

Consultation Seminar on Child Marriage

Monday 12th March 2012
9.45 – 14.00

Venue: IPPF Office
4 Newhams Row
London SE1 3UZ

This consultation seminar is organised by Enabling Education Network (EENET), Foundation for Women's Health Research and Development (FORWARD), and International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

The event will provide a platform for information sharing, discussion and insights into on-going programmes and interventions to address child marriage.

It will benefit policy makers, programme staff, students and researchers working on international development in the areas of human rights, violence against women and girls, and children's rights.

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Overview

“She could be a child bride, but she is just lucky to grow up where this kind of thing doesn’t happen...if we do not change things this year, 10 million girls will have become child brides... Put the face of someone you know or love and make those numbers come alive. “

(Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Elders, Davos, 2011)

Child marriage is a global problem that impedes the development, wellbeing and life options of affected individuals. UNFPA estimates that, in the next decade, 100 million girls are expected to marry before they are 18 years old. Child marriage is slowly gaining attention on the global development agenda and there is new evidence of promising interventions to end child marriage. However, there is an urgent need to consolidate actions at all levels to safeguard those who are still at high risk.

Aims of the consultation seminar

This seminar will enable participants to share information about interventions that respond to child marriage and contribute to the development of a global agenda for action to end child marriage.

The event provides an opportunity for international development practitioners, policy makers, researchers, students and organisations to engage on a range of issues, including partnership options, and help with the development of strategies for future action.

Programme

- 9:30 Registration
- 9:45 Welcome and introductions
- 10:15 **Context of Child Marriage**
(Presentations and questions)
- Film screening: Child Marriage in South Asia
 - PEER Study on Child Marriage in Tanzania
 - Early and Forced Marriage and Girls Education
 - The ‘Fifth Wife’ Phenomenon: Slave Concubines in Niger
- 11:15 *Coffee/ tea break*
- 11:30 **Emerging Issues and Global Initiatives on Child Marriage**
(Presentations and questions)
- Girls Not Brides Global Partnerships
 - Critical Reflection on Minimum Age of Marriage and Age of Consent
 - Working with Girls at Risk
- 12:15 **Developing an Agenda for Action**
(small group consultations)
- 12:45 Summary and concluding comments
- 13:15 *Lunch*
- 14:00 Closed session on ‘**End Child Marriage Campaign Action**’

For further information and to confirm your attendance please contact:

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