Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Target 5.3: Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

Proposed Indicator on Child Marriage

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Proposed indicator

Percentage of women aged 20-24 who were first married or in union by age 18

This indicator is in line with the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators for Gender Statistics that was approved by the Statistical Commission in 2013 (indicator n. 51)

Endorsed by countries, UN agencies and several NGOs

Monitoring mechanisms in place at the global and country level

UNICEF has been reporting on this indicator since 2003
Data sources and availability

• Nationally representative and fully comparable data are available for more than 118 low- and middle-income countries in the world

• Data for high-income countries can be extracted as well

• Nationally representative household surveys (country-specific or part of international survey programmes (e.g., DHS and MICS)

• National censuses
Data coverage by region

Number of countries with available data on child marriage, by UNICEF region

South Asia: 8
Middle East and North Africa: 13
CEE/CIS: 16
East Asia and the Pacific: 16
Eastern and Southern Africa: 19
Latin America and the Caribbean: 21
West and Central Africa: 24
Endorsing agencies

ChildFund Alliance
Plan
Save the Children
World Vision
UNICEF
ISHO
Aware Girls
Community Help Community
CPC Learning Network
ecpat
Elevate Children Funders Group
ISPCAN
IWS
KNOW VIOLENCE IN CHILDHOOD
Maestral
Terre des Hommes
International Federation
SOS Children’s Villages
A loving home for every child

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