

Programme Summary



End Child Marriage Programmes: Digging Up the Roots of Child Marriage to Replant the Future

OVERVIEW The End Child Marriage Programme is an initiative of the Youth4Change Ghana National Movement to End Child marriage and promote girls right led by HACEP-Ghana. The initiative aims to addressing child marriage through a dynamic process of innovation, insight (analysis and learning), and influence through advocacy. With the generous support from partners and in collaboration with Girls Speak Clubs, PAYDP Girls Network and the Voices of Youth Coalition, our project focuses on facilitating and learning from innovative strategies to influence change-makers and root causes of child marriage in *Northern, Upper East and Upper West Regions, three child marriage hotspots in Ghana.*

In 10 districts each of the regions, the project works with adolescent girls and boys, parents, and community and religious leaders, and nationally with networks of social activists, experts, and government agencies. HACEP-Ghana expects this learning and innovation initiative to contribute to global understanding of the complex issues driving child marriage and strategies that can contribute to a **“tipping point”** of sustainable change to prevent and mitigate child marriage.



Innovation, Insight, and Influence.
HACEP-Ghana works to end child marriage through local solutions, learning, and advocacy.



THE #YOUTH4CHANGE NATIONAL MOVEMENT The movement is a youth-led platform for advocacy and action for ending FGM and Child, Early and Forced Marriage and promoting girls and women's rights in Ghana. Our vision is of a world, where youth are actively engaged and connected in shaping responses to girls and women's rights including ending FGM and Child Marriage.

THE #YOUTH4CHANGE YOUTH PANEL Are a group of young people from across the ten (10) regions of Ghana but mainly from the three (3) Northern Regions and

represent a variety of organizations including PAYDP Girls Network (PGN) , HACEP-Ghana, CAMFED, NOR SAC (Young Female Parliamentarians), dance4life (Lead Facilitators), Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG), National Youth Authority (NYA), and Curious Minds Ghana who are passionate about inspiring action on girls' rights and ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Child Marriage within a generation.

HACEP-GHANA is youth-led organization that implements Sexual Reproductive Health, Rights (SRHR) and HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for girls, women and youth.

Since 2008, the organization has consistently offered comprehensive, reliable, and youth friendly SRHR and HIV prevention information and services to girls, women and youth in northern Ghana. We are the first ever youth-led organization targeting young people by young people in the poorest communities in the three northern regions of Ghana with 16 staff and over 160 committed volunteers that have reached over 20,000 young people since its establishment.

The #Youth4Change National Movement is an initiative of HACEP-Ghana which emanated from the UK Government Girl Summit in 2014 and is part of HACEP-Ghana's girl-centered development programming.



Theme:

*...Promoting Youth-centered Response to FGM and
CEFM in Ghana...*

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