RMNCH in the news: CSW57 child marriage panel

*Media coverage of child marriage surrounding high-level panel at the 57th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women*

**INTERNATIONAL:**

**Child marriages: 39,000 every day**
The Financial – 13 March 2013
Between 2011 and 2020, more than 140 million girls will become child brides, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young ...

**South Sudan's colossal child marriage problem**
Digital Journal – 12 March 2013
A newly released Human Rights Watch (HRW) report, entitled "This Old Man Can Feed Us, You Will Marry Him: Child and Forced Marriage in South Sudan," calls on the government of South Sudan to adopt measures to protect girls from child marriage ... The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) predicted that, between 2011 and 2020, over 140 million girls will become child brides ...

**Half of girls in South Sudan forced to marry**
Associated Press – 8 March 2013
JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — The 17-year-old beaten to death for refusing to marry a man old enough to be her grandfather. The teen dragged by her family to be raped to force her into marrying an elderly man. They are among 39,000 girls forced into marriage every day around the world ...

**Never too young to marry in at least 42 countries**
Digital Journal – 9 March 2013
More than 140 million girls will become child brides by 2020 if current rates of early marriage continue, according to the UN on Friday. The UN has identified 42 countries where one in three children under the age of 18 are married ...

**16-Year-Old Bangladeshi Girl Works With World Vision to End Child Marriage**
Christian Post – 9 March 2013
Ahead of International Women's Day on Friday, Christian relief organization World Vision hosted Humaiya Akhter, a 16-year-old girl from Bangladesh, at a United Nations event in New York City addressing child marriage ... According to World Vision's recent research report, Untying the Knot: Preventing Violence Against Girls by Ending Early Marriage, there are 13.5 million girls under the age of 18 around the world who are forced into marriage every year ...

**Child brides: How old is too young to marry?**
Al Jazeera – 8 March 2013
The United Nations is warning that millions more young girls are destined to become child brides, saying if current trends hold many will be under the age of 15. The marrying off of young girls is a culturally sensitive issue, and one that draws a range of reactions from different countries and different communities ...
**Married at 13 to man in his 70s: Child bride who’s changing attitudes**

CNN (African Voices) – 8 March 2013

Editor’s note: Tanzanian Mereso Kilusu was a child bride and is now an activist against child marriage. Her story was translated by LoeRose Mbise, of YWCA Tanzania, and edited by Marlee Wasser, of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health ...

**Forced marriages of girls haunt International Women’s Day**

Allvoices.com – 8 March 2013

According to a news report of the Associated Press, as many as 39,000 young girls are forced to marry each day around the world. These girls are sold like cattle to enrich their families. It is appalling, but true. According to the United Nations Population Fund, more than one-third of all girls under the age of 18 are married in 42 countries ...

**Africa: By 2020, More Than 140 Million Girls Will Have Become Child Brides - UN**

Allvoices.com – 8 March 2013

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**Top of the Morning: International Women’s Day**

UN Dispatch – 8 March 2013

A new HRW report urges the government of South Sudan to do more to protect girls against child marriage ...

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UN News Centre – 7 March 2013

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**U.N. Warns Of Little Progress Curbing Child Marriage Rates; Human Rights Watch Report Shows Practice Widespread In South Sudan**


"If current child marriage rates continue, more than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, the United Nations said [Thursday], warning that little progress has been made towards ending this harmful practice," the U.N. News Centre reports ...

**Child marriages: 39000 every day**

Sciencecodex.com – 7 March 2013

NEW YORK, 7 March 2013 – Between 2011 and 2020, more than 140 million girls will become child brides, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young. Furthermore, of the 140 million girls who will marry before the age of 18, 50 million will be under the age of 15 ...
AFRICA:

Child Marriages on the Rise in Sub Saharan Africa, warn Advocates
Africa Science News – 13 March 2013
The ten countries with highest rate of child marriage are Niger, Chad, Central African Republic, Guinea, Mozambique, Mali, South Sudan, Burkinafaso and Malawi. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), contend that 39,000 girl child marriages occur daily and the figure is likely to hit 140 million by 2020 as underage girls become wives to older men …

Child Bride Cases Worry UN
The Star (Kenya) – 12 March 2013
20% of Kenyan women aged 20–24 were married before their 18th birthday. The United Nations Population Fund predicts that more than 140 million girls in the world will become child brides between 2011 and 2020. Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin says these marriages should be stopped because they are an appalling violation of human rights and robs girls of their education, health and long-term prospects …

Liberia: International Women’s Day – Time for Gender Equality
AllAfrica.com (Opinion) – 12 March 2013
Women and girls are still underrated and belittled usually stereotype of being weak and empty vessels. Moreover, many women and girls still live in societies where gender-based violence, forced teenage marriage, as well as sexual exploitation and abuse continue to increase on a daily basis …

Engage boys in ending violence against women – UN women boss
Citifmonline (Ghana) – 11 March 2013
According to a Girl Guide report, 7 in 10 women and girls are victims or survivors of domestic Violence, honor killing, female genital mutilation, rape, human trafficking, child marriage and sexual harassment. Michelle Bachelet said as much as participating nations in this year’s UN CSW have reiterated the need for governments to protect women and girls through strong laws and policies there is also the need for boys to be taught the value of girls and how they must be treated …

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Africa: U.S. Anti-Violence Law Aims to End Child Marriage Worldwide
AllAfrica.com – 11 March 2013
The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that more than 140 million girls will become child brides in the years ahead. The rate of child marriage accounts for more than 14 million marriages annually, or 39,000 young girls who are forced into a premature marriage each day …
By 2020 more than 140 million girls would have become child brides globally if...
Spy Ghana – 9 March 2013
The United Nations on Friday said that by 2020 more than 140 million girls would have become child brides globally if the current marriage rates continue. It warned that little progress has been made towards ending the harmful practise. According to the Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, of the 140 million girls, 50 million will be under the age of 15 ...

South Sudan's SPLM Increases Women Representation to 35 Percent
AllAfrica.com – 9 March 2013
Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, Agnes Kwaje Lasuba said some negative traditional practices were still forcing girl's to become child brides, denying them their right to education. "The child and teenage pregnancies that follow marriage put these girls at grave risk. As we are celebrating this day with our fellow women in the world, I must tell you that South Sudan is one of the most dangerous places for any girl or woman to give birth. It has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world. The situation is compounded by customary traditions such as dowries which are used as bride price", either in the form of cattle as the main source of income for some rural communities, which perpetuates this practice and to some extent, the veil of silence or in some of some cash in some of the communities in our country", she explained ...

Nigeria: More Than 140 Million Girls to Become Child Brides in 2020 – Osotimehin
AllAfrica.com – 8 March 2013
According to the Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, of the 140 million girls, 50 million will be under the age of 15. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Osotimehin spoke at a special session on child marriage at the ongoing UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York ...

More than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, warns UN
Zimbabwe Star – 8 March 2013
More than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young ...

'More than 140m girls to become child brides in 2020'
The Nation – 8 March 2013
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South Sudan urged to end early, forced marriages
The Nation – 8 March 2013
As South Sudan joined the rest of the world in marking International Women’s Day, an international rights group and the UN have asked the government to protect girls from early and forced marriages. Government statistics indicate that 48 per cent of the country’s girls between 15 and 19 are married, with some marrying as young as 12 ...
This world is unfair to women
African Village – 8 March 2013
The world lost out on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) simply because most of the goals and targets are about women. Now they have started talking about Post 2015, yet the statistics are as dreary as they have been. For example, between 2011 and 2020, more than 140 million girls will become child brides, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ...

Africa: By 2020, More Than 140 Million Girls Will Have Become Child Brides – UN
AllAfrica.com (UN News Service) – 7 March 2013
If current child marriage rates continue, more than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, the United Nations said today, warning that little progress has been made towards ending this harmful practice ...

South Sudan: End Widespread Child Marriage – Government Should Protect and Support Girls Who Refuse Forced Marriage
AllAfrica.com (Human Rights Watch) – 7 March 2013
Worldwide, some 14 million girls are married before their 18th birthday every year. A 2012 report by UNICEF shows that around one in three women aged 20-24 years were married before they reached 18 years of age, and around 11 percent entered into marriage before 15 years of age ...

ASIA-PACIFIC:

Child marriages persist in the poorest countries
Japan Times – 11 March 2013
JUBA (AP) – A 17-year-old beaten to death for refusing to marry a man old enough to be her grandfather, a teen dragged by her family to be raped to force her into marrying an elderly man — they are among the 39,000 girls who are forced into marriage every day around the world, sold like cattle to enrich their families. More than one-third of all girls are married in 42 countries, according to the U.N. Population Fund, referring to females under the age of 18 ...

Too young to tie the knot
Taipei Times – 11 March 2013
More than 140 million girls will become child brides by 2020 if current rates of early marriage continue, according to the UN. Of that number of girls aged under 18, 50 million will be younger than 15, says the UN Population Fund, which co-hosted a panel on child marriage at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on Thursday ...

Illegal bride bazaar still thriving in Old City
Times of India – 11 March 2013
But now, says Rafia Nausheen, an activist working with the NGO Mahita, girls are being treated as a burden and in poor families, the priority is to get rid of them at the earliest. "If proposals where there are no demands from the groom's side come, they fall into the trap," she says ...
More than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, warns UN
Newstrack India – 8 March 2013
Washington, Mar. 8 (ANI): More than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young. Furthermore, of the 140 million girls who will marry before the age of 18, 50 million will be under the age of 15 ...

India leading world’s child marriages: UN
Hindustan Times – 8 March 2013
Every second girl in India is married underage, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said on Friday in a fresh assessment of global child marriage patterns that paints a worrying picture of a practice widely banned but still rampant. India has the largest number of child brides in the world, with 47% girls married under the legal age of 18, the UNFPA said, projecting that 140 mn child marriages may take place between 2011 and 2020, cutting across most developing nations ...

39,000 child marriages daily!
BanglaNews24.com – 8 March 2013
With the background of widespread violence against women the world celebrates the International Women’s Day. A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women is the official UN theme for International Women’s Day 2013. A joint press release by UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UN Women, the United Nations Foundation, World Vision, Girls Not Brides, Every Woman Every Child, World YWCA and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health said ...

39,000 Child Marriages A Day, Time To Act
Countercurrents.org – 8 March 2013
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‘Over 140 mn girls will become child brides between 2011-20’
Zee News – 8 March 2013
Washington: More than 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young ...

UN marks International Women’s Day with strong message to end early marriage
ShanghaiDaily.com – 7 March 2013
UNITED NATIONS, March 7 (Xinhua) -- Meresu Kilusu, a woman from Tanzania, was forced into a marriage 15 years ago when she was just 14 years old to an abusive 70-year-old man with whom she had five children. When she went to her family for help, they sent her back to her husband because they had already accepted the bride prize, or dowry, for her marriage ...

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EUROPE:

140 million girls will become child brides by 2020 at current rates
The Guardian – 8 March 2013
UN Commission on Status of Women debates inclusion of child marriage in agreement on eliminating violence against women, as Malawi seeks to raise its legal age of marriage from 15 to 18 ...

La OMS denuncia que cada día se producen 39.000 matrimonios infantiles
Europa Press – 8 March 2013
La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) ha denunciado que cada día se producen en todo el mundo 39.000 matrimonios infantiles y añade que más de 140 millones de niñas se casarán entre 2011 y 2020. De la misma forma, advierte de que “las niñas que se casan jóvenes son más vulnerables a la violencia de pareja y el abuso sexual”...

Spose bambine. Allarme dell’Onu: 140 milioni in 9 anni
Romagna Noi – 8 March 2013
NEW YORK - Tra il 2011 e il 2020 nel mondo più di 140 milioni di ragazze diventeranno spose bambine, costrette a sposarsi prima di compiere 18 anni. Questo l’allarme lanciato dalle Nazioni unite in un comunicato stampa diffuso insieme ad altre agenzie per i diritti umani, in occasione della Giornata internazionale della donna ...

L’8 marzo delle bambine uccise dalla gravidanza
Gioranettismo – 8 March 2013
Per milioni di bambine in tutto il mondo – scrive oggi il quotidiano spagnolo El Mundo - l’8 marzo è un giorno come ogni altro. Un giorno in cui sicuramente avranno rapporti sessuali con uomini più grandi di loro, uomini che sono state obbligate a sposare per volere delle rispettive famiglie ...

Allarme dall’Onu: 140 milioni di spose bambine tra 2011 e 2020
La Presse – 8 March 2013
New York (New York, Usa), 8 mar. (LaPresse) - Tra il 2011 e il 2020 nel mondo più di 140 milioni di ragazze diventeranno spose bambine, costrette a sposarsi prima di compiere 18 anni ...

Los embarazos infantiles y adolescentes causan la muerte prematura a unas 50.000 chicas
El Mundo – 8 March 2013
Para millones de niñas en el mundo, el 8 de marzo es un día como otro cualquiera. Un día en el que seguramente tendrán que mantener relaciones sexuales con maridos mucho mayores que ellas y con los que les han obligado a contraer matrimonio. Coincidiendo con el día mundial de la mujer, Naciones Unidas ha alertado de las peligrosas consecuencias para la salud de estas menores que tiene esta práctica tan extendida ...

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39.000 niñas son obligadas a casarse al día
El Mercurio Digital – 8 March 2013
Cada día, se celebran 39.000 matrimonios infantiles, indicó este jueves el Fondo de Población de las Naciones Unidas (UNFPA). El UNFPA estimó que más de 140 millones de niñas se habrán casado entre 2011 y 2020 ...

Día Internacional de la Mujer: sus logros y reivindicaciones
Terra – 8 March 2013
El Día Internacional de la Mujer, celebrado el 8 de marzo desde hace 102 años, conmemora la lucha en pro de la igualdad, la justicia, la paz y el desarrollo. Aunque la situación de la mujer ha mejorado a lo largo de los años, todavía queda un largo camino por recorrer ...

Child marriages: 39,000 every day
Health Canal – 7 March 2013
NEW YORK - Between 2011 and 2020, more than 140 million girls will become child brides, according to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ...

Conflict more than culture leads to child brides, says report
The Telegraph – 6 March 2013
A report by World Vision identified a link between conflict and natural disasters and child marriage. "Early marriage is a brutal curtailment of childhood and a violation of children's rights, yet many parents around the world believe it is the best possible way to ensure their daughters are looked after," said Hannah Stevenson, a policy advisor and co-author of the report ...

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www.pmnch.org
Is Senegal outgrowing child marriage?
Radio Netherlands Worldwide Africa Desk – 2 March 2013
In addition to being a human rights abuse, child marriage constitutes a grave threat to young girls’ lives, health and future prospects, according to the 2012 report ‘Marrying too Young – End Child Marriage’ released by the United Nations Population Fund ...

NORTH AMERICA:

Half of girls in South Sudan forced to marry
New Pittsburgh Courier – 12 March 2013
JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — The 17-year-old beaten to death for refusing to marry a man old enough to be her grandfather. The teen dragged by her family to be raped and forced into marrying an elderly man. They are among 39,000 girls forced into marriage every day around the world, sold like cattle to enrich their families. More than one-third of all girls are married in 42 countries, according to the U.N. Population Fund, referring to females under the age of 18 ...

Child marriages increase violence, reduce education, United Nations group says
Detroit Free Press – 10 March 2013
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Boston Globe – 9 March 2013
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Child brides around the world sold off like cattle
USA Today – 8 March 2013
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Third of girls in 42 countries forced into child marriages
CBS News – 8 March 2013
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Third of young girls forced to marry or face beatings, death in 42 countries
FOX News – 8 March 2013
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Child brides in South Sudan beaten, killed; 39000 girls forced to marry globally every day
Washington Post – 8 March 2013
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Salon.com – 8 March 2013
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Forcing young girls to be child brides rampant in poor countries, UN reports
Vancouver Sun – 8 March 2013
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39K Girls Forced to Marry Each Day
Newser – 8 March 2013
How young is too young to get married? In many countries, the answer to that question would
disturb you. A new UN Population Fund survey of 42 countries found that more than a third of all
girls under the age of 18 in them are married, many presumably against their will ...
United Nations warns about the magnitude of the child brides problem (Video)
Examiner.com – 8 March 2013
The UN has predicted that 140 million girls will become child brides between 2011 and 2020. That amounts to more than 14 million girls a year the UN says will marry too young, which is about 39,000 each and every day. Furthermore, the UN says 50 million will be under the age of 15 ...

Long, Hard Road to End South Sudan Child Marriage
Voice of America – 8 March 2013
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN — Forced marriage destroys the dreams and sometimes costs the lives of South Sudanese girls, but ending the deeply engrained tradition in the world's newest nation will be a difficult and slow process, rights advocates say ...

End Child Marriage, Rights Group Tells South Sudan
Voice of America – 7 March 2013
JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN — In a graphic and troubling report released Thursday in Juba, Human Rights Watch called for an end to under-age marriage for girls in South Sudan, where nearly half of young women aged 15-19 are married, many against their will ...

Child Marriage in South Sudan Pushes Maternal Mortality Higher
Voice of America – 7 March 2013
LONDON — Human Rights Watch says widespread child marriage in South Sudan is violating girls’ rights, limiting female education and contributing to soaring maternal mortality rates ...

Child marriages: 39,000 every day
Medical Xpress – 7 March 2013
If current levels of child marriages hold, 14.2 million girls annually or 39,000 daily will marry too young. Furthermore, of the 140 million girls who will marry before the age of 18, 50 million will be under the age of 15 ...

Canada should help to end child marriage
Globe and Mail (Editorial) – 7 March 2013
It is difficult to fathom that in Lebanon girls as young as 12.5 years old can be married with their parents’ permission. In India, half of girls between the ages of 20 and 24 have been married before the legal age of 18 ...

BLOGS:

More help for child brides
Too Young to Wed – 12 March 2013
There’s still plenty of legislative gridlock in Washington, D.C., but we’re thrilled to note that it didn’t extend to the Violence Against Women Act, which was recently reauthorized by both the U.S. House and Senate and includes a provision aimed at curbing child marriage in developing countries ...

“It’s possible to protect against child marriage; it’s possible to end child marriage”
Family Care International – 8 March 2013
Yesterday at the United Nations, FCI joined with the UN Missions of Bangladesh, Canada, and Malawi, and a dozen partner organizations, to sponsor a moving, inspiring, and often infuriating
discussion on child marriage. Too Young to Wed, a side event to this week’s annual meeting of the UN’s Commission on the Status of Women, shed light on an issue that affects tens of millions of young women — 39,000 women under 18 are married every single day …

**Child Marriage On Rise As Global Crises Increase, New Study Says**
Huffington Post (blog by Jessica Priis, staff writer) – 8 March 2013
Half of all girls living in the world’s 51 least-developed countries have been married before the age of 18, according to the U.N. The World Vision study, released to coincide with International Women’s Day on March 8, found that such marriages are on the rise due to an increase in global poverty …

**Empower the Women of the World’s Youngest Nation -- South Sudan**
Huffington Post (blog by Hilde Johnson, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in South Sudan) – 7 March 2013
The UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) is, together with partners, working to reverse the practice of child marriage and prevent gender based violence. Through a number of approaches and initiatives, we are mobilizing communities, NGOs, and the Government as change agents in this effort …

**Today is a big day for child marriage**
Too Young to Wed – 7 March 2013
Today a special session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will focus on child marriage. The Governments of Bangladesh, Malawi and Canada will jointly sponsor the session. It is held in support of Every Woman Every Child, a movement spearheaded by U.N. …

**Child marriage: a barrier to education**
The Office of Gordon and Sarah Brown – 7 March 2013
Education goals can only be reached by ending child marriage. As such the education sector will be called upon to join up to a concerted set of actions to end child marriage before 2015, during an event in support of UN Secretary-General’s Global Education First Initiative on April 17th …

**Too Young to Wed: Working Together to End Child Marriage**
Huffington Post (blog by Carole Presern, Executive Director, PMNCH) – 6 March 2013
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