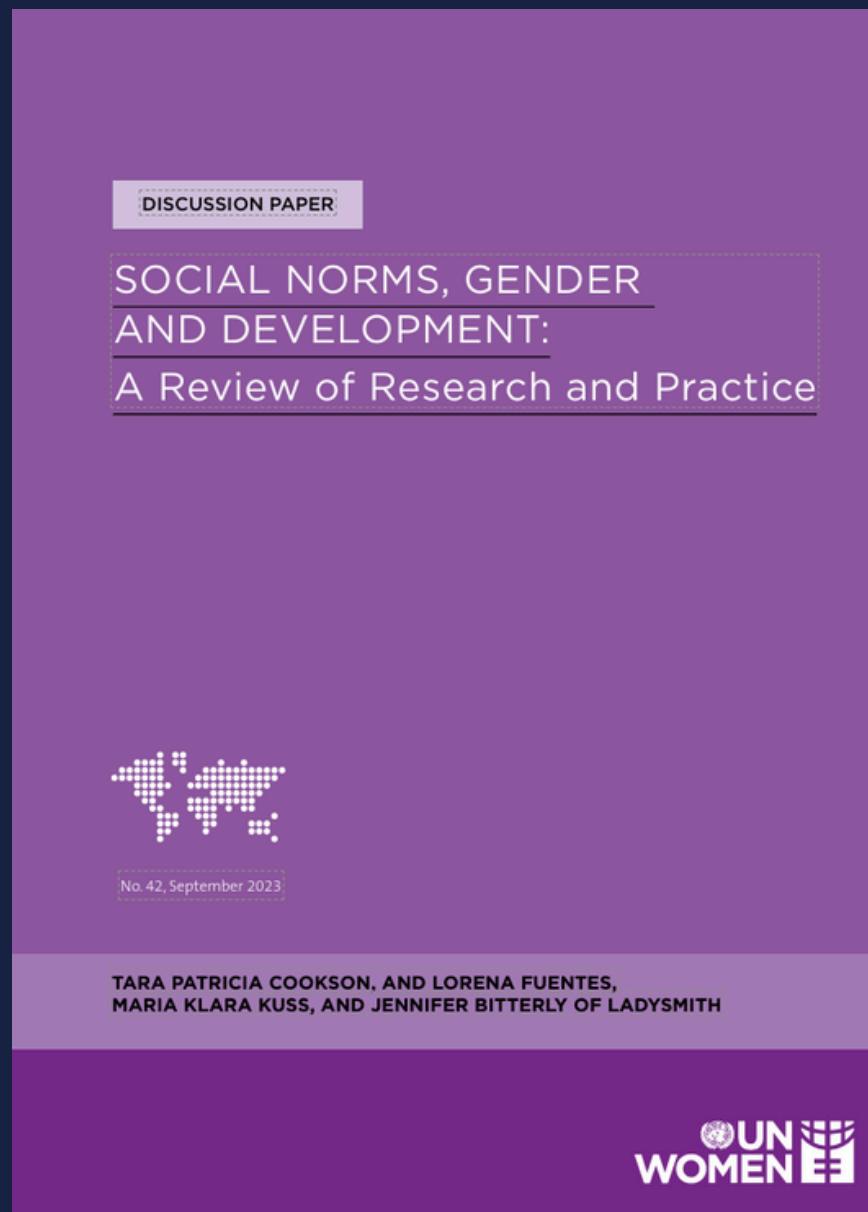
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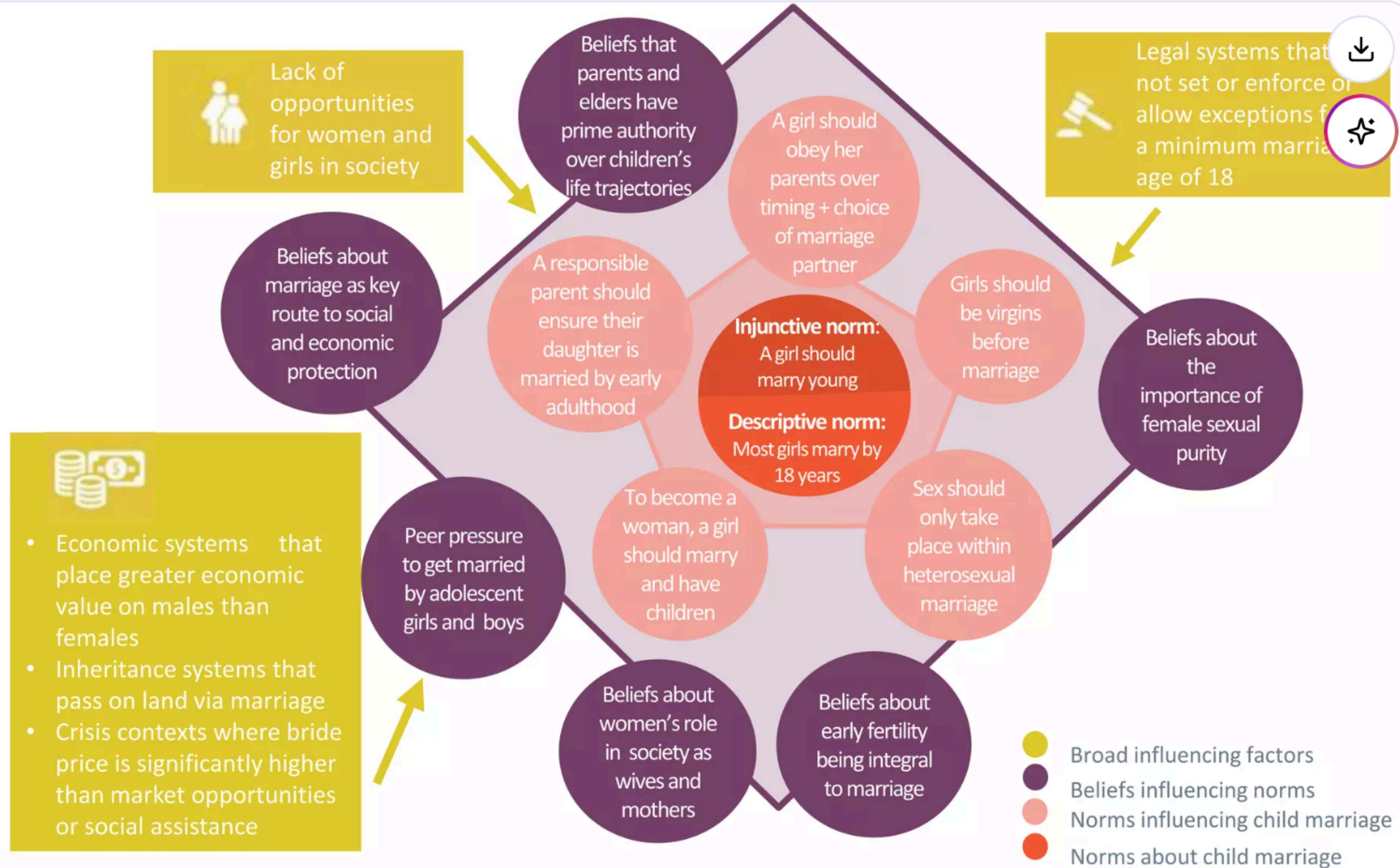
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Social Norms: A shared understanding



- Social norms are the **implicit and informal rules** that **most people** accept and follow in a social group about what is **"right"**, **"acceptable"**, or **"normal"**
- Gender norms are a subset of social norms – dictating how girls and boys, and women and men are **expected to behave**.
- Norms differ across societies because they are rooted in **culture, religion, and lived social experience**, and shaped by economic, political, and environmental conditions, including **people's access to power and resources**.

Child marriage is held in place by a web of gender norms



How Norms Change

Key approaches from the global evidence

(UN Women 2023)

Media and ‘edutainment’

Group reflection & collective problem-solving
on issues defined by communities themselves.

Engaging key influencers (faith leaders, elders, teachers, community leaders).

Supporting feminist movements & women-led organisations

Engaging men and boys in co-constructing new norms (not one-way messaging).

Complementary, sustained interventions
e.g., edutainment + dialogue + school/community engagement over multiple years.

Macro-level influences (economic shocks, crises, conflict, environment, infrastructure) can accelerate or reverse norms shifts.

Evidence Gaps: *Understand*

- 1. Norms Variation Across Communities**
- 2. Which Norms Matter Most & How They Change**
- 3. Norms in Crisis & Displacement Settings**
- 4. Norms Shaping the Lives of Married Girls**

Evidence Gaps: *Intervene*

- 1. What Works (and How)**
- 2. Measurement, Methods & Evaluation**
- 3. Population & Context-Specific Gaps**
- 4. Implementation, Systems & Sustainability**

Evidence Progress & Gaps: *Innovate*

1. Structural & Political Economy Drivers

2. Limited Consideration of Institutional Norms

3. Macro-Level Shifts

4. Role of Digital and Social Media

Breakout Rooms

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Room 3: English + Spanish support

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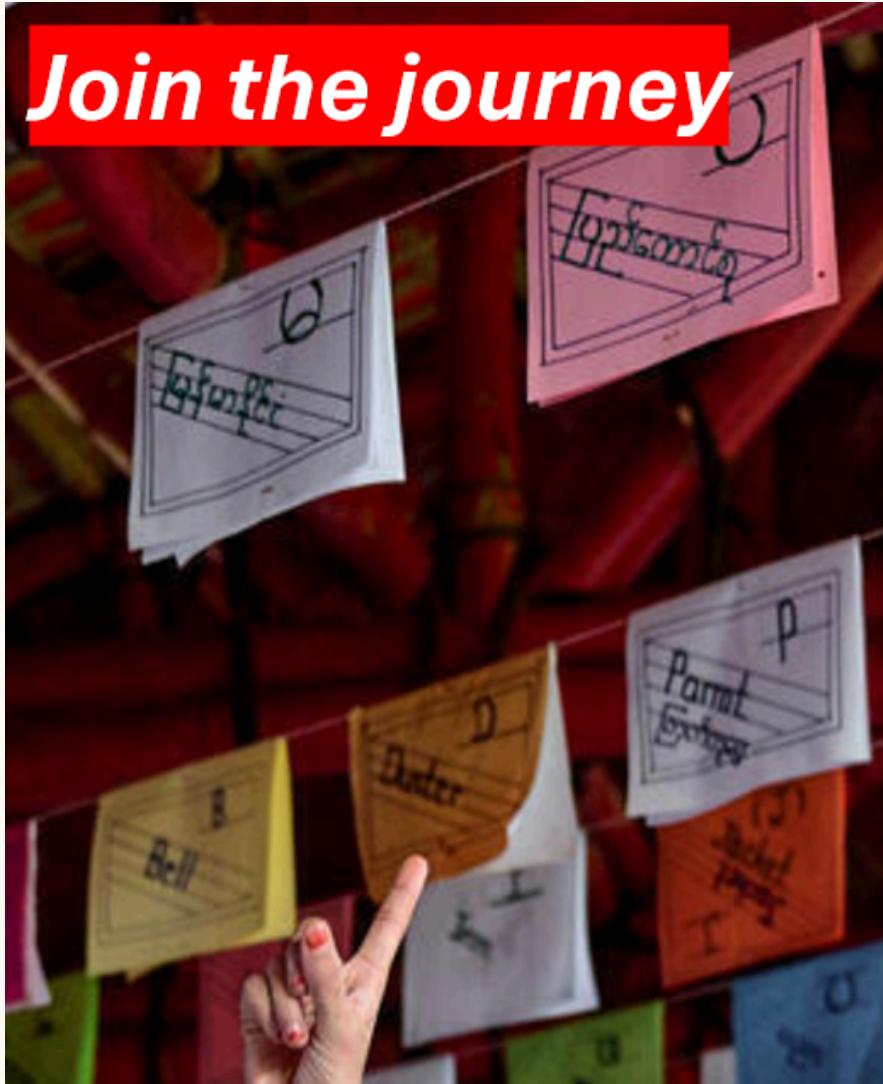
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Bringing it all together

José-Roberto Luna (UNFPA)

What's next...

Join the journey



Facilitation Toolkit

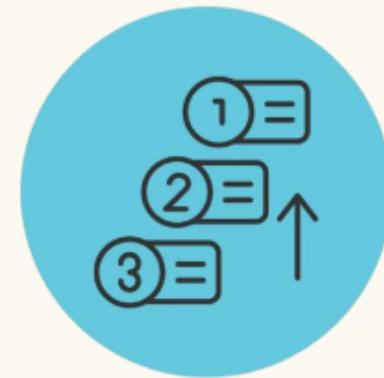
Stakeholder Consultations

EVIDENCE FOR ACCELERATED ACTION: A SHARED GLOBAL RESEARCH AGENDA TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO CHILD MARRIAGE



Shaping a Shared Evidence Agenda to Prevent and Respond to Child Marriage

iii Private Listed



Stage 4: Establish Shared Priorities

A global survey is designed, translated, and piloted to rank research questions. Results are analysed by stakeholder and regional groups, followed by the publication of a summary report and a communication strategy to share findings widely

Thank you for joining us!

We want to know how to improve - let us know by completing our feedback poll

