

**Ford Foundation's Child Marriage Partners Meeting**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
**October 19-October 22, 2014**

**Meeting Objectives:**

*Fostering cross-country and cross-region learning on combatting child marriage*

- Programmatic
  1. Insights into the work and building of a field of work on Child Marriage across the different countries and regions; what is working and what is not and what can we learn.
  2. Contribute to a learning and programmatic action plan for this work in regions and globally.
  3. Bringing local and global agendas in line on combatting child marriage. Also, determine how national and regional efforts intersect in the context of Africa; what role regional bodies like the AU can be expected to effectively play in promoting national and regional efforts to end child marriage
  4. Learn through partners' work how Ford is forging key responses to address CM in different contexts. (site visits will be helpful here). What are the South-south similarities and differences in contexts and responses?
  5. What can we learn about specific interventions that hold the most promise for effective and lasting results?
- Strategic
  1. How do we create evidence from our collective body of work on child marriage?
  2. What are some of the broad trends our interventions are addressing? Or moving? How do we use this evidence to communicate and for our learning? In what ways do we build evidence for advocacy?
- Organizational
  1. An insight into the Ford Foundation's GSRJ Unit's work on Child Marriage, what is Ford bringing to the table what other donors are not?
  2. How this work connects with our initiative?
  3. What should be our priorities for work on CM going ahead? What kind of priority setting do we need to engage in the field of CM?
- Contextual
  1. What are the specificities that we observe across the countries? While we know that socio-cultural and economic drivers are similar across the countries that have a high prevalence of early marriage; what do they tell us in terms of contextual strategies?
  2. How can we build South-South partnerships?

<b>Sunday, October 19, 2014</b>	
6:00-8:00 pm	<p><b>Welcome Reception</b>          Welcome, Agenda review.</p> <p>Venue: Hilton Hotel</p>
<b>Monday, October 20, 2014</b>	
<b>Learning and Exchange</b>	
9:00-9:30 am	<p><b>Opening session/Introductions:</b>          Brief Statement by Margaret Hempel</p> <p>Quick round of introductions or Ice breaker</p>

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9:30-10:30	<p><b>Short Presentations by:</b></p> <p>African Union on the regional context, launch of child marriage campaign</p> <p>Girls Not Brides – Africa Regional Officer to talk about their work in Africa</p> <p>Video</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:30-10:45	<b>Break</b>
10:45 to 12:00 pm	<p><b>Short presentations by local partners about their work on ending child marriage</b> (program areas, lessons beginning to see, scale up, regional context, etc.) <i>(Partners to be confirmed)</i></p>
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm	<p><b>Country grantee presentations</b></p> <p>This session will be organized into 5 thematic components <i>(Data and Research, Policy and Law, Regional/ Global, Communication, and Social Norms)</i></p> <p>Grantees will be grouped and asked 3-5 questions according to the thematic components.</p> <p>Moderated by Margaret Hempel.</p>
2:15 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30-4:00	<b>Continued grantee presentations followed by discussion</b>
6:00-8:00 pm	<p><b>Dinner and Dance</b></p> <p>Abyssinia Restaurant, a traditional Ethiopian restaurant</p>
<b>Tuesday, October 21, 2014</b>	
9:00 am	<p><b>Building the Framework: Program Officer's Panel</b></p> <p>How the child marriage work is an integral part of their portfolio. Why is this work in their portfolio? Tying it to regional work, developing Ford's strategy. <i>(Understanding the intersection between CM, HIV infection and GBV. Responding effectively to SRHR of child brides)</i></p> <p>Reflections from PO's. Moderated by two grantees.</p>
10:30	<b>Break</b>

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10:45	<b>Communications Strategy</b>  Brief presentations on media tracking and analysis (3 case studies)
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00	<b>Break Out Sessions: 2 groups (mixed – POs and Grantees)</b>  1) <u>Community Intervention</u> : How are we engaging with communities and what are some of the successful interventions?  2) <u>Research and Policy</u> : How people are using research and policy in their work? What do we know about current research and how are we using it/how does it fit into policy? What are the policies that have come about? What should the policy be focusing on if not just the law/increasing the age of marriage?
2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm	<b>Follow up discussion from breakout sessions (full team discussion)</b> (facilitated session)
4:00-5:00	<b>Caucus Session</b>  Market place style of rotating sessions where people can learn about each other's work, interact with others and choose to speak to specific people.  <b>1 hour</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 22, 2014</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Panel with child bride highlighting their empowering stories.</b>  <b>Site Visit (to be confirmed)</b>
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	<b>Reflection on site visit</b>

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1:00 pm	<b>Moving forward</b>  What is Ford's strategy? What is the work of our partners? What is our collective strategy around this work? Field?
2:00 pm	<b>Next Steps and Closing Reflections</b>
2:30 pm or 3 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

Video clips/film screening will be shown during the convening

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