



## Youth-led Research

In the 'Making Most of What We Know' learning project research evidence is combined with implementation experience on the linkages between female adolescent sexuality and child marriage. To capture the perspectives of girls and young women themselves, a Youth-Led Research is implemented in 5 countries on the linkages between female adolescent sexuality and child marriage.

*Youth-Led Research is the meaningful and central participation of young people in all phases of the research, from the identification of relevant learning questions and methodology to study design, data collection, analysis and reflection to feed into programme implementation.*

The objective of the Youth-Led Research is to explore and understand the journeys of young girls who have managed to navigate social norms and break the mould, the so-called 'positive deviants,' who have subsequently become mentors and/or role models to others. The initiative also includes the participation of young girls who have – or are expected to – follow a more traditional pathway to marriage as dictated by the social norms shaping their lives, creating a space for the exchange of difference experiences and realities. Focusing on the stories of young girls, as they themselves recount, interpret and present them, allows to gather important insights into promising pathways of change and draft relevant recommendations for girl-driven programme design.

All lessons learned of the different components of the 'Making the Most of What We Know' learning project will be brought together in an international learning meeting scheduled for October 2020. Resources developed as part of this project will be published on this website.

### More information

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