



# STOP THE WEDDINGS

Compassion Ireland

Stop The Weddings Campaign Pack

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## FORCED CHILD MARRIAGE – POSTS AND SUGGESTIONS

**Thank you** so much for your interest.

Below are some suggestions for content and captions you might like to use to help spread awareness of the [Stop The Weddings](#) campaign. Please use your platforms to elevate the voices of the young activists featured in the campaign.

### MEET THE ACTIVISTS

**Meet Tisha, aged 14, from Bangladesh; Lauri, aged 13, from the Dominican Republic; Mart, aged 13, from Ethiopia; and Yolane, aged 14, from Brazil.**

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# MESSAGES FROM THE GIRLS

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## LAURI, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



“  
I want to be a paediatrician when I grow up. I want to finish my studies, be a professional, and help my parents.”

Lauri, 13, Dominican Republic



“

Child marriage is not right. A girl is not prepared physically or mentally to assume the role of a grown up.

Lauri, 13, Dominican Republic

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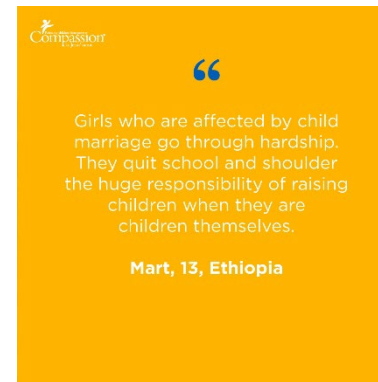
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## MART, ETHIOPIA



“  
My dream is to pursue my education and bring my family out of poverty.”

Mart, 13, Ethiopia



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Girls who are affected by child marriage go through hardship. They quit school and shoulder the huge responsibility of raising children when they are children themselves.

Mart, 13, Ethiopia

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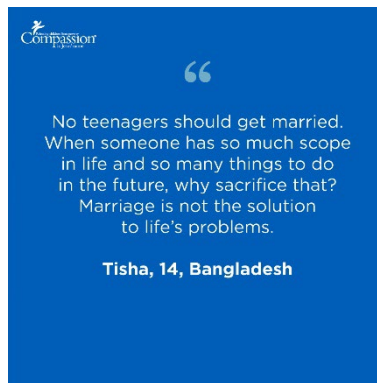
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## TISHA, BANGLADESH



“  
I want to marry only after becoming a doctor, which is my dream.”

Tisha, 14, Bangladesh



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No teenagers should get married. When someone has so much scope in life and so many things to do in the future, why sacrifice that? Marriage is not the solution to life's problems.

Tisha, 14, Bangladesh

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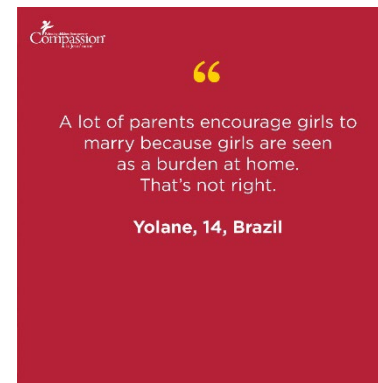
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## YOLANE, BRAZIL



“  
Before I get married, I want to finish school, go to college, and have a job. I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up.”

Yolane, 14, Brazil



“

A lot of parents encourage girls to marry because girls are seen as a burden at home. That's not right.

Yolane, 14, Brazil

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## CAPTION

I'm standing with [**Lauri/Mart/Tisha or Yolane**], @compassionIreland and girls all over the world to end child marriage and say #StopTheWeddings.

Forced child marriage takes away a girls choice.

Those under 18 who are forced to marry are more likely to leave school, experience domestic violence, and die due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

The situation facing millions of girls is desperate, but not definite.

If you've been moved to act, you can help by donating to Compassion's child marriage prevention in Bangladesh, which educates communities on the dangers of early marriage, you can help #StopTheWeddings. To do this simply go to [compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings](https://compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings).

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Forced child marriage denies girls the opportunity to choose their own path and develop their full potential. They're not only robbed of their childhood but are often socially isolated. Taken out of school, separated from family and friends. They assume responsibilities they're too young for.

Compassion provides educational resources, health and nutritional support to girls, whilst sponsorship relieves the financial strain on a girl's family. By reducing the desperation that extreme poverty brings, families feel less pressured into giving their daughters in marriage.

You can play a part in helping eradicate child marriage.

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"I want to marry only after becoming a doctor, which is my dream." – Tisha, 14, Bangladesh.

I'm standing with Tisha, @CompassionIreland and girls all over the world to end child marriage and say #StopTheWeddings.

Forced child marriage crushes girls' dreams. Those under 18 who marry are more likely to leave school, experience domestic violence, and die due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

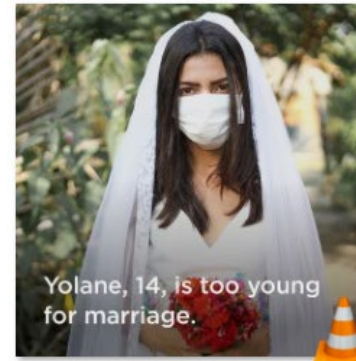
It's heart-breaking that girls are still facing this injustice. That's why I'm elevating Tisha's voice and saying #StopTheWeddings with @CompassionIreland.

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"A lot of parents encourage girls to marry because girls are seen as a burden at home. That's not right." — Yolane, 14, Brazil.

Worldwide, an estimated 650 million girls and women alive today were married in childhood, with about half of those occurring in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria.

Join me, and girls just like Yolane as we say, enough is enough! @CompassionIreland is campaigning to raise awareness of the injustice of forced child marriage.

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"There are so many girls that are married where I live. I don't want that, either for me or any other girl. Girls shouldn't get married so young. I have a 13-year-old friend that has already lost a child.!" - Fracieli, 13, a friend of Lauri's (pictured) at the Compassion project.

I'm standing with Lauri, Fracieli, @CompassionIreland and girls all over the world to end child marriage and say #StopTheWeddings.

Girls under 18 forced to marry are more likely to leave school, experience domestic violence, and die due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth.

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If you've been moved to stand with girls like Lauri, you can help by donating to Compassion's child marriage prevention in Bangladesh, which educates communities on the dangers of early marriage, you can help #StopTheWeddings. Visit [compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings](https://compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings)

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"A girl who marries at such a young age will be a mother at an age she can hardly care for herself." - Mart, 13, Ethiopia.

Child marriage destroys girls' dreams. Girls forced to marry before 18 are more likely to miss education, earn less, have children younger and experience domestic abuse.

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Join me, and girls just like Mart as we say, enough is enough! @CompassionIreland is campaigning to raise awareness of the injustice of forced child marriage.

Compassion projects across the world are increasing access for girls and their families to counselling and discussions around the dangers of child marriage. Focus is given to education, supporting girls' rights and giving them the opportunity to choose their future.

If you've been moved to stand with girls like Mart, you can help by donating to Compassion's child marriage prevention in Bangladesh, which educates communities on the dangers of early marriage, you can help #StopTheWeddings. Visit [compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings](https://compassion.ie/blogs/stop-the-weddings)

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