



Improving Girls' Access to Education is the Most Impactful Strategy to Reduce Child Marriage



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INTRODUCTION

- Child marriage is a social justice issue because it disproportionately affects young, poor women in underdeveloped countries and results in a profoundly unequal access to education, health care and basic freedoms.
- It leads to social isolation, physical abuse and sexual violence, serious health consequences, and perpetuates a cycle of poverty for young women.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES

- I collected qualitative and quantitative data by means of a literature review.
- The general population I studied are child brides in underdeveloped countries such as sub-Saharan Africa and southeast Asia.
- I pulled data from reliable articles/databases about them. Initially, I looked at what has been done to lower child marriage rates. I tried to determine which intervention has been the most impactful thus far.

DATA AND FINDINGS

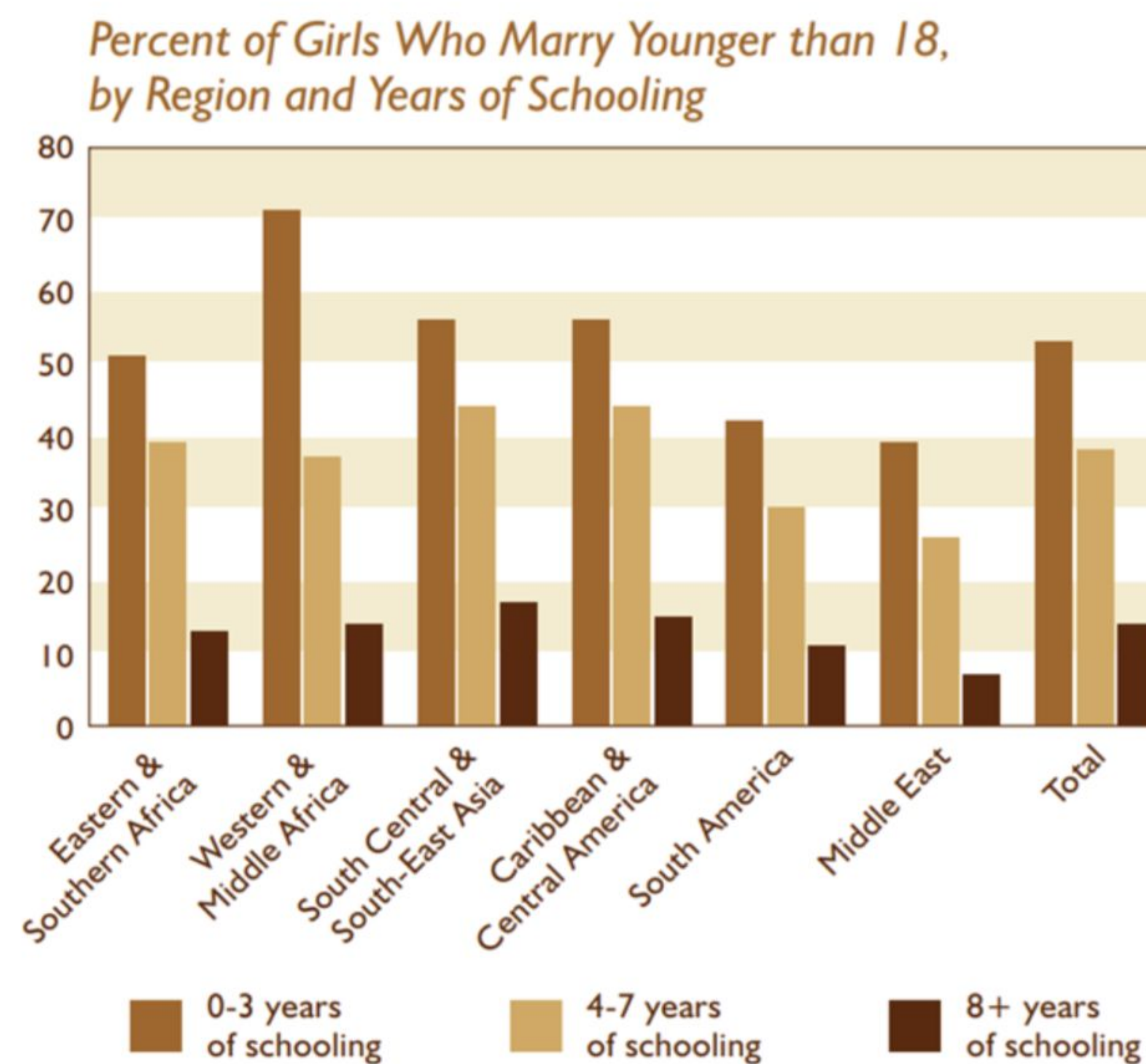


Figure 1: The graph below shows that girls with 8+ years of education are far less likely to marry before the age of 18 years than girls with 0-7 years of education. This graph is from The International Center for Research on Women

CONCLUSIONS AND ANALYSIS

- Most important predictor of the age at which a girl marries is her access to education.
- Key determinants of whether a girl stays in school are (1) proximity to school, (2) job prospects upon completion of education, (3) family support and encouragement, and (4) knowledge around and access to contraception.

IMPLICATIONS, AND NEXT STEPS

- On Feb 24, I hosted a garage pop up shop, where I sold consigned clothes to raise money I could donate to CAMFED (Campaign for Female Education).
- My sale was very successful; I raised 400\$ for CAMFED

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“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”
— **Malala Yousafzai**