



ACTION PLAN

Task Force : Child Marriage Prevention

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OVERVIEW



Many girls in the world are forced into marriage without any chance to exercise their right of choice.

Child marriage compromises the efforts to reduce gender-based violence, to increase education, to overcome poverty and to improve health indicators for girls and women.

The child brides are often obliged to early sexual activity and then soon they are childbearing.

Most countries have adopted laws governing the diffusion of the phenomenon, but other customary and religious laws have a greater influence on the family life or personal issues.

WHY CHILD MARRIAGE?

The child marriage is a consequence of:

Poverty

Cultural and religious stereotypes

Wars



THE EFFECTS



The denial of childhood and adolescence

The restriction of personal liberty and the lack of opportunities for the development of individuality

The negation of psychosocial and emotional well-being, of reproductive health and of educational opportunities.

How to stop Child Marriage



Elimination of Gender Barriers and Discrimination

Equality

Enforcement of laws

Education

Economic Empowerment

OUR GOALS

- To reduce the phenomenon in the world
- To increase investments on girls' education and family's education
- To improve economic empowerment programs
- To promote awareness-raising campaigns to educate people on the negative effects on the economy and health
- To improve health programs for girls and women



INTERVENTION METHODS



- To implement **projects to promote education** and to raise awareness of the 'educational value' for the family and the community;
- To implement **health education projects** for girls and communities;
- To implement **projects to promote training and the empowerment of women**;
- To implement **legal actions** to defend the rights of the child brides;
- To promote a **campaign of information** and awareness on the sad phenomenon;
- To promote **awareness-raising actions to overcome gender stereotypes**;
- To promote **well-being social and gender policies**;
- To promote **women's empowerment**.

TOOLS



- **Survey for Affiliates**
- **Webinars**
- **Meeting with Affiliates**
- **Website**
- **Personal contacts**
- **Network**

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