



2013 Africa Scorecard on Multi-Faceted Violence Against Young Girls & Women - Highlighting Forced 'Marriage' of Girl Children; Wife Beating; Female Genital Mutilation

*To Be Read With Accompanying Fact Sheet on Highlights & Findings:

Summary Child 'Marriage' Scorecard					Violence Against Women Scorecard			Violence Against Women Scorecard			Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Scorecard (1997 - 2010)		
Underage Girls Below 18 Yrs. Of Age Forced Or Lured Into 'Marriage' (2000 - 2010)					1. Percentage of Men 15-49 Years Who Consider A Husband Justified In Hitting/Beating His Wife (2002-2010) For At Least One of the Specified Reasons: (1) Burning the Food; (2) 'Argues' With Him; (3) Goes Out Without Telling Him; (4) Neglects the Children; Or (5) Refuses Sexual Relations			2. Percentage of Women 15-49 Years Who Consider A Husband Justified In Hitting/Beating His Wife (2002 - 2010) For At Least One of the Specified Reasons: (1) Burning the Food; (2) 'Argues' With Him; (3) Goes Out Without Telling Him; (4) Neglects the Children; Or (5) Refuses Sexual Relations					
Ranking By Countries With Highest Numbers Of Underage Girls Below 18 Yrs Of Age Forced Or Lured Into 'Marriage'	Country Name	Percentage of Underage Girls Below 18 Yrs Of Age Forced Or Lured Into 'Marriage'	Estimated Number Of Underage Girls Below 18 Yrs Of Age Forced Or Lured Into 'Marriage'	Estimated Number of Female Adolescent Population i.e. Half of Total Adolescent Population.	Ranking	Country	Percentage of Men 15-49 that Believe Violence Against Wives is Justified	Ranking	Country	Percentage of Women 15-49 Socialized To Accept Violence by Partners	Ranking By Countries Where Women Are Most Affected By FGM/C	Country Name	FGM/C 1997-2010 Prevalence (% Of women aged 15-49 mutilated/cut)
1	Niger	75%	1,366,500	1,822,000	1	Uganda	60%	1	Mali	87%	1	Somalia	98%
2	Chad	72%	942,480	1,309,000	2	Sierra Leone	58%	2	Guinea	86%	2	Guinea	96%
3	Guinea	63%	720,090	1,143,000	3	Ethiopia	52%	3	Ethiopia	81%	3	Djibouti	93%
4	Cent Afr Rep.	61%	308,660	506,000	4	Zambia	49%	4* Joint	Congo	76%	4* Joint	Egypt	91%
5	Mali	55%	993,300	1,806,000	5	Lesotho	48%	4* Joint	Dem. Rep. of Congo	76%	4* Joint	Sierra Leone	91%
6	Mozambique	52%	1,404,520	2,701,000	6	Kenya	44%	4* Joint	Somalia	76%	5	Eritrea	89%
7	Malawi	50%	895,750	1,791,500	7* Joint	Swaziland	41%	5	Gambia	74%	6	Mali	85%
8	Ethiopia	49%	5,031,075	10,267,500	7* Joint	Namibia	41%	6* Joint	Burkina Faso	71%	7	Gambia	78%
Joint *9	Burkina Faso	48%	931,200	1,940,000	8	Tanzania	38%	6* Joint	Eritrea	71%	8	Ethiopia	74%
9	Madagascar	48%	1,180,800	2,460,000	9 Joint	Liberia	30%	7* Joint	Niger	70%	9	Burkina Faso	73%
9	Sierra Leone	48%	317,280	661,000	9 Joint	Nigeria	30%	7* Joint	Uganda	70%	10	Mauritania	72%
10	Eritrea	47%	268,840	572,000	9* Joint	Madagascar	30%	8	Algeria	68%	11	Liberia	58%
11	Uganda	46%	1,854,490	4,031,500	10* Joint	Ghana	22%	9* Joint	Côte d'Ivoire	65%	12	Guinea-Bissau	50%
12	Somalia	45%	467,550	1,039,000	10* Joint	Sao Tome & Principe	22%	9* Joint	Senegal	65%	13	Chad	44%
13	Zambia	42%	648,270	1,543,500	11* Joint	Malawi	16%	9* Joint	Sierra Leone	65%	14	Côte d'Ivoire	36%
Joint *14	Dem Rep Congo	39%	3,096,015	7,938,500	11* Joint	Cape Verde	16%	10	Morocco	64%	15	Nigeria	30%
*14	Nigeria	39%	6,888,570	17,663,000	12	Benin	14%	11	Zambia	62%	16	Senegal	28%

*14	Senegal	39%	573,495	1,470,500		Mali	N/Av	12	Liberia	59%	17	Kenya	27%
15	Liberia	38%	169,290	445,500		Guinea	N/Av	13	Cameroon	56%	18	Cent. Afri.Rep	26%
16	Tanzania	37%	1,886,630	5,099,000		Congo	N/Av	14	Tanzania	54%	19	Tanzania	15%
Joint *17	Cameroon	36%	795,960	2,211,000		Dem. Rep. of Congo	N/Av	15* Joint	Kenya	53%	20	Benin	13%
17	Gambia	36%	73,620	204,500		Somalia	N/Av	15 Joint	Togo	53%	21* Joint	Ghana	4%
Joint *18	Cote d'Ivoire	35%	798,525	2,281,500		Gambia	N/Av	16	Zimbabwe	49%	21* Joint	Togo	4%
*18	Mauritania	35%	135,800	388,000		Burkina Faso	N/Av	17	Rwanda	48%	22	Niger	2%
Joint *19	Benin	34%	347,140	1,021,000		Eritrea	N/Av	18	Benin	47%	23* Joint	Cameroon	1%
19	Gabon	34%	58,480	172,000		Niger	N/Av	19	Nigeria	43%	23 Joint	Uganda	1%
19	Sao Tome & Principe	34%	6,800	20,000		Algeria	N/Av	20	Guinea-Bissau	40%	23 Joint	Zambia	1%
*19	Sudan	34%	N/Av	N/Av		Côte d'Ivoire	N/Av	21	Egypt	39%		Algeria	N/Av
20	Congo	33%	146,520	444,000		Senegal	N/Av	22	Swaziland	38%		Angola	N/Av
21	Zimbabwe	30%	483,450	1,611,500		Morocco	N/Av	23* Joint	Ghana	37%		Botswana	N/Av
22	Kenya	26%	1,187,550	4,567,500		Cameroon	N/Av	23* Joint	Lesotho	37%		Burundi	N/Av
Joint *23	Ghana	25%	665,875	2,663,500		Togo	N/Av	24	Mozambique	36%		Cape Verde	N/Av
*23	Togo	25%	174,125	696,500		Zimbabwe	N/Av	25	Namibia	35%		Comoros	N/Av
24	Guinea Bissau	22%	37,730	171,500		Rwanda	N/Av	26	Madagascar	32%		Congo	N/Av
25	Lesotho	19%	50,445	265,500		Guinea-Bissau	N/Av	27	Malawi	28%		Dem. Rep. of Congo	N/Av
Joint *26	Burundi	18%	175,230	973,500		Egypt	N/Av	28	Sao Tome & Principe	20%		Equatorial Guinea	N/Av
*26	Cape Verde	18%	10,350	57,500		Mozambique	N/Av	29	Cape Verde	17%		Gabon	N/Av
27	Egypt	17%	1,353,710	7,963,000		Angola	N/Av		Angola	N/Av		Lesotho	N/Av
28	Morocco	16%	493,440	3,084,000		Botswana	N/Av		Botswana	N/Av		Libya	N/Av
29	Rwanda	13%	150,410	1,157,000		Burundi	N/Av		Burundi	N/Av		Madagascar	N/Av
30	Namibia	9%	23,670	263,000		Cent Afr Rep.	N/Av		Cent Afri Rep	N/Av		Malawi	N/Av
31	South Africa	6%	298,680	4,978,000		Chad	N/Av		Chad	N/Av		Mauritius	N/Av
Joint * 32	Djibouti	5%	5,025	100,500		Comoros	N/Av		Comoros	N/Av		Morocco	N/Av
Joint * 32	Swaziland	5%	7,575	151,500		Djibouti	N/Av		Djibouti	N/Av		Mozambique	N/Av
33	Algeria	2%	65,710	3,285,500		Equatorial Guinea	N/Av		Equatorial Guinea	N/Av		Namibia	N/Av
	Angola	N/Av	N/Av	2,276,500		Gabon	N/Av		Gabon	N/Av		Rwanda	N/Av
	Botswana	N/Av	N/Av	218,500		Libya	N/Av		Libya	N/Av		Sao Tome and Principe	N/Av
	Comoros	N/Av	N/Av	77,500		Mauritania	N/Av		Mauritania	N/Av		Seychelles	N/Av
	Equatorial Guinea	N/Av	N/Av	75,500		Mauritius	N/Av		Mauritius	N/Av		South Africa	N/Av
	Libya	N/Av	N/Av	552,500		Seychelles	N/Av		Seychelles	N/Av		South Sudan	N/Av
	Mauritius	N/Av	N/Av	106,500		South Africa	N/Av		South Africa	N/Av		Sudan	N/Av
	Seychelles	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av		South Sudan	N/Av		South Sudan	N/Av		Swaziland	N/Av
	South Sudan	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av		Sudan	N/Av		Sudan	N/Av		Tunisia	N/Av
	Tunisia	N/Av	N/Av	878,500		Tunisia	N/Av		Tunisia	N/Av		Zimbabwe	N/Av

Findings For 2013 Africa Scorecard on Multi-Faceted Violence Against Young Girls & Women Highlighting: Forced 'Marriage' of Girl Children; Wife Beating; Female Genital Mutilation

Forced Girl Child 'Marriage' & Health:

- **Maternal Mortality:** The 30 countries where between 30% - 75% of underage girls are forced into 'marriage' also include 26 of the 30 countries with the highest maternal mortality: Chad, Somalia, Central African Rep, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Sudan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Guinea, Niger, Zimbabwe, Congo, DRC, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, Cote 'd Ivore, Senegal, Gambia, Benin, Ethiopia, Uganda & Burkina Faso.
- **Adolescent, Youth & Reproductive Health:** The 30 countries where between 30% - 75% of underage girls are forced into 'marriage' also include 26 of the 30 countries with the highest adolescent fertility: Niger, Chad, Mali, Mozambique, Liberia, Malawi, Uganda, Guinea, Zambia, Madagascar, Gabon, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Dem Rep Congo, Cent. African Rep, Congo, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Somalia, Tanzania, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gambia, Zimbabwe, Senegal
- **HIV & AIDS / Reproductive & Adolescent Health:** In all of the 30 countries where 30% - 75% of under age girls are forced into 'marriage' (except 2, being Madagascar and Somalia) – women aged 15 years & over constitute the greater majority of those living with HIV i.e. in these countries women constitute between 55% & 74% of all 'adults' living with HIV.
- **Child Mortality:** The 30 countries where between 30% - 75% of under age girls are forced into 'marriage' also include 24 of the 30 countries with the highest child mortality: Somalia, Mali, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Chad, DRC, Central African Rep, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Mozambique, Guinea, Cote 'd Ivore, Benin, Mauritania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Liberia, Uganda, Congo, Malawi, Zimbabwe & Tanzania
- **Mental Health:** The failure to recognize forced 'marriage' of underage girls as a human rights and health violation of epic proportions means no policy or investment provision is made to cater for the mental health of tens of millions of girls forced to suffer repeated sexual assaults and abuse, a life of domestic exploitation and violence, and high maternal mortality & HIV.

Institutional Violence / Forced 'Marriage' of Under Age Girls

- **Trends & Proportion:** *In the 30 countries where 30% to 75% of young girls under 18 years are forced into 'marriage', at least a quarter to half were forced into 'marriage' before or by 15 yrs of age,* indicating a deeper rooted trend. *The worst 15 countries (40% & over) - being Niger, Chad, Guinea, Central African Republic, Mali, Mozambique, Malawi, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Eritrea, Uganda, Somalia, & Zambia.*
- **By Absolute Numbers:** *The 10 countries in which an estimated over one million women each were forced into 'marriage' before age of 18 are:* Nigeria, an estimated 6.8 million; Ethiopia 5 million; DRC, 3 million; Tanzanian 1.8 million; Uganda 1.8 million; Mozambique, 1.4 million; Niger, 1.3 million; Egypt 1.3 million; Madagascar 1.1 Million; Kenya 1.1 million.

Overall, an estimated number of 37.4 million underage girls have been forced into 'marriage' before the age of 18 years over period on which the study is based, robbing them of education, skills & human development; of an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to Africa's development; & condemning them to essentially a life of dependence, domestic slavery, unmitigated violence, sexual abuse, high maternal death, birth related injury, & HIV / AIDS.

- **By Demography:** *In the 30 countries where 30% to 75% of young girls under 18 years were forced into 'marriage' 11 of these countries are from the 15 member ECOWAS sub region being – Niger, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Senegal, Liberia, Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, & Benin – Along with 6 Central African Countries - Chad, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, Sao Tome - (Other ECOWAS countries Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde and Togo are at 18% to 25%) – making West & Central Africa the sub regions with the highest collective concentration of countries where forced marriage is practiced.*

In East & Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Uganda, & Tanzania are amongst the 30 countries where over 30% of under age girls are forced into 'marriage' (with Rwanda, Burundi & Kenya at between 13% & 26%).

In SADC countries: Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia DRC, Tanzania (which is in both EAC and SADC) & Zimbabwe are amongst the 30 countries where over 30% of under age girls are forced into 'marriage'.

Physical Violence Against Women

- **There is a deeply damaging socialisation & indoctrination of women to accept Violence Against Women as 'Normal':** *In 34 of the 37 countries for which data is available between 30% to 87% of women aged 15 yrs to 49 yrs consider a husband justified in beating a wife - for at least one of these reasons – (1) Burning the Food; (2) 'Argues' With Him; (3) Goes Out Without Telling Him; (4) Neglects the Children; (5) Or Refuses Sexual Relations.* This in turn has serious negative consequences for women's human rights, gender equality, women's education & development, ability to contribute to social & economic development, & overall health.
- In 12 of the 17 countries for which data is available, 30% to 60% of men believe that Violence Against Women is justified for the same reasons as above.

- **Cycle of Violence / 'Agreement' on Violence: Countries in which based on available data, 30% or more of both women & men jointly agree that Violence Against Women is justified include** – Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Zambia, Lesotho, Kenya, Swaziland, Namibia, Tanzania, Liberia, Nigeria, Madagascar.

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting Scorecard

- Based on available data in 27 countries, there are 16 countries in which between 30% to 98% of women suffer Female Genital Mutilation. These countries cut across mostly the Horn, North, Central & West Africa.

Countries that Feature Prominently Across All 4 Indicators of Violence Against Women:

- **Concentrations of Multi-faceted Violence:** i.e. **15 Countries in which based on available data, 30% - 98 % of women are affected by 3 to 4 of all indicators included in this multi faceted scorecard:** Ethiopia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali, Eritrea, Uganda, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Tanzania, Liberia, Madagascar, Gambia. *(However lack of availability of data for all countries means that some countries - where there are high levels of social, community based and sexual violence such as South Africa; or conflict based violence such as DRC – do not feature in this concentration of violence).

Recommendations:

- Given the millions of underage girls already suffering the scourge of forced 'marriage', & the fact that as Africa's population doubles from currently roughly 1 billion to about 2 billion by 2050, this will increase - Africa wide abolition of exploitation & abuse of girl children through so called 'marriage' is clearly now a matter for unambiguous intervention by African Heads of State; as with Female Genital Mutilation. Africa's overall health, human & social development will continue to be stunted for as long as governments do not act decisively to reduce & end institutional, social, & physical Violence Against Women.
- Constitutional, legislative & law enforcement protection are crucial, but will only be effective through massive public education campaigns led by a specific & unambiguous African Union declaration abolishing forced 'marriage' of under age girls, & so called cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation. This should include public education on gender equality, and introduction of gender equality into school curriculum from primary level.
- Alongside this, improved investment in the education & skills development of girls (including forced 'marriage victims'); & improved reproductive & sexual health services is crucial for overall health, human & social development.

Main sources for study summarized in scorecard: UNFPA 2012, *Marrying too young - End child marriage*; UNICEF *State of the World's Children Report 2012*; Trends in Maternal Mortality WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank 2010; WHO World Health Statistics 2010, 2011 & 2012; Inter Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimates; UNAIDS, 2012 AIDS Epidemic Update. And latest available comparable information from - UNAIDS Database.

* Ranking is based on the 1223 dense ranking methodology in which items that compare equal receive the same ranking number, and the next item(s) receive the immediately following ranking number. i.e. if A ranks ahead of B and C (which compare equal) which are both ranked ahead of D, then A gets ranking number 1 ("first"), B gets ranking number 2 ("joint second"), C also gets ranking number 2 ("joint second") and D gets ranking number 3 ("third").

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