



Evaluation Meeting with
Youth Volunteers on AU to
End Child Marriage
31oct.-1Nov. Johannesburg,
South Africa



Points of discussion:

- ▶ 1-The AU Campaign on ECM in numbers
- ▶ 2-Post launch Country Visits / statistics (Egypt, Eritrea, Mauritius and Mozambique)
- ▶ 3-Activities: 2nd AGS, AGCCI



1-THE AU CAMPAIGN ON ECM IN NUMBERS



▶ A BRIEF ON STATISTICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

-CM is widely spread in **Africa**, almost 90% of African Member states have CM prevalence rate ranging from 1 to 30 %.

-Weak reporting system on data related CM -only slightly over 40% of member states have national monitoring system for generating data on CM and less than 25% of reporting member states can provide the required data.

-The campaign was launched in May 2014 at the 4th conference of ministers of Social development; the campaign is focused on **ADVOCACY** as one of its main pillars, through launching campaigns in member states and making post launch country visit to some of these countries.





1-THE AU CAMPAIGN ON ECM IN NUMBERS cont'd

- Aim of Country Visits: is to follow you on the progress done by the countries in implementing their national strategies to End CM and other harmful practices. In addition to sharing experiences, best practice and successful stories among member states.

- The Campaign was launched in 24 Countries.

Some of them are (Ethiopia, The Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya, Benin, Lesotho, Gabon, Niger, Burkina Faso, Chad, DRC, Madagascar, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Mali, Sudan, Ghana and Eritrea)

- Since the launch of the AU Campaign in 2014, 30% of member states have enforced and enacted legislations that protect the girl child in Africa. Besides, about 41% of member states who have launched the campaign have developed national strategies to address CM.

- Next phase of the campaign to (2019-2023): 2nd Evaluation & Extension



2-Post launch country visits

2.1 Egypt: 25-27 September 2018

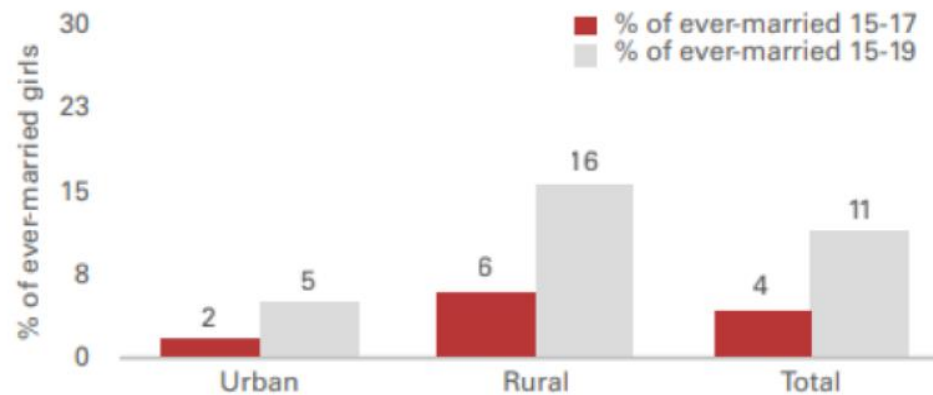


CHILD MARRIAGE IN EGYPT: THE CONTEXT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- » The legal age of marriage registration in Egypt is set at 18 years. Yet, without criminalizing the perpetrators, girls are still getting married without registering or reporting their marriages, or registering their children born out of these marriages.
- » Girls who marry before the age of 18 experience negative implications on their health, education, participation in the labor market and are at risk of contracting diseases.
- » Child marriage not only affects the girls' wellbeing, but also negatively affects the country with evident implications on higher fertility rates, health risks on the children and their mothers due to premature childbearing.

Figure 1: Prevalence of child marriage, by urban/rural residence, 2017



Source: CAPMAS, Egypt Census of Population, Housing and Establishments 2017



Adolescent girls
in rural areas are

3 times

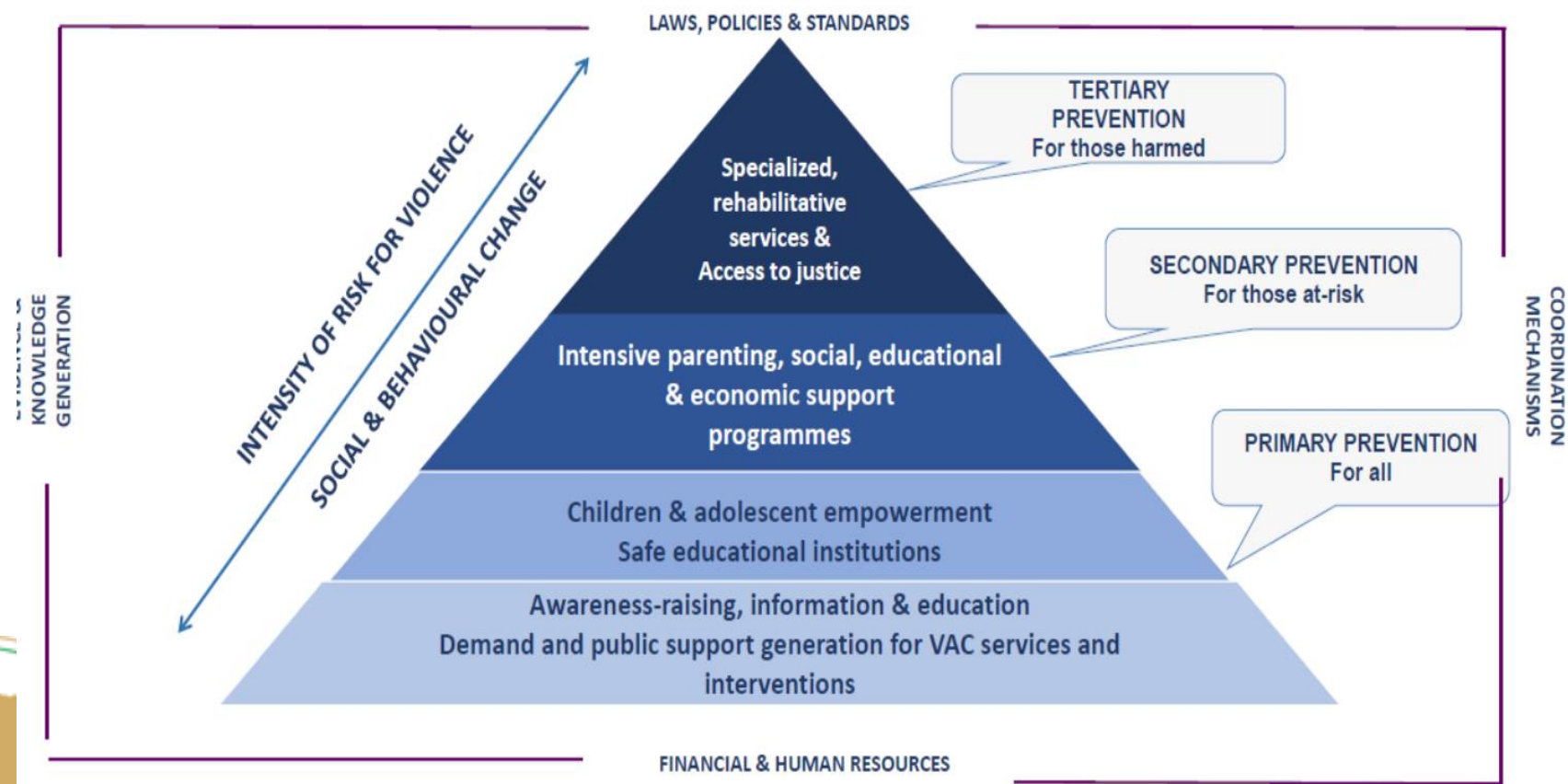
more likely to marry
below the age of 18
than in urban areas



2.1 Egypt: cont'd



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2.2 Post launch country visits



➤ Eritrea Post Launch Country Visit: 16-18 October 2018

➤ upcoming post launch country visits:

1-Mauritius from 12-15 Nov. 2018 (Postponed).

2-Mozambique 4-6 Dec. 2018



3-Activities:

3.1 African Girls Can Code Initiative (AGGCI)

- ▶ Launching the African Girls Can Code Initiative first coding camp in August 2018, Addis Ababa.
- ▶ Around 80 girls from all Africa - 5 regions
- ▶ 2 weeks- training on different areas of coding(Fashion- Robots- designing- gaming...etc.)
- ▶ The camp is planned to be held in each region from the 5 regions.





3.2 Second African Girls summit

- ▶ The 1st African Girls Summit was held by the president of Republic of Zambia, H.E Mr. Lungu in Zambia.
- ▶ And now we are preparing to have the Second African Girls Summit from 23-24 Nov. 2018 in Ghana in cooperation with the government of Ghana. the focused on Child Marriage, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and other harmful practices “Enough Silence”.





Thank You!

