



Lakshmi Sundaram – Biography

Lakshmi Sundaram is Global Coordinator of *Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage*.

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As Global Coordinator of *Girls Not Brides*, Lakshmi helps Partnership members work together to bring the issue of child marriage to global attention and to be more effective in addressing the problem. Lakshmi plays a pivotal role in linking the Partnership's members, facilitating their joint efforts in advocacy and communications and supporting members to learn from each other about effective approaches to ending child marriage.

Lakshmi's background is in global health partnerships, including at the World Economic Forum's Global Health Initiative and at the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics in Switzerland, as well as with the Ministry of Health in Rwanda. She is experienced in forging alliances across the public, private and NGO sectors, encouraging diverse people and groups to join forces for demonstrable change. Lakshmi holds a BA in Biochemistry from the University of Cambridge, as well as a Master of Public Health and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University. She is a Global Leadership Fellow of the World Economic Forum. Lakshmi speaks English and French fluently. Her Tamil and German are works in progress, and her Spanish is basic.