



Child Marriage

Child marriage affects children's lives in many ways.

A classroom scene with a teacher and students. The teacher, a woman with long dark hair wearing a pink vest over a white shirt, stands at the front of the room pointing to a world map on the wall. Several students are seated at desks in the foreground, viewed from behind. One student in a pink shirt has their right arm raised. The word "Education" is overlaid in large white text in the center of the image.

Education

Girls that are married out are forced to stop attending school because their household responsibilities.

Girls become dependent of their husband because of lack of work opportunities

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 beliefs, girls are married to prevent intimacy before marriage
- Because of cultural beliefs, in many of the third world countries where this still happens, are macho countries



How to stop it?

- The Government need to enforce the law
- The Government must provide better education and job opportunities
- Parents need to allow their kids to pursue a career
- Campaigns to educate the communities about the many consequences child marriage brings into a child's life must be available