

She in Pandemic

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Abstract: *This article gives a brief summary of women's situation worldwide. It highlights that from developing countries to develop county everywhere the problems are identical for all girls and women. This pandemic gave a bad push to the status of women. A country can't work with only males. A country improves only when all members work equally.*

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With the deadly virus outbreak came lockdown which encouraged many unlawful offenses. Among that child marriage is one. The report – ‘BREAK THE CHAIN’ by World Vision revealed that child marriage has more than doubled in several communities between march 2020 and December 2020. World vision further predicts that 4 million are at risk of child marriage by 2022.

"People on the ground are saying this is looking bad. We are likely going to see large numbers of child marriages," said Girls Not Brides chief executive Faith Mwangi - Powell. School closers reported a particular concern for child marriage. Thus, schools protected her when schools were closed the rate of child marriage increased. Due to the increase in child marriage the rate of teenage pregnancy cannot be controlled. In India Narendra Modi's government said 'There is no Data' This incident happened in Aug 2020, the same time when there was an 88% increase in child marriages across the country in comparison to august 2019, - As per a reply by the Union Minister of women and child development to an RTI sought by Rajya Sabha MP Amar Patnaik of the Biju Janata Dal.

"One of the reasons for the rise of this was POVERTY. To survive this pandemic, economically disenfranchised parents often resort to child marriage to escape the financial burden of caring for a girl child." – Amar Patnaik, Rajya Sabha MP

According to the policy brief by the Right to Education Forum published in JAN 2021, around 10 million students could drop out due to COVID - 19. UN Women published a document titled 'COVID - 19 - and - ending - violence - against - women - and - girls' where they highlighted the evidence of violations against her in the recent global pandemic of COVID - 19. Thus, the pandemic is open season for domestic violence resulting in millions of child marriages and unwanted pregnancies. The closing shelter homes and legal - aid & crisis centers have been sealed back, which were important sources of help for her in violent & abusive relationships. The fast - spreading virus forced her to stay indoors & thus leaving them with little opportunity to seek shelter & solace as remedies. She who marries before 18, are more likely to experience violence from their intermate partners.

The world's economies & maintenance of our daily lives are built on her invisible & unpaid labor. Before the crisis started, she used to provide 3 times more unpaid labor than him. Social distancing measures, school closures & overburdened health systems added new responsibilities to her. Emerging evidence from UN women's rapid gender

assessments surveys demonstrates that the pandemic household course still falls on her shoulders.

In a slum - like area or village area with high population density, she has to collect water from crowded community pumps, increasing their exposure to the virus. Discriminatory social norms are likely to increase her unpaid workload and not allow her to return to school even after the crisis. Her unpaid care work has long been recognized as a driver of inequality with direct links to wage inequality, lower income, and physical & mental health stressors. As centuries rebuild economies, the crises might offer an opportunity to recognize, reduce & redistribute unpaid to recognize, unpaid care work once & for all.

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