

## Girl Summit 2014

On 22 July 2014, the UK government hosted the first Girl Summit, aimed at mobilizing domestic and international efforts to end female genital mutilation (FGM) and child and forced marriage within a generation. Head of governments including Prime Minister of Bangladesh, women and human rights activities, community leaders, civil society organizations and development partners joined the summit. The Summit is co-hosted by UNICEF.

Female genital mutilation affects more than 10 million girls and women in the 29 countries of Africa and the Middle East. On other hand, it is estimated that 14 million girls are married before

baby while they are still children and puts them at risk of death and suffering for the rest of their lives.

Force marriage is extremely violation of Human Rights. Force marriage victims can suffer physical, psychological, emotional, financial and sexual abuse.

The Girl Summit would help preserve girls' childhoods, promote their education, reduce their exposure to violence and abuse, and allow them to fulfill their potential in life.



they attain the age of 18 every year across the globe. Especially in developing countries, one of three girls is married before 18.

The organizers hope that this summit would bring more financial and technical resources to the efforts as well as pledges from the governments and civil societies to work together in more strategic ways.

It will encourage the girls to work by themselves also to ensure that all of them across the world are safe according to Human Rights Convention of the United Nations and the Constitution of the every state.

Research shows that Bangladesh has the fourth highest rate of child marriage in the world where sixty four per cent of girls are married before the age of 18.

Girls, who are victims of child marriage, deliver

Girls and women have the right to live free from violence and discrimination and achieve their potential.

Girls are assets like boys, if properly educated. They are never a burden. Let's gives girls choice, make available opportunities to them for a bright future.

The good news is that things are changing. In the heart of communities and families in the UK and across Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and Europe, more and more people are saying no to these practices. Our role is to get behind, support and accelerate their efforts to end them.

Everyone has a part to play in achieving rights for girls and women around the world.