



Did You Know?

→ **FACT ONE**

Child marriage is an abuse of human rights. A child bride is denied of:

- The right to survive
- The right to develop to their fullest
- The right to protection from harmful practices
- The right to participate fully in family, cultural and social life

→ **FACT TWO**

Child marriage and teenage pregnancy expose girls to early childbearing and greater risks of life-long fertility with significantly higher maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.

→ **FACT THREE**

Child brides are at risk of negative sexual and reproductive health outcomes, including early pregnancy, exposure to HIV and other STIs, and increased discrimination.

→ **FACT FOUR**

Child Marriage denies a child an education as they are more likely to drop out of school, curtailing opportunities and realization of their full potential.

→ **FACT FIVE**

The decision to marry is an adult decision, made when ready taken without fear, coercion, or undue pressure.

→ **FACT SIX**

It is your responsibility to invest in girls, develop their social and economic assets and ensure they have access to education and health services including ensuring that they can postpone marriage until they are ready.

→ **FACT SEVEN**

Child marriage puts girls at an increased risk of sexual, physical, and emotional gender-based violence.