

WE CANNOT IGNORE CHILD MARRIAGE DURING HUMANITARIAN CRISES



9 out of the **10**
countries with the highest child marriage rates are fragile states.

Girls can be more vulnerable to child marriage during and after:



Conflict



Displacement



Natural Disasters



Due to:

- Increased insecurity
- Increased poverty
- Weaker social networks

As a result, families may see child marriage as

- A form of protection from violence
- A way to cope with poverty

In some conflicts areas, such as Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Nigeria, women and girls have also been **abducted and forced to marry**.



More needs to be done to protect girls from child marriage during crises:

- 1 Recognise child marriage as a critical issue in times of crisis – not just an afterthought
- 2 Identify what makes girls vulnerable to child marriage in humanitarian crises by involving and listening to them.
- 3 Include child marriage prevention and support to married girls in any humanitarian response from the beginning of a crisis. Involve all sectors.
- 4 Do more research to understand how crises affect adolescent girls in different contexts

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