



To mark the first [International Day of the Girl Child](#) on 11 October, [UNFPA](#), the United Nations Population Fund, will release a [new report](#)

on child marriage around the world and what should be done to eradicate it.

Marrying too Young: End Child Marriage

sheds light on child marriage prevalence and trends in developing countries, and provides a glimpse into the future by describing what countries may face if current trends in child marriage continue.

The report will be presented at the United Nations during a press conference by UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Chair of The Elders, founders of *Girls Not Brides*.

The Day's observance will also include the opening of [TOO YOUNG TO WED](#), an art exhibition hosted by UNFPA and VII Photo Agency. Featuring photography by Stephanie Sinclair and video by Jessica Dimmock, the show highlights the personal narratives of girls from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India, Nepal and Yemen. The show aims to renew global attention to the critical issue and promote accountability from decision makers around the world.

Additional information & links:

UNFPA, the [United Nations Population Fund](#), is an international development agency delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

- [Too Young to Wed, website](#)
- [More on the Report & Exhibit](#)
- UN website: [International Day of the Girl Child](#)

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Girls Not Brides is a global partnership of more than 190 non-governmental organizations committed to ending child marriage. Girls Not Brides members are based in 38 countries throughout Africa, South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and North America and range from grassroots groups working to end child marriage and support child brides in their communities, to international NGOs seeking to bring global attention to this neglected problem.

Girls Not Brides was founded in 2011 by The Elders, a group of independent leaders using their collective experience and influence for peace, justice and human rights worldwide. Archbishop Desmond Tutu is Chair of The Elders.

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