

The Child Marriage Research to Action Network (CRANK)



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Genesis of the CRANK

- Over last decade growing body of evidence on drivers, impacts and approaches in relation to child marriage
- Fragmented research agenda and duplication of efforts
- Available research inaccessible to the right people
- Need for mechanism to improve co-ordination between researchers working on child marriage and ensure research translates into policy and practice.

2019 Geneva meeting

Context:

- Meeting co-convened by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and *Girls Not Brides*
- Objective to take stock of research and identify key gaps and priorities

Participants:

- 51 experts on child marriage or from other relevant sectors
- Research, programme, UN, civil society, donors



Purpose of The CRANK

The CRANK aims to provide a platform for a **better coordinated and harmonised research agenda on child marriage, which responds to priority needs and gaps of policy makers and practitioners.**

What will the CRANK deliver?

- Quarterly meetings will be delivered on priority themes to ensure evidence informs policy and practice
- A research tracker to identify what research is taking place on child marriage and in which countries and contexts
- Research updates disseminated to policy makers and practitioners through bi-annual research digests in English, French and Spanish
- More equitable ecosystem of learning including increased profile on research led by southern partners in countries most affected by child marriage.

What CRANK doesn't do

- CRANK is intentionally a 'lean and mean' platform to support collaboration and dissemination
- It does not replace other research co-ordination mechanisms e.g. on FGM, adolescent girls, gender responsive social protection
- It won't provide funding for new research
- Nor is it formal peer review mechanisms – but if researchers want to invite input – that's great

Get involved...

- The CRANK is open to all
- Sign up to the CRANK
- Share your research
- See what others are working on