

The AIDS 2016 conference (18-22 July 2016)

What: The [AIDS 2016 conference](#) brings together health professionals, policy makers, and persons living with HIV to look at the latest policies, research and progress made to end the HIV pandemic.

When: Monday 18th July – Thursday 22nd July, in Durban, South Africa.

Hashtags: #AIDS2016, #EndChildMarriage, #HIVprev4girls, and #EndHIV4her

Opportunity: Highlight the links between child marriage and HIV, and push for research and solutions to tackle these issues together.

Who:

- @AIDS_conference and <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAIDSConference>
- @GirlsNotBrides and www.facebook.com/girlsnotbrides



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Child marriage and HIV

- #AIDS2016 starts tomorrow! Hoping to see #childmarriage addressed as it is closely linked to #HIV among girls <http://aids2016.org>
- #Childbrides are at high risk of #HIV. They must be part of the #AIDS2016 conversation! RT if you agree <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e>
- Links between #childmarriage & #HIV have been ignored for too long. Let's change this! #AIDS2016 <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e>
- Burundi's #childbride stories highlight the real risk of #HIV for girls: <http://bit.ly/1oLsBGC> #AIDS2016



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Facts on child marriage and HIV

- #Childbrides lack equal power in the relationship, making it difficult to refuse sex or negotiate safer sex
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- #Childbrides are often very isolated, and so have little access to #HIV information or services <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e> #AIDS2016
- #HIV rates among married girls are usually higher than among unmarried & sexually active girls <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e>
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- #Childbrides aren't reached by #HIV services: adolescent health programmes focus on unmarried girls who are at school
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For Twitter:

- #Childbrides are at an increased risk of getting infected with #HIV. Get to know the facts here [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)] #AIDS2016
- What are the links between #childmarriage and #HIV? Take a look at @GirlsNotBrides infographic ahead of #AIDS2016 [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]

For Facebook:

- Did you know that child marriage put girls at risk of HIV infection? As the #AIDS2016 conference kicks off in Durban, we must remember to not forget child brides and girls at risk of child marriage.

Learn the facts: [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]



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CHILD MARRIAGE AND HIV

15,000,000

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

Marrying before 18 can increase the risk of HIV infection in girls

5,000 girls and young women acquire HIV every week

1 in 7 of all new HIV infections occur among adolescents and this rate is increasing

2nd AIDS is the second leading cause of death among adolescents globally

Child brides are at a relatively high risk of getting HIV due to:

- Their young age and physical immaturity
- Their limited power in negotiating safer sex
- The frequency with which they have unprotected sex
- The pressure on them to demonstrate their fertility

Child brides are often married to older men who have had previous sexual partners. This increases the lifetime risk of HIV infection among child brides.

So, what needs to be done?

Increase research and share learning about child marriage and HIV, so that more effective responses can be developed on a larger scale.

Target child brides and girls at risk of child marriage with HIV information and services.

Link HIV programming with multi-sectoral initiatives to end child marriage and empower girls.

END CHILD MARRIAGE TO HELP GIRLS FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL.
www.GirlsNotBrides.org #EndChildMarriage

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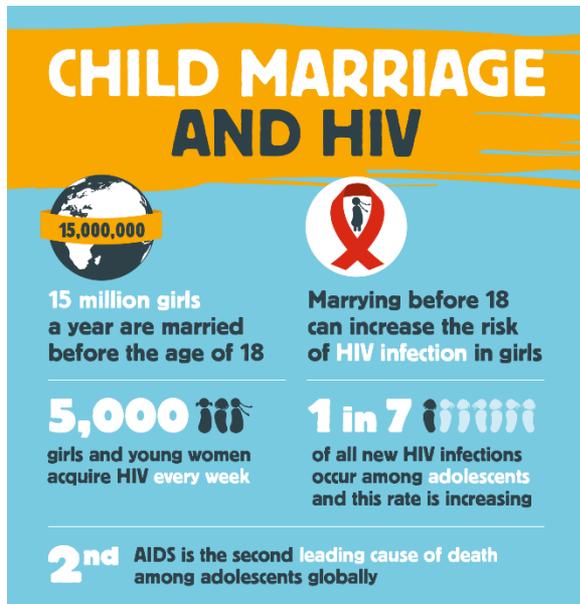
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- #Didyouknow? Marrying before 18 can increase the risk of #HIV infection in girls. This needs to end! #AIDS2016

- What can be done to prevent #childmarriage and #endHIV4her? Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e> #AIDS2016



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What needs to change?

- Research is key to developing more effective responses to reduce #HIV and #childmarriage #AIDS2016 [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]
- We should target girls at risk of #childmarriage with comprehensive #HIV information & services. #AIDS2016 [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]
- Initiatives to #endHIV should be multi-sectoral & seek to both #endchildmarriage and #empowergirls! #AIDS2016 [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]
- Let's protect #childbrides from #HIV through education, targeted programmes & research #AIDS2016 #endchildmarriage [[ATTACH INFOGRAPHIC](#)]



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For Facebook:

The #AIDS2016 conference just started in Durban, South Africa, and we hope the issue of child marriage is firmly on the agenda!

Adolescent girls, and child brides in particular, are increasingly vulnerable to HIV. What do we know and how can we solve this problem?

Read here: <http://bit.ly/29Boh5e>



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