Child Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM)

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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

**CHILD BRIDES IN AFRICA**

- **2015**: 125 million
- **2050**: 310 million

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
SUCESES

- 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
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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 our 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 - ?
"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