



Regional Programme on Migration in Central Asia and Russia

END child marriage!

This is the first International day of the Girl Child. Declared by the United Nations in response to the modern world's challenges such as discrimination and violence against women and girls, it will be observed annually.

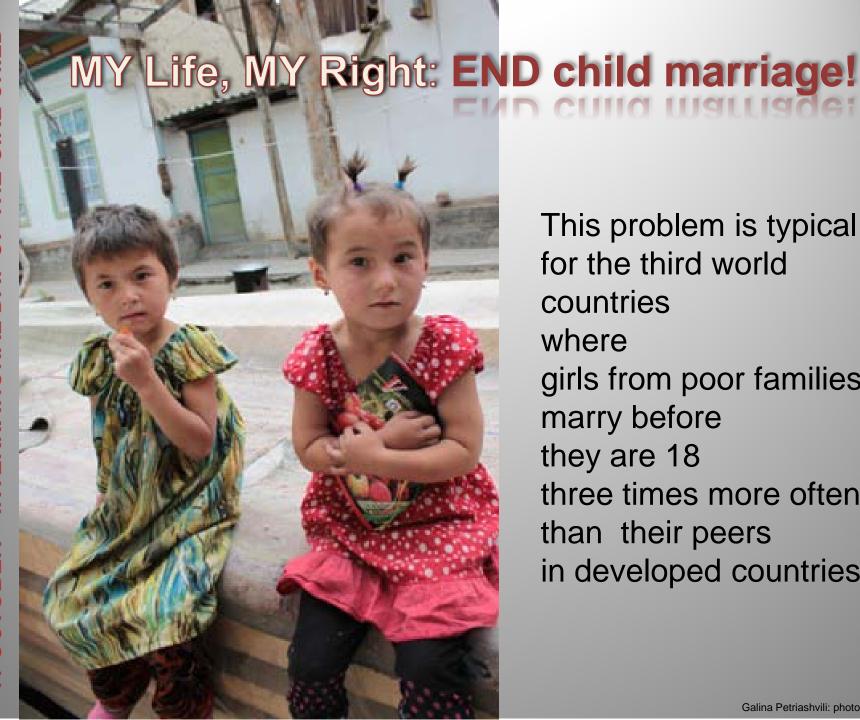
In 2012 the theme of the International Day of the Girl Child is "Ending Child Marriage". This gross human rights violation is a common practice in many countries even where it is against the law. Traditional views allow families not to take into consideration girls' opinion in choosing their husbands and age for marriage.

Child marriage puts barriers to girls' education, endangers their health and has profound psychological impacts. Married girls are often denied communication with the outer world, limited in access to resources, have no right to opinion in their families and are subjected to domestic violence.

Girls' empowerment is crucial for discrimination, violence and poverty reduction. For that, the most outspoken backing by parents and families, foster parents, public leaders, men and boys and society as a whole is needed.





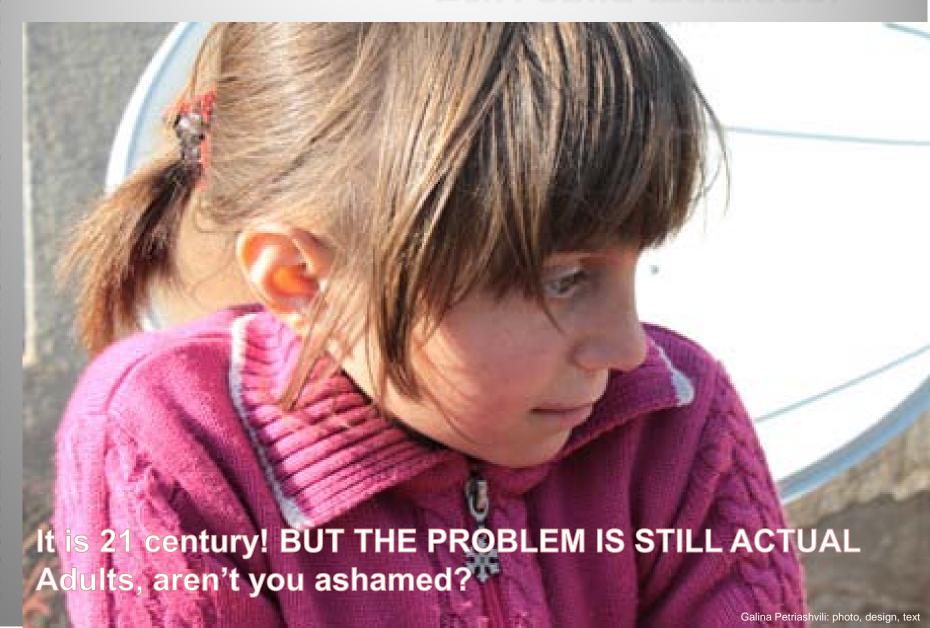


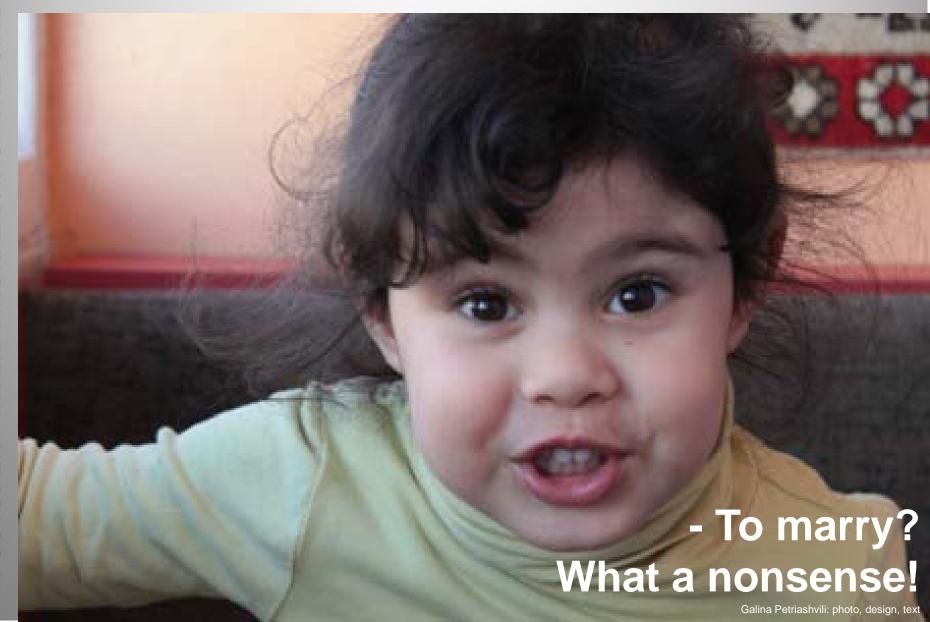
This problem is typical for the third world countries where girls from poor families marry before they are 18 three times more often than their peers in developed countries

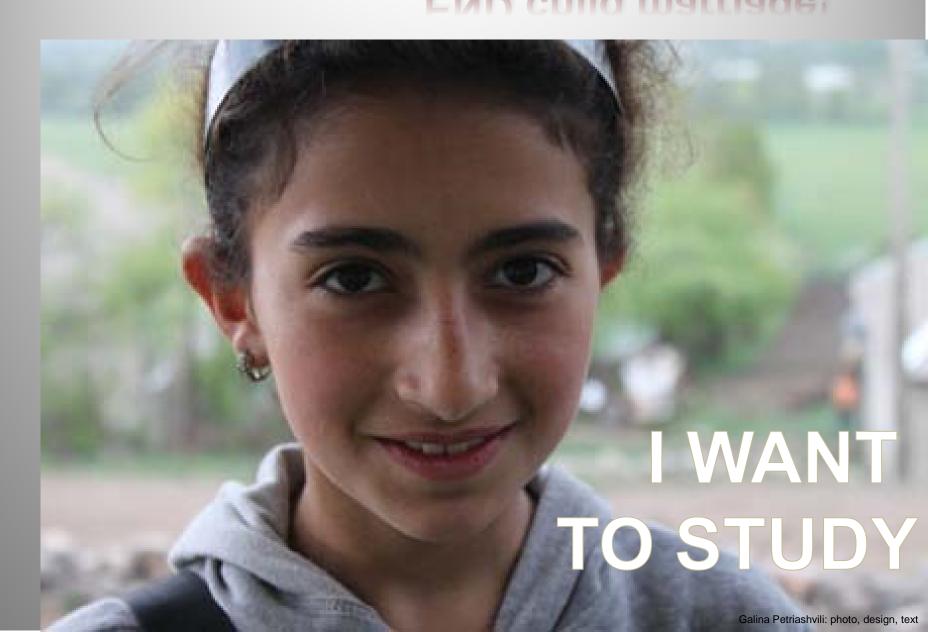


















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