



The Cultural Context of Child Marriage in Nepal and Bangladesh: Findings from CARE's Tipping Point Project Community Participatory Analysis Research

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2015 1PM -3PM
POTOMAC ROOM, 12TH FLOOR 1825
(LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

FORSAKING CHILD MARRIAGE – WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Please join us for the release of the findings from our exciting participatory research on the drivers of child marriage in Bangladesh and Nepal. As part of the Tipping Point project, CARE engaged in an in-depth study to understand the vulnerabilities that are linked to the continued practice of child marriage in particularly marginalized sub-regions and communities in each country. This unique study provides an example of how we can engage with community based implementers to carry out and utilize research to inform program design for complex issues like child marriage. The rich findings from this study provide important insights on the social and structural drivers, the fears families face, and the dreams and reactions of adolescents affected by the practice. The study also sheds light on ways in which actors at the local, national, and global levels can respond.

AGENDA

Opening Remarks

Doris Bartel

Presentation Study Background and Approach

Nidal Karim

Moderated Panel

Panelists: Indu Pant, Suniti Neogy, Usha Amgain, Laxmi Shreshta, Prokriti Nokrek

Moderator: Nidal Karim

Panel Discussant: Margaret Greene

Closing Remarks

Dena Kimball



Usha Amgain is the **Project Manager** for the Tipping Point project with **CARE Nepal** since 2014. Prior to this she worked with a National NGO - Resource Identification and Management Society as the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion expert in a Multi Stakeholder Forestry Program, and as a project coordinator at COSOC Nepal - (Committed Society for Change) which works in the field of socio-economic development. Usha's email is: usha.amgain@care.org

Doris Bartel is the **Senior Director** of the Gender and Empowerment Unit at **CARE USA** and provides leadership and support for CARE's contributions to meaningful progress on gender equality within CARE's poverty reduction strategies. She has led research and programmatic initiatives on gender integration in health, economic development and HIV programming as well as programming to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. She co-chairs the Interagency Gender Working Group's Gender-Based Violence Task Force led by USAID's office of Population and Reproductive Health. Doris' email is: dbartel@care.org

Indu Pant Ghimire is a **Gender and Social Inclusion Coordinator, CARE Nepal** and is coordinating a portfolio of projects focused on gender equality, governance and women and girls' rights. Prior to this she has worked with CARE Nepal as a Gender Advisor and held a progression of senior management positions in women and girls' empowerment programs and ensuring gender mainstreaming process. Before joining CARE Nepal, Indu worked with United Nations Development Programme as a National Programme Manager and managed Mainstreaming Gender Equity Programme. She is recognized as one of the leading advocates of women's rights and gender equality in Nepal and is Founder Vice chair of Women Development Foundation of Nepal. Indu's email is: indu.pant@care.org

Dr. **Margaret Greene** has worked for over twenty years on the social and cultural determinants of health, development policy and gender. She is widely known for her research and advocacy on the conditions faced by adolescents and by women in poor countries and on engaging men and boys for gender equality. She leads GreeneWorks, a consulting group working to promote social change for health and development, and is Chair of the Board of Promundo-US. Dr. Greene received MA and PhD degrees in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in linguistics from Yale University. Margaret's email is: margaretegreene@gmail.com

Nidal Karim, recently started as the **Project Director** for the Tipping Point project at **CARE USA**. In her prior role as Gender and Empowerment Impact Measurement Sr. Advisor at CARE USA, she supported the measurement and documentation of gender and empowerment related programming across CARE and also led the design and implementation of the monitoring, evaluation, and learning plan for the Tipping Point project. Prior to CARE, Nidal worked at the Division for Violence Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Nidal's email is: nkarim@care.org

Dena Kimball is the executive director of The Kendeda Fund and also oversees the Girls' Rights program. Before joining The Kendeda Fund in 2014, Dena served as the Vice President of Network Support for Teach For All; the Vice President of Alumni Affairs and the Deputy Vice President of Admissions for Teach for America; and as the Executive Director of GirlVentures in San Francisco, a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire adolescent girls to develop and express their strengths. As an independent consultant, Dena has served as an associate director of development for Pacific Crest Outward Bound School and as a program specialist at the National Economic Development and Law Center.

Suniti Neogy recently joined as the **Deputy Project Director** for the Tipping Point project at **CARE USA**. She has 14 years of experience with CARE on women's empowerment issues while managing projects on maternal health and girls' leadership and education. Prior to CARE Suniti supported Johns Hopkins University's project on Community Based New Born Care, and was an Associate Director with Prerana Population Resource Centre. She is known for integrating gender into health and education programming and is well sort for facilitating training programs in-house and externally on Gender and Sexuality and Gender Equity and Diversity issues. Suniti's email is: sneogy@care.org

Prokriti Nokrek is a **Technical Coordinator-Research and Monitoring and Evaluation** for the Tipping Point Project in **CARE Bangladesh**. Prior to this she worked for the CARE EMAPHASIS project on HIV and migration, for Save the Children, and a couple of national organizations (Society for Environment and Human Development, Campaign for Popular Education and PROSHIKA). Over the last 15 years she has managed projects in the field of Gender, Food Security and Livelihoods, Environment, HIV and Migration and Indigenous Marginalized Groups. Prokriti's email is: prokriti.nokrek@care.org

Laxmi Nepali Shrestha, since 2014 has been working as the **Project Officer** in **CARE Nepal** for the Tipping Point Project with the **Dalit Social Development Center (DSDC)**, in Kapilvastu, Nepal. Prior to joining DSDC, she spent many years working with women's rights organizations such as SAATHI, GEFONT, and Human Right Organization - Mahurihome. Laxmi's email is: leenaxmi@gmail.com