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Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) is a human rights violation, and has devastating consequences to women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa and around the world. Child marriage, a formal marriage or informal union before age 18, is a reality for both boys and girls, although girls are disproportionately most affected. It perpetuates gender inequality and powerlessness that is a barrier to girls developing their full potential and contributing fully to their society. It exposes them to health risks, abuse and violence.

GRAN is a member of **Girls Not Brides** a global partnership of more than 600 civil society organizations with members from over 80 countries committed to end child marriage and enable girls to fulfill their potential.

What We Do

- **Raise awareness & mobilize** action through media, social media, global campaigns, speaker series, and our grassroots newsletter "**GRAN Update**".
- **Meet & correspond** with MPs, Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentary Committees, other organizations & leaders.
- **Encourage** the Canadian government in its announced foreign policy and development priority on CEFM.
- **Promote** a comprehensive approach to ending CEFM that links gender equality, quality education, healthcare and sexual and reproductive health and rights with national and international laws.
- **Advocate** for continued and increased Canadian funding to ensure implementation of the Global Goals Target to eliminate CEFM by 2030.
- **Advocate** globally for increased and continued funding to address the causes of CEFM.

Indicators of Global Success Achieved So Far

- UN General Assembly Resolution to end CEFM adopted on November 21, 2014.
- UN Human Rights Counsel Resolution on CEFM adopted on July 2, 2015.
- Target included in Global Goals for Sustainable Development calls on countries to end child, early and forced marriage by the year 2030.
- In 2014 the African Union launched a campaign to end CEFM in Africa and has extended it to run until at least 2017. More African countries adopting national strategies to end child marriage.
- UNICEF, UNFPA launch Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage, March 2016.

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