

WHY GOVERNMENTS MUST ADDRESS CHILD MARRIAGE TO ACHIEVE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS



Globally, **15 million** girls a year are married before the age of 18



The majority of out-of-school girls live in sub-Saharan Africa, Central and Southern Asia where rates of child marriage are highest



Girls who attend secondary school* are **3 x less likely** to be child brides**



Girls who are married earn **9% less** money as adults



By ending child marriage, governments in 18 sample countries could save up to **\$17 billion** per year by 2030***

What must governments do?

- Develop and implement education plans tailored to girls.
- Invest resources to prevent child marriage and support married girls.
- Track progress on achieving the SDGs.
- Develop cross-government strategies to end child marriage.

What education strategies can help prevent child marriage and support married girls?

- Ensure girls' access to primary and secondary education.
- Ensure girls' safety within and on the way to school.
- Improve the quality of education for girls and ensure schools are girl-friendly.
- Keep girls in school!

*or higher education

**than those with no education

***just from providing public education

END CHILD MARRIAGE TO HELP GIRLS FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

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