



# GIRLS NOT BRIDES

The Global Partnership  
to End Child Marriage

## Safeguarding Standards for *Girls Not Brides* members

*Girls Not Brides* is the largest global partnership of civil society organisations working to end child marriage. The Partnership is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all individuals, especially children, young people and adults at risk and will seek to ensure that they are protected from all harm when working to end child marriage.

*Girls Not Brides* recognises that partnerships play a key role in ensuring that communities work together to prevent, detect and respond to cases of abuse across the world. As part of this global commitment to protect children and young people, *Girls Not Brides* members must endeavour to maintain the highest standards of safeguarding, taking all necessary measures to uphold the 'do no harm principle'. Member organisations should also promote the meaningful and ethical participation of children and young people throughout their work, in line with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The *Girls Not Brides* secretariat is able to provide guidance to relevant organisations to ensure they can meet these standards if they do not yet have a safeguarding framework in place.

In order to uphold strong safeguarding principles whilst also fostering a positive participatory environment when engaging with children, young people and adults at risk, ***Girls Not Brides* members must commit to the following safeguarding standards:**

1. Have a safeguarding framework in place including an organisational safeguarding policy; ensuring all staff members are familiar with this policy, have access to it and understand the staff responsibilities it sets out.
2. Deliver all programmes and projects in the safest possible manner; undertaking safeguarding risk assessments for all activities which may involve or impact upon children and young people.
3. Have a safeguarding reporting procedure mapped out and shared with all staff members and beneficiaries who know how to make and/or receive reports if concerns arise.
4. Assign staff members specific roles in order to ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are being followed, respected and implemented within the organisation. Each member organisation should share their safeguarding lead's contact details with the *Girls Not Brides* secretariat if requested.
5. Undertake the gathering, production, storage and use of data (including photos) in an ethical way, adhering to relevant data protection laws or standards and obtaining informed consent before the collection of any new data.
6. Maintain a detailed register of all safeguarding concerns raised as well as a record of how the organisation responded, including responses to historical allegations.
7. Agree to share information with other members of the Global Partnership on safeguarding initiatives as well as individual cases (with identifying information removed), as appropriate, where sharing that information will lead to learning for the Partnership, or in situations where individual cases may have an adverse impact on members.
8. Foster a working environment that encourages diversity and is safe, healthy and respectful for all staff members.

I confirm that \_\_\_\_\_[Name of Organisation]\_\_\_\_\_ fully complies with these safeguarding standards.

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date: