STOP Child Marriage
Canada speaking up for girls

EMPÊCHER les mariages d’enfants
Le combat du Canada pour les filles
Canada Partnering to End Child, Early and Forced Marriage

Girls Not Brides - Global Member Meeting
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When girls are not able to reach their full potential, everyone suffers—girls, their families, their communities and their countries

#EndChildMarriage

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Ending CEFM - A Canadian Priority

15 million girls are married every year before age 18

• CEFM hindered advancement of the Millennium Development Goals: #1 through #6

• Negative health outcomes (early pregnancy, increased risk of HIV, etc.)

• Socio-economic consequences for the community

• Increased risk of violence

• End to education

• Poverty
Canada’s Approach

Ending CEFM will contribute to building more developed, just and prosperous societies around the world.

- **Human rights and development challenge**: must be addressed from both perspectives (multi-sectoral).
- **Partnership**: we all have a role to play in ending CEFM.
- **Global issue and the leadership of high-prevalence countries** is essential for success.
- **Multiple levels**: requires interventions at global, regional, national and community/grassroots levels.
Multilateral Initiatives

Increasing international momentum to end CEFM:
- International Day of the Girl Child
- Human Rights Council
- UN General Assembly
- Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Regional initiatives:
  - African Union
  - Francophonie
  - Commonwealth
Advocacy and Awareness

- High-level events to raise awareness and build political support.
- Advocacy through network of Canadian missions abroad.
- Coordination with key partners.

A young Jordanian woman discusses the benefits of education at the “Too Young to Wed” exhibit launch in Amman.
Support for Programming

• **Increased CEFM projects – over $36 million since 2013:**
  - UNICEF project in 6 countries
  - Support to CSO partners
  - AU Campaign
  - Grassroots projects through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

• **Complementary programs:**
  - Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH)
  - Education
  - Children and Youth

Fatuma from northern Ethiopia was supported through a CFLI project and is at school instead of attending her own wedding.
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