

Termination of membership to *Girls Not Brides*

Grounds for termination of membership

There are a range of possible grounds for the secretariat to consider termination. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Actions undertaken by a member organisation which seeks to obstruct the work of the Partnership, or that pose a threat to the trust in or reputation and integrity of *Girls Not Brides* through the organisation's affiliation to the wider Partnership. This can include (but is not limited to) the use of the *Girls Not Brides*' name and logo by a member organisation in an inappropriate way or without prior request or permission to use the logo in order to further their own motives, rather than that of the Global Partnership.
- B. Actions taken by members that are deemed harmful or abusive to other civil society organisations or external partner organisations, other members of *Girls Not Brides* or secretariat staff themselves and which are obstructive to achieving our vision and mission.
- C. Failure to adhere to the *Girls Not Brides* Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Code of Conduct.
- D. Failure to adhere to the guidelines and principles outlined in the *Girls Not Brides* child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct.
- E. Are involved or accused of fraudulent and/ or illegal activities.
- F. The organisation no longer fulfils the following criteria for membership:
 - Membership is only open to civil society organisations (CSOs).
 - Member organisations must be non-governmental/ and not private sector.
 - Member organisations must adhere to *Girls Not Brides*' [mission statement](#) and [membership principles](#).
 - Member organisations must be registered or formally recognised within the territory in which they operate, unless there are compelling reasons that this is not a possibility.
 - Member organisations must be working on child marriage and/ or related issues (these can include, but are not exclusive to maternal mortality, girls' education, gender based violence, female genital cutting, and poverty reduction).
 - Member organisations not working explicitly on child marriage must demonstrate clear intent to start integrating the issue of child marriage into their broader work.
 - The organisation must express a willingness to participate proactively in the collective work of the Partnership.
- G. The organisation is not adhering to the *Girls Not Brides* membership principles, to the extent that this is compromising the reputation and integrity of the Partnership.
- H. The organisation no longer actively participates in the work of the Global Partnership and has been inactive for a period of 24 months or more. This inactivity includes failure to respond to written communications sent specifically to the member organisation by the secretariat.



- I. Resignation: Membership will be terminated upon receipt of notice of resignation from a member organisation in writing addressed to the Director of Partnership Development.
- J. Dissolution: Membership is terminated on the dissolution of a member organisation.