

Agenda: Global research meeting of the Child Marriage Research to Action Network

Session theme: “Challenging gender norms to end child marriage”

2 December 2021

Time (London)	Discussion
14:00 - 14:10	<p>Welcome & introduction to the CRANK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening welcome, refresh on the CRANK and housekeeping Jean Casey, <i>Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage</i> • Setting the scene: the importance of challenging gender norms to end child marriage Ben Cislaghi, Associate Professor at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
14:10 - 14:35	<p>Presentation of evidence on challenging gender norms to end child marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Miedema and Nicky Pouw, University of Amsterdam – “Taking choice seriously: Emic understandings of decision-making about child marriage” and “Her choice impact evaluation report” • Prof. Arvind Singhal, The University of Texas – “The role of educational entertainment in transforming gender roles and addressing child marriage” • Ami Sengupta, Independent Communication and Development Consultant, Maputo and Tania Sultana, Communication for Development Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh – “Enabling gender norm change through communication”
14.35– 15.15	<p>Q&A and discussion: on evidence presented & participants share learnings and insight on promising approaches and strategies to address the structural gender inequalities and norms that limit girls’ choices and accelerate child marriage – Moderated by Ben Cislaghi</p>
15:15- 15:25	<p>Short updates from members of the CRANK on new child marriage research and evidence in the pipeline – Jean Casey, <i>Girls Not Brides</i></p>
15.25 – 15.30	<p>Wrap up summary: key takeaways from today’s session, next steps and close – Satvika Chalasani, <i>UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage (TBC)</i></p>