CARE’s child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) work focuses in high prevalence countries and regions and our projects range from small pilots in localities to large consortium initiatives partnering with government and UN agencies. We have addressed CEFM in isolated rural geographies, semi-urban and urban settings, and in refugee and IDP populations. The approaches we apply—making existing systems work better, shifting social norms, developing male allies, and fostering girls’ agency—have shown the greatest promise in generating lasting change.

CARE is committed to doing its part in reaching SDG 5.3 and ending CEFM, not only because of the negative effects an early marriage can have on a girl—maternal mortality and morbidity, psychological trauma, forced sex and physical abuse, and reduced earning potential—but also because girls deserve the full experience of personal development, reached potential, and rights fulfilled, according to their own terms. Our approach reflects our unfailing commitment to gender justice and 70 years of experience in social change work.

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CARE believes that CEFM is both a cause and a symptom of gender inequality. We work to address the root causes of child marriage practices and to mitigate the negative impacts of CEFM on girls and their families and communities. Our vision is about more than delaying the age of marriage—we seek a world in which girls and women are able and prepared to choose if, when, and whom to marry, and if and when to leave a marriage.

For additional information, please check out CARE’s Global Experience on Child, Early and Forced Marriage (QR link).