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.

**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).

**LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- **LEGAL AGE OF MARRIAGE**
  - Legal age: 21

- **WITH PARENTAL CONSENT**
  - Above 16

- **WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT**
  - Above 19

- **WITH DISPENSATION (EXEMPTION) REQUEST**
  - No minimum age limit

- **AROUND 300,000 GIRLS MARRY BEFORE 18**
  - *From sample of ever-married women aged 20 to 24.

**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.

**IMPACT**

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

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

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

- **GLOBALLY**
  - 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.***

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