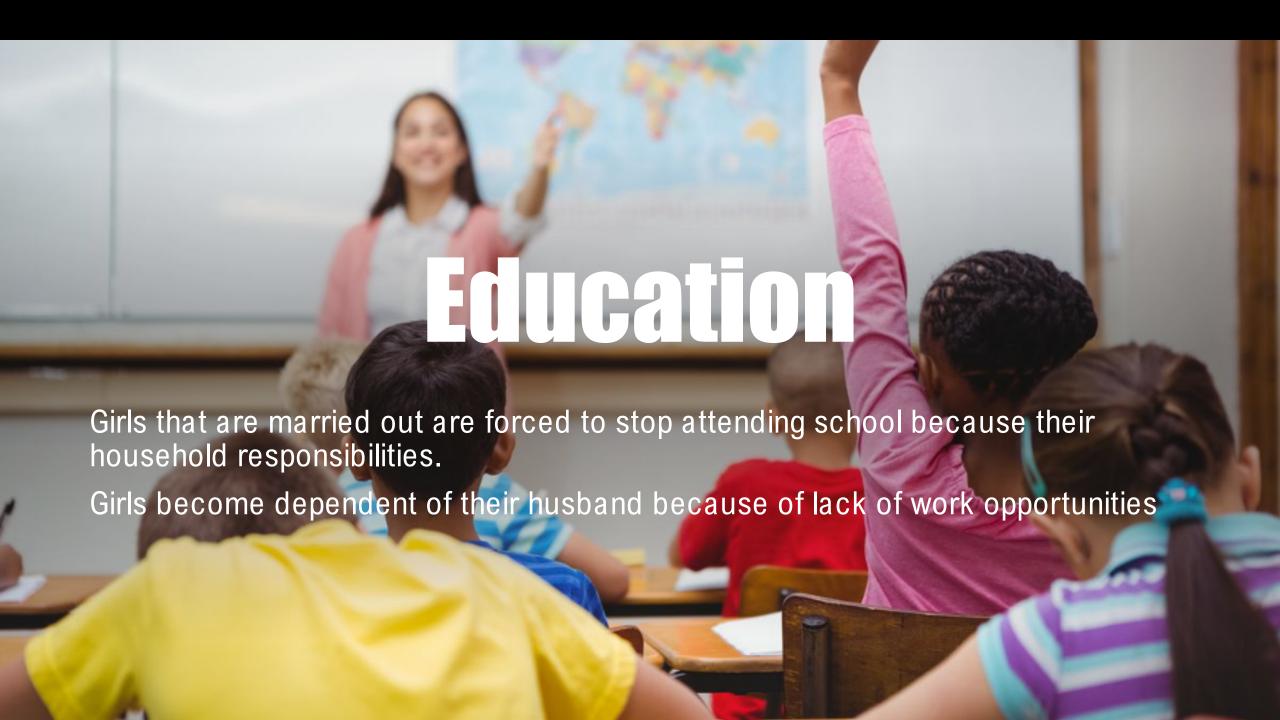


### Child Marriage

Child marriage affects children's lives in many ways.



# Health

- Girls under 18 years old have a higher risk of maternity mortality
- Many children experience malnutrition when married at an early age
- Girls are likely to suffer from fistula when giving birth

## sexual assault

- Girls are in many times forced into intimacy before the legal time
- They are usually sexually assaulted by their husband
- Girls are forced to have sex even before they reach puberty



### Emotionally

Because of child marriage many kids suffer from depression, they feel isolated by their friends

Children are forced to assume adults' responsibilities; for boys to work and girls to be housewife, and terminating their childhood

# Why is this still happening?

- There are many reasons why child marriage still occurs:
- Girls are considered burden; therefore they are married out as young as possible
- Because of strong ideological believes, girls are married to prevent intimacy before marriage
- Because of cultural believes, in many of the third world countries where this still happens, are macho countries

