

Women Deliver 2016

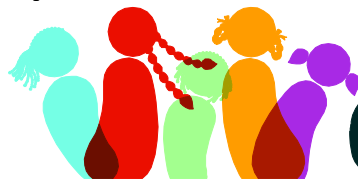
Women Deliver, the largest global conference on the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women, is happening in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 16-19 May.

- Official website: <http://wd2016.org/>
- Theme: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals so they matter most to women and girls
- Livestream: <http://wd2016.org/media-resources/virtual-conference/> *What sessions should be broadcast? Have your say [here](#).*
- Hashtags: #WD2016 and #WDLive

Tweeting about child marriage?

- Follow *Girls Not Brides* on Twitter [@GirlsNotBrides](#) and Facebook [/GirlsNotBrides](#).
- Use the hashtags #endchildmarriage and #GirlsNotBrides.
- In this social media toolkit, you will find messages, resources and infographics on child marriage to share during Women Deliver and beyond!

Any questions? Email Sophie.Drouet@GirlsNotBrides.org



GIRLS NOT BRIDES

The Global Partnership
to End Child Marriage

Child marriage and the Global Goals: key messages

Ending #childmarriage will help us to achieve at least 8 of the #SDGs. What are we waiting for? <http://bit.ly/1WNUzAO> #WD2016

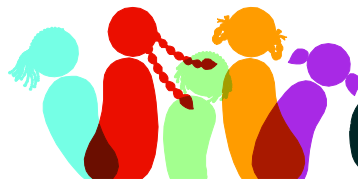
Ending #childmarriage is everyone's responsibility: civil society, govts, traditional leaders, youth, media <http://bit.ly/1ijkERO> #WD2016

Change won't happen overnight. To #endchildmarriage, we need a long-term, comprehensive & coordinated approach. #WD2016

Change will ultimately happen in communities, but we also need support at global, regional & national levels to #endchildmarriage #WD2016

#Childmarriage happens to girls BECAUSE they are girls. We won't achieve gender equality without ending child marriage. #WD2016

If we do nothing to #endchildmarriage, 1.2 billion girls will be married as children by 2050. <http://bit.ly/1ijkERO> #WD2016



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Each year, 15 million girls are married before the age of 18. 28 girls every minute. 1 every 2 seconds <http://bit.ly/1ijkERO> #WD2016

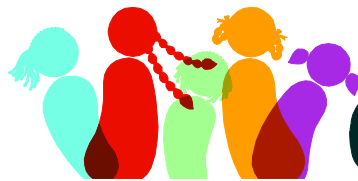
Complications in pregnancy & childbirth are among leading causes of death for girls aged 15-19 in developing countries <http://bit.ly/1amlgoj> #WD2016

Girls with no education are 3x more likely to marry before 18 than girls with secondary or higher education <http://bit.ly/1hpBWMW> #WD2016

#Childbrides are more likely to experience violence within marriage than girls who marry later <http://bit.ly/1nR5PuR> #WD2016

#Childbrides experience higher rates of anaemia and malnutrition than girls who married later in life <http://bit.ly/1amlgoj> #WD2016

How can countries prosper if ½ of population is left behind? #Endchildmarriage is key to a better, more equal future for all. #WD2016



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Child marriage and the Global Goals: useful resources

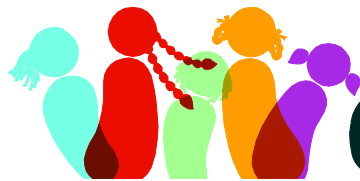
BLOG: [Ending child marriage will help us achieve the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Here's how.](#) By *Girls Not Brides*.

INTERVIEW: [Want the SDGs to succeed? Involve young people!](#) By Petrider Paul, Youth for Change Tanzania and Children's Dignity Forum.

MESSAGING FRAMEWORK: [Child marriage and the SDGs \(health, reproductive rights, gender equality, education and economic empowerment\).](#) By *Girls Not Brides*.

BLOG: [5 reasons why ending child marriage can improve millions of women & girls' health.](#) By *Girls Not Brides*.

BRIEFING SERIES: [Taking action to address child marriage: the role of different sectors.](#) By the International Center for Research on Women, *Girls Not Brides*.



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Infographics

Click on the image to open in your browser.

CHILD MARRIAGE

A global problem too long ignored

- Child marriage robs girls of every opportunity to thrive. A human rights violation, child marriage denies girls their health, education and the choice of when and whom to marry.
- Child marriage directly hinders progress on 6 of the 9 Millennium Development Goals. Unless the international community tackles child marriage, it will not fulfill its commitments to reduce global poverty.

15,000,000

15 MILLION GIRLS are married every year before they reach 18 years

1 IN 5 GIRLS in the developing world are married by age 18

1 IN 3 GIRLS in the developing world are married by age 15

What does child marriage mean for girls?

POVERTY

Child brides do not receive the educational and economic opportunities that help lift them and their family out of poverty. **THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE POOR AND REMAIN POOR.**

EDUCATION

Child brides are likely to **DROP OUT OF SCHOOL**, hindering their personal development, preparation for adulthood and their ability to contribute to their family and community.

INEQUALITY

Child brides normally have **LITTLE SAY IN WHEN OR WHOM THEY WILL MARRY**. Marriage often robs girls' opportunities for education, better job work outside the home and decision making roles in their communities.

HEALTH

Child brides face high risk of death or injury; girls who give birth before the age of 15 are **MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDHOOD** than girls in their late teens or 20s. Their children are less likely to live beyond their 1st birthday.

HIV/AIDS

Child brides lack the knowledge or power to abstain from sex or negotiate safe sexual practices, leaving them at increased **RISK OF HIV/AIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.**

VIOLENCE

Child marriage puts women and girls at increased risk of violence throughout their lives. Child brides are **MORE LIKELY TO DISCRIBE THEIR FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCE AS FORCED.**

TOGETHER WE CAN END CHILD MARRIAGE. JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

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CHILD MARRIAGE

A Violation of Human Rights

- Every 2 seconds, a girl is married before 18.
- She is deprived of her rights to health, to education and to a life free from violence.
- Marriage is an abrupt end to her childhood.

Child marriage denies a girl's right to:

HEALTH

CHOICE

CHILD BRIDES ARE OFTEN PRESSURED INTO MOTHERHOOD putting them at risk of death or injury in childbirth.

Girls who give birth before 15 are **5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDHOOD** than women aged 20-24.

CHILD BRIDES HAVE LITTLE OR NO SAY IN IF, WHEN AND WHOM THEY MARRY

"Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses"
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948

LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

EDUCATION

A girl who marries before 18 is more likely to experience **PHYSICAL, SEXUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE** throughout her life.

After marriage child brides **USUALLY DROP OUT OF SCHOOL** if they were in school at all.

Child marriage violates treaties and conventions that governments around the world are bound by, including:

The Convention on the RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA

PARENTS refuse to engage in dowry or bride price and choose not to marry off their children.

COMMUNITY LEADERS support alternative roles for girls beyond marriage.

MEN AND BOYS choose not to marry girls who are still children and speak up against the practice.

GIRLS are able to support one another through peer groups and collective action.

TEACHERS are trained to identify and report child marriages.

HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES hold governments accountable for setting and implementing laws to end child marriage and promote gender equality.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN PROTECTING GIRLS' RIGHTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS register children at birth and check the ages of the bride and groom before marriage.

GOVERNMENTS adopt and implement strong laws and policies to prevent child marriage and support married girls.

END CHILD MARRIAGE AND WE WILL BUILD A SAFER, HEALTHIER AND MORE EQUAL FUTURE FOR ALL.

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NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE.

Yes to education for girls!

- With education, a girl gains the **SKILLS** and **OPPORTUNITIES...**
- to lift her and her family **OUT OF POVERTY...**
- and gains the **KNOWLEDGE** and **CONFIDENCE** to choose the future she wants.

SKILLS
LEADERSHIP
TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATION
PROBLEM SOLVING
LITERACY

POVERTY
OUT OF
EDUCATION

KNOWLEDGE
AND
CONFIDENCE

- But millions of girls are expected to marry not study.
- An estimated **15 MILLION GIRLS** a year are married before they are 18.

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CHILD MARRIAGE OFTEN MEANS THE END OF A GIRL'S EDUCATION.

Many girls aren't in school because their families are too **POOR** to afford school fees, because of the **TRADITIONAL ROLES** girls are expected to play or because parents don't see the value of educating girls.

Married girls who would like to return to school are **BOTH PRACTICALLY AND LEGALLY EXCLUDED** from doing so.

EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO HELP GIRLS STAY IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF MARRIAGE.

The longer a girl stays in school, she's less likely she is to be married before the age of 18 and have children during her teenage years.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Ensure education is available to girls and address the factors threatening the confidence or ability of families to keep them in school

SECONDARY EDUCATION

School dropout rates for girls escalate during adolescence. We must increase provision of secondary schooling for girls.

QUALITY

GIRL-FRIENDLY

Girls need access to education that is high quality, delivered by trained teachers, and is relevant to their needs.

Girls need school facilities suited to their needs, especially during adolescence.

SAFE

ACCESSIBLE

Girls need to be able to reach and attend school without fear of violence.

Girls and their families are supported so that costs are not a barrier to staying in school.

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