

ZIMBABWE

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGES

Overview

Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprise Development

The Ministry has in place the National Action Plan on Ending Child Marriages.

The National Action Plan has not been launched since 2016 when it was approved to date.

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Province prevalence

- **Mashonaland Central 50%**
- **Mashonaland West 42%**
- **Masvingo 39%**
- **Mashonaland East 36%**
- **Midlands 31%**

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- **Manicaland 30%**
- **Matebeleland North 27%**
- **Harare 19%**
- **Matebeleland South 18%**
- **Bulawayo 10%**

ACTIVITIES

- **Participated in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence**
- **Participated in the Plan International Country's Strategic Planning for 2018 to 2022**
- **Became part of Family Laws Training Team in three Provinces**
- **Produced a concept note for a Consultative Meeting with Faith Based Organisations**

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- I was engaged by UNICEF in the drafting of the National Consultant's terms of reference on child C4D toolkit development Zimbabwe.
- Participated in the validation meeting for National strategy for Women in Decision Making
- Compiled questions for the National High School quiz competition on gender issues.

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- **Attended the Victim Friendly System meetings at the Ministry of Justice which are held quarterly.**
- **The first National Stakeholder Consultative meeting for the development of the National Gender Policy Implementation framework workshop.**
- **Compiled Organisational Directory of Organisations working on Ending Child Marriages**

Future activities

- **The Ministry intends to launch the National Action Plan on ending child marriages once approved by the Ministry of Justice.**
- **To start community awareness activities in different provinces.**

Statistics

- Among women ages 15-49, about one in twenty (4.9%) were married before age 15 while among women ages 20-49 years about one in three (32.8%) were married before age 18 (ZIMSTAT, 2015).