



# UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage

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# The Global Programme to Accelerate action to end Child Marriage

- UNICEF and UNFPA consolidated donor interest into a multi-donor, multi-stakeholder Global Programme to accelerate the movement to end child marriage.
- Builds upon existing investments from Canada, Italy, Netherlands, UK and others
- Currently includes 12 Country Offices across 4 regions: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Nepal, Niger, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.
- 2015 inception phase used to establish Phase 1 plans
- Launched on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the CSW in New York



## Goal/Vision of the Global Programme

- Girls fully enjoy their childhood free from the risk of marriage
- They experience healthier, safer and more empowered life transitions in control of their own destiny, including making choices and decisions about their education, sexuality, relationship formation/marriage, and childbearing
- This shift is reflected by a decrease of at least 10% in the percentage of women 20-24 who are married or in union by age 18 (to be confirmed based on SDG targets and feedback from countries)

# A snapshot of the Global Programme's strategies

Sectors	Child Protection Gender Adolescents/Youth	Education	Health	Social Protection
Levels				
<b>What reaches the adolescent girl</b>	Empowerment of adolescent girls through life skills, girls' clubs – participation.  Case management.	Support to girls for enrolment and continuation of primary/lower secondary school (e.g. complementary learning)	Health information and services delivered to adolescent girls	Adolescent girls reached by government schemes (transfers to girls to enhance their value/status and expand their options)
<b>What reaches her family and community</b>	Community dialogues with families and leaders in conjunction with investments in girls.	CCTs linked to education, engagement through school councils	Health workers' supplementary outreach to families	Families reached by government schemes (transfers to families, indirectly benefiting girls)
<b>What strengthens the systems that can reach the adolescent girl</b>	Capacity and quality of child protection systems.  Improved targeting/outreach in 'youth' work.	Improved availability and quality of education for adolescent girls	Making health systems not just youth-friendly but adolescent-girl friendly	Ensuring social protection systems are age/gender-responsive, accessible, and linked to complementary programmes and services
<b>What creates an enabling environment to delay marriage</b>	Mass media campaigns			
	Appropriate policies, budget allocations, legal frameworks			
	Data and evidence generation and use, particularly programmatically-relevant evidence			

# Results Framework - Outcomes

- Outcome 1 Adolescent girls at risk of and affected by child marriage are better able to express and exercise their choices
- Outcome 2 Households demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviors toward investing in and supporting adolescent girls
- Outcome 3 Relevant sectoral systems deliver quality and cost effective services to meet the needs of adolescent girls
- Outcome 4 National laws, policy frameworks and mechanisms to protect and promote adolescent girls' rights are in line with international standards and properly resourced
- Outcome 5 Government(s) and partners within and across countries support generation and use of robust data and evidence to inform policy and programming, track progress and document lessons

# Results Framework- Select Impact Indicators

1. Percentage of women 20-24 married/in-union before age 18
2. Percentage of women 20-24 married/in-union before age 15
3. Percentage of women 20-24 married/in-union who gave birth before age 18
4. Percentage of women 20-24 married/in-union who gave birth before age 15



# Partners in the Global Programme

- The Global Programme framework recognizes the **contributions of all partners** and is building a platform with shared objectives, shared accountability and shared credit for achievements.
- At country level, UNICEF and UNFPA are coordinating with national governments to ensure that their child marriage strategy is aligned with and supports national priorities

The Global Programme also works closely with CSOs by:

- partnering with them as part of a global network of stakeholders
- amplifying their participation and ownership within national and regional mechanisms
- supporting the building of networks of CSOs
- collaborating with CSOs as implementing partners
- building technical capacity of CSOs
- including CSOs as part of its governance structure







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