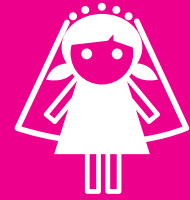




# CHILD MARRIAGE IN INDONESIA



Child marriage prevalence in Indonesia remains high - Two new reports launched by Statistics Indonesia (BPS), supported by UNICEF, analyze data on child marriage in Indonesia from 2008 to 2015. These reports provide first-ever data from the National Socioeconomic Survey (SUSENAS) on the trends of child marriage in Indonesia.



**AROUND 1 IN 4 GIRLS ARE MARRIED BEFORE 18\***

Child marriage prevalence has plateaued from 2008 to 2015  
**1,348,886 girls married before 18 in 2012**

\*From sample of ever-married women aged 20 to 24.

## POVERTY MAKES GIRLS MORE VULNERABLE TO CHILD MARRIAGE



### HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOWER EXPENDITURE

Girls from households with the lowest levels of expenditure are more than **twice** as likely to be married than girls from households with the highest levels of expenditure.



### RURAL AREAS

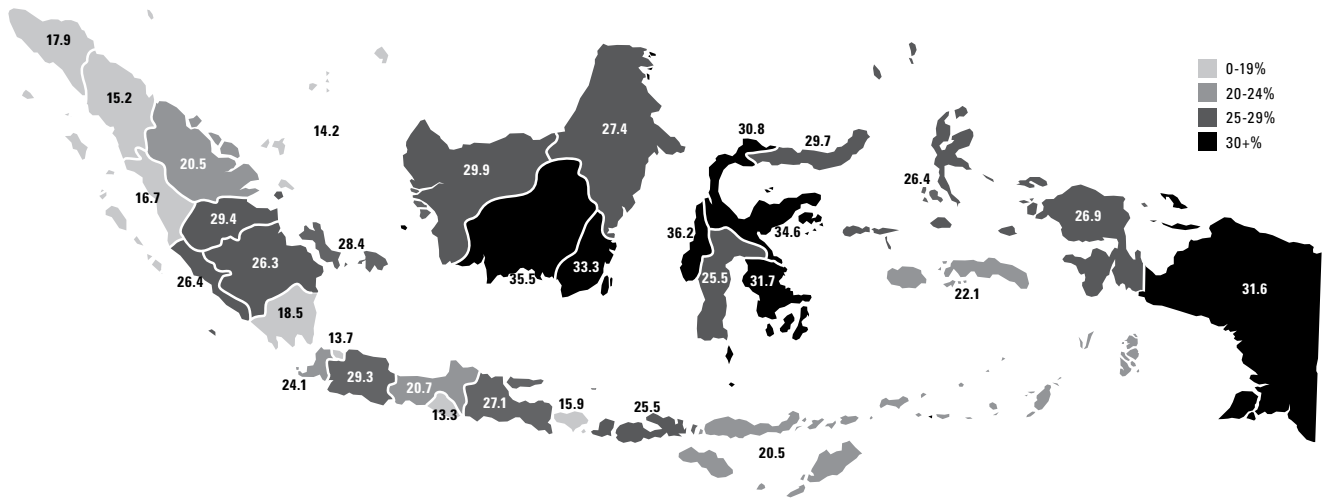
Child marriage is more than **1.5 times higher** in rural compared to urban areas.



### POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS

Child marriage rates **increase** as housing conditions **deteriorate** from adequate (21.9 per cent) to inadequate (31.0 per cent).

## GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD, AVERAGE PREVALENCE OF CHILD MARRIAGE UNDER 18, 2008-2015



Child marriage is found in geographical pockets throughout Indonesia – Rates vary widely across the country and by level of government (province, district and sub-district). Provincial averages can mask districts where prevalence is much higher than the national or provincial average.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK



**21**  
LEGAL AGE OF MARRIAGE



WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

ABOVE **16**



ABOVE **19**



WITH DISPENSATION (EXEMPTION) REQUEST  
NO MINIMUM AGE LIMIT



AROUND **300,000** GIRLS MARRY BEFORE 16 PER YEAR

## IMPACT

### INDONESIA



### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Girls marrying before 18 are at least **six times** less likely to complete secondary education or equivalent compared to girl marrying after 18.



### ECONOMIC GROWTH

Child marriage causes a loss of at least **1.7% of GDP** (2014).

### GLOBALLY



Complications during pregnancy and childbirth are the **second leading cause of death** for girls between ages 15 and 19.\*\*

\*\*United Nations Children's Fund, *The State of the World's Children 2016*, New York, 2016.



Babies born to mothers under 20 are **1.5 times** more likely to die during the first 28 days than babies born to mothers in their 20s or 30s.\*\*



Married girls are **more vulnerable** to domestic violence.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Kidman, Rachel, 'Child marriage and intimate partner violence: a comparative study of 34 countries', *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 12 October 2016, pp. 1-14.