
Stop child marriages

In some societies, child marriages are an acceptable practice. And since straying from tradition could mean exclusion from the community, the practice is passed on from one generation to another. Traditions are made by people and can, therefore, be changed by people. In these communities where child marriage is practised, girls are not valued as much as boys are.

The challenge is to change parents' mindset and emphasise the dangers of child marriage. Girls should stay in school rather than be married off before they are of age or against their will.

I call upon religious leaders, traditional leaders and the government to keep preaching and sensitising parents about the dangers of child marriage.

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