

CHILD MARRIAGE IN BURKINA FASO

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You have the right to choose.

➤ BURKINA FASO

LOCATION: WEST AFRICA

*MULTICULTURAL AND MULTILINGUAL
NATION*



Ethnic groups

- MORE THAN 60 ETHNIC GROUPS
- MAJORITY: MOSSI & FULA



PROBLEMS

CAUSES

- POVERTY
- IGNORANCE
- TRADITION & RELIGION

EFFECTS

- HIGH RISK OF HIV/AIDS
- EARLY DEATH
- DESTRUCTION OF CHILDHOOD & FUTURE

SOLUTIONS

- SENSITIZATION
- SEND GIRLS TO SCHOOL
- REINFORCED THE LAW



INTERVIEWS

What do you think about child marriage?

- ❖ John (Congo Brazzaville Central Africa) : it's a bad thing because marriage is a very big step in life and it's a personal decision when a marriage is forced, i consider it as slavery and it's unacceptable.
- ❖ Reina: I think it's wrong because marriage should be a personal choice and when it comes to children it's totally unacceptable.
- ❖ Kevin: I think its a bad thing because its not in the child benefit.

PowerPoint presentation summary

Child marriage is tradition in some area of Burkina Faso most importantly in the north. This malpractice consist of taking girls out of school and marry them off to a relative, most of the time the girl is under 18 years old. According to the article " Africanews." " more than half of girls in some areas of the country were married before the age of 17, contradicting the law which sets the marriage age at 18.

The report further noted that "far too many women and girls in Burkina Faso have no control over their lives, they are denied the right to choose when and with whom they marry and if they wish to have children."

The rights group said 51.3% of girls aged between 15 and 17 are married in the Sahel region."

This topic is important to me because first of all I'm from the Sahel region and I think that this malpractice is a shame for the entire continent. Many girls died and are still dying while they're giving birth because they're still children, not to talk about those who commit suicide. Nowadays, girls in this area still don't have a voice to speak for themselves and I feel so lucky that my parents never allow this to happen to me, so I want to be the voice of the voiceless to denounce this evil act and help these girl to be free from the tradition.

Cause of forced marriage:

Poverty: many poor family give their daughter for marriage to a wealthy man who promise to provide for them and take them out of poverty and daughters are always seems as burden for their parents because for them a woman place is at home taking care of her husband and children, that's why they don't bother to put them in school to get them educated.

Ignorance: it's usually uneducated people who practice forced child marriage, for them it's a custom that must be kept from generation to generation and they're not aware of the dangers.

Tradition and religion: sometimes parents feels forced to marry their daughters off while they're young to avoid them having sexual relationship out of marriage because this act is an abomination for most Africans.

Effects of forced marriage:

Exposed to HIV/STD : These girls have higher risk to contract AIDS because their husbands are usually older and experienced, parents don't usually check the well being of their daughter's partners.

Exposure to early death: Many of these girls get pregnant and die while giving birth because their body was not developed enough to carry a pregnancy.

Destruction of childhood and their future: when a child is given up to marriage, she automatically lose her childhood she can no longer enjoy to just be a kid and it also destroy their future because they lose all their ambitions and dreams.

CONCLUSION

- ✓ Child marriage is a crime!!!!
- ✓ Stop selling off your daughters
- ✓ Women are the future



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