



WELCOME TO OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER,

After five years of implementation, research and learning trajectories the current funding of the **More Than Brides Alliance** will end after **September 2020**. However, as a knowledge platform More Than Brides Alliance commits to continue highlighting research and learnings on child marriage and root causes of child marriage issues related to gender and sexuality through [our website](#) and [resource library](#).

Building on our network and knowledge resources, we invite you to join us in offering a space for networking and facilitating efforts to convene, connect, and catalyse efforts to end child marriage. Connect with us to explore fundraising opportunities to pilot innovative approaches that address child marriage root causes related to gender inequality and sexuality norms.

In this final edition, see our latest publications and learn about how you can stay engaged with our work and link-up with other networks working on child marriage issues.



OUR NEW PUBLICATIONS

Understanding Marriageability

To be effective in tackling child marriage issues, understanding perspectives on marriage is important. Get up to speed and read our publication on *'Marriageability' in Contexts Where Child Marriage is Common:*

[HERE](#)

Control & Agency

Research highlights the intrinsic link between child marriage practices and existing community norms and values on girls' agency relating to their sexuality.

In our last newsletter we shared [A Child Marriage Practitioners' Guide to Understanding New Findings on Girls' Agency & Decision-making](#).

See two new publications that add to this piece of work on control and agency:

What do 32 prominent researchers, activists, girl leaders and practitioners from Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States working in the field of child marriage and SRHR have to say about key issues on girl's voice and choice? [Read more in our Convening Report.](#)

[HERE](#)

Looking for practical tips to improve how you address agency in your work to address child marriage issues?

[Read *What if Girls Decide That Their Marriage is a Good Choice: 5 Tips for Practitioners in Addressing Agency in Child Marriage Programmes.*](#)

[HERE](#)

Working with Parents

Parents are influential actors that can either hinder or support efforts to address sexuality and child marriage practices. We have two key pieces that explore innovative approaches to encourage their engagement and create better partnerships with them.

[Read the full publication on Rethinking Programmatic Interventions:](#)

[HERE](#)

[Find practical tips our infographic: A Partioners' Guide to Working With Parents to End Child Marriage](#)

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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM OUR LEARNING PRACTICES?

Over the past two years, our learning project was implemented in nine countries through different learning activities and events (such as [Youth-Led Research](#), [our Learning Spark Fund](#), and [research collation and implementation experience approaches](#)). Our final evaluation shares useful insights to learn from, including: what participants learned from different learning activities, how they applied these insights in their work, and how they appreciated the different activities! Want to get inspired to enhance learning in your program? [Read more:](#)

[HERE](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank you for your support over the past years and welcome you to get in touch with us if you have any ideas for future partnerships and opportunities!

To contact the Alliance moving forward please reach out to MTBA's Learning Coordinator, Jan Apperloo, at info@morethanbrides.org.

To push forward efforts to address child marriage we recommend you check out and consider joining and/or partnering with the following networks and subscribing to their newsletters and keep learning:

[Coalition for Adolescent Girls](#)

[Girls Not Brides](#)

[UNFPA-UNICEF](#)
Global Programme to End Child Marriage

