

MY Life, MY Right



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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.

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every year
10 million
girls
are forced
to marry



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Vast majority
of young wives
are illiterate
rural girls
from
poor families

Let me enjoy my childhood!

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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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In some societies
child marriage
tradition harks back
to the dim and
distant past,
and in order to
resolve this problem
the most outspoken
backing by everyone
interested in
women's
empowerment is
needed

Let me choose myself!

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In comparison with girls living in cities, girls from rural areas are more induced to follow local traditions and customs

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It is 21 century! **BUT THE PROBLEM IS STILL ACTUAL**
Adults, aren't you ashamed?

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- To marry?

What a nonsense!

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I WANT
TO STUDY

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my mother supports me

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Mom
is
on
my
side



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WHITE DRESS WILL WAIT!
until I graduate from University

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My interests
are more
important
for my family
than
traditions



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our teachers believe in us

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**Government
must protect
our rights**

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Let me
grow
happy



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Your whole life is ahead of you:
studies, job, love

YOU DESERVE A GOOD START



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