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## **Girls not Brides**

Ending Child Marriage

**Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.**

**In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.**

**In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.**

# Child Marriage



Happens across countries, cultures, and religions.



Is fuelled by gender inequality, poverty, traditions, and insecurity.



Child brides face huge challenges because they are married as children.



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# **GIRLS NOT BRIDES**

The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage

# Quiz

# Question 1

In South Asia, a girl's risk of marrying in childhood has declined from 50 per cent a decade ago to what percentage today?

1. 40 % 
2. 30 % 
3. 25 % 

## Question 2

When did Australia make child brides illegal?

1. 2010 
2. 2013 
3. 2016 

## Question 3

Since 2013, the Australian Federal Police have received 174 referrals on child brides forced into marriage.

How many people have been prosecuted?

1. None ✓
2. 5 ✗
3. 17 ✗



# What we can do...



- Expand the definition of domestic and family violence nationally to include forced marriage
- Introduce Forced Marriage Protection Orders
- De-link victim engagement and participation with law enforcement

# How we can help end Child Marriage

- Long term sustained effort
- Change to take place in communities
- Supported by efforts at local, national and international levels



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