**Levels and trends in child marriage in selected countries**

Child marriage as defined by UNICEF refers to any formal marriage or informal union between a child under the age of 18 years and an adult or another child. The ten countries presented above are those with the highest rates of child marriage according to the latest UNICEF household surveys (https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/child-marriage/).

**Abbreviations:**
- DHS: Demographic and Health Surveys
- MICS: Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys
- EPHS: Eritrea Population and Health Survey
- AIS: AIDS Indicator Survey

- The declines in child marriage have been uneven between countries.
- The highest rates of child marriage are seen in some sub-Saharan African countries. Within this region, countries with the highest levels of child marriage are in West and Central Africa.
- The Sustainable Development Goal (5.3) target (to eliminate child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation by 2030) will be hard to reach if current trends continue.
Subnational levels of child marriage in Bangladesh and Guinea

- National-level data mask intra-country variations, as illustrated with data from Bangladesh and Guinea.
- The levels of child marriage have been uneven within countries.