
Carolina, 23, married at 15.

"I saw my husband for the first time on our wedding day, " explains Carolina, who has seven children. She is seven months pregnant to her eighth child, a daughter. Carolina got married at the age of 15.

Child marriage is a human rights violation, restricting children's choices, changing their course in life, and putting girls in danger. Adolescent girls in Nepal had been subjected to sexual violence by their husbands, while one in six reported physical violence.


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Recently, UNICEF and UNFPA have been implementing a joint strategy to End Child Marriage. For the world's highest rates of child marriage—found in countries like India, Pakistan, and Nigeria—UNICEF and UNFPA have joined forces in 2015 in Nepal to work with communities to change social norms and support interventions to end child marriage. Together they work with a range of actors, from national policy makers to villagers, to create supportive environments for adolescents, to help them decide whether or not to marry. By the end of 2016, the World Bank will have made child marriage financially unattractive in Nepal. This is being achieved through a legal framework that aligns with other laws, have undermined efforts to address child marriage. Nepal revealed that gaps in these provisions, as well as inconsistencies with other laws, have undermined efforts to address child marriage. Ensuring a consistent legal framework with support from UNICEF and other partners. The programme, known as Rupantaran, has six strategies:

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Recommended changes include i) making child marriages void ab initio and ii) increasing the cost of dowry. The programme focuses on the most-affected districts.

EMPOWERED ADOLESCENT GIRLS

“We go around the community and we speak to them about child marriage...”

Family planning: “This is a big deal about family planning and for the sake of their health, we need to encourage the girls and we are already starting a programme.”

Sunita Mohapatra, Programmes Director at Chetana Women's Centre, Odisha.

In 2016, the Government of Nepal launched the National Strategy to End Child Marriage and its consequences. It includes 4 recommendations:

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