

Child Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM)

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CEFM IN TANZANIA



In TZ, on average, almost two out of five girls will be married before their 18th birthday. AND, a journalistic survey last year showed that there are areas that people even book a pregnancy – should the baby you are carrying be a girl, she will be my wife!

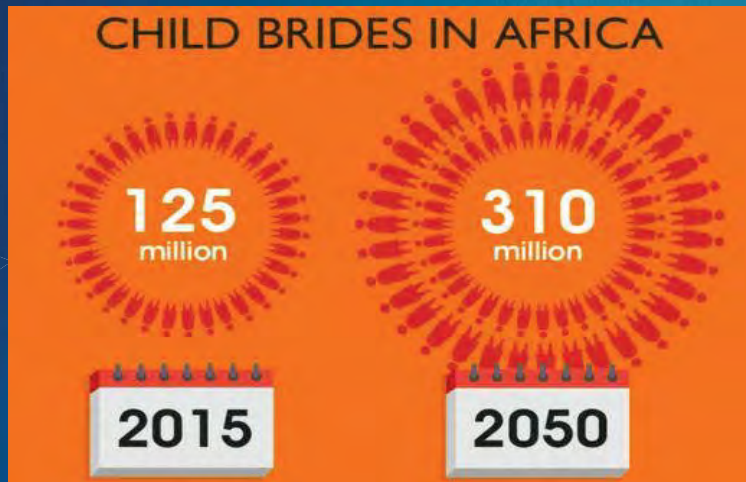


PREVELANCE OF CEFM

Shinyanga (59%), Tabora (58%),
Mara (55%), Dodoma (51%), Lindi
(48%), Mbeya (45%), Morogoro
(42%) Singida (42%), Rukwa (40%),
Ruvuma (39%), Mwanza (37%),
Kagera (36%), Mtwara (35%),
Manyara (34%), Pwani (33%),
Tanga (29%), Arusha (27%),
Kilimanjaro (27%), Kigoma (26%),
Dar es Salaam (19%), and Iringa
(8%).



AFRICA



40% of girls in Sub-Saharan Africa are **married as children**



That's **TWO** in every **FIVE** girls

CHALLENGES

- ▶ Patriarchal System inherent in the society
- ▶ Social Norms that push families
- ▶ Conflicting Laws that give loopholes
- ▶ Education System that does not address the GC
- ▶ Lack of Awareness of the impact
- ▶ Lack of Political will & Daring Leadership to take up the issue

SUCESSES

- ▶ Existence of Network
- ▶ Child Marriage Free Zone Campaign - 2014
- ▶ Signatory to the Girl Child Charter – 2014
- ▶ Proposed Constitution has age of child
- ▶ CEFM Championship
- ▶ On the National Agenda
- ▶ Has UN support
- ▶ Part of the Global movement
- ▶ Media involvement

WAY FORWARD?

EMPOWERING GIRLS

Activities in schools and communities that through their participation will protect those at risk and give opportunities to young mothers (in-schools, out of school and in marriage)

MOBILISING SOCIETY

Engaging different stakeholders, the youth, parents, religious and traditional leaders, the judiciary, the police, teachers and politicians for attitude and behaviour change

PROVISION OF SERVICES

Sectors such as Education and Health are addressed to factor in the needs of the girl child, such as accessibility, meals and facilities - what of who get pregnant?

IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS & POLICIES

Legal remedies are in place to protect and prevent CEFM and IMPLEMENTED

HOW CAN IT BE DONE

- ▶ Develop a National Strategy – by the involvement of stakeholders (eg Ghana & Zambia)
- ▶ Action Plans – with stakeholders understanding their parts
- ▶ Using the media to raise the issue at every level – Agenda Setter /SOSPA 1998
- ▶ Multi faceted/Multi layered approach
- ▶ Monitoring & Evaluation

POLITICAL WILL

The end goal is known. A plan has to be mapped out. A great firmness of mind is required in order to follow through steadily, to carry out the plan, and not to be thrown off course by diversions such as not winning the election. When you win the cause, you have won. **YOU CAN DO IT**

▶ 2015 in TZ – No gains – Seminar will?

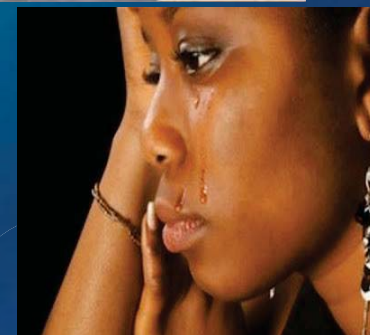
▶ 2016 in Ghana - ?

NOT FOR ONE PERSON

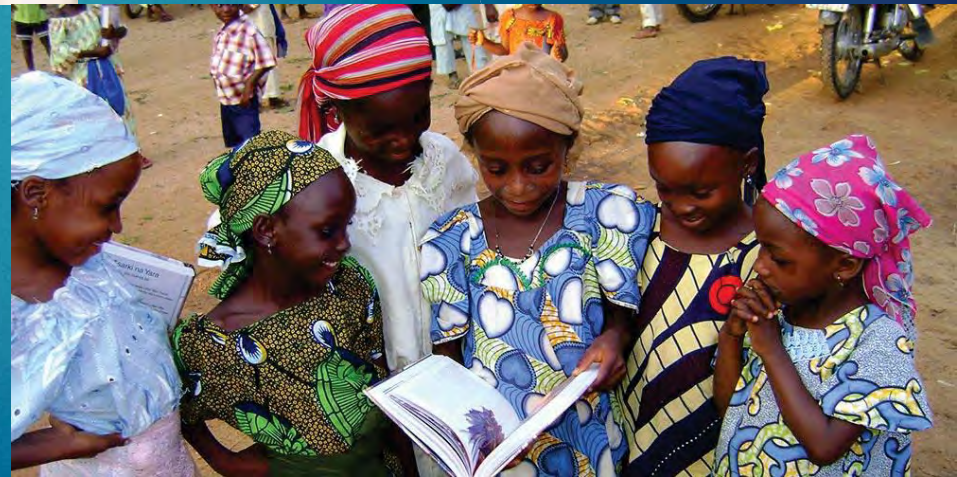


"as concerned Africans, we are obliged to ensure that girls remain girls, not brides".

THE END GOAL IS TO MOVE FROM THIS



TO THIS





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
& FOR LISTENING**

