

ABSTRACT

According to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a child is any person who is less than eighteen (18) years old and in need of particular protection. Child marriage is one of the many acts that continue to violate children's rights, nevertheless. The practice of child marriage is concerned with the fact that it violates the child's human rights, limits their options and opportunities, and exposes them to abuse, exploitation, and harassment. Child marriage is defined as a marriage that takes place before the child reaches the age of 18, before the child is physically, physiologically, and psychologically mature to be responsible for the marriage and the child resulting from the marriage. One of the nations having a high rate of child marriage instances is Indonesia. The Better Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All Indonesia (BERANI) initiative, launched by UNICEF, an international organisation dedicated to defending the rights of children, was successful in bringing down the rate of child marriage above the RPJM objective, reaching 6.92 percent in 2023. In order to address sexual rights and health as well as reproduction, which is the primary factor determining quality of life, particularly for women and girls, the Better Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All Indonesia (BERANI) program focusses on the following areas: 1) enhancing midwifery education and regulation to improve midwife quality; 2) fortifying partnerships to improve family planning; 3) offering adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health services and information; 4) fortifying the health sector's response to gender-based violence; and 5) advocacy and community engagement for the prevention of gender-based violence and harmful practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilation.

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