

# SOCIAL NORMS PROMOTE CHILD MARRIAGE

## GENDERED SOCIAL NORMS

are key drivers of child marriage practices.

## STRUCTURAL FACTORS

reinforce these norms and perpetuate further violence against women and girls.

NO SEX OR **RELATIONSHIPS BEFORE MARRIAGE** 

MEN/BOYS **HAVE MORE VALUE** THAN WOMEN/ **GIRLS** 



### **ACCESS TO EDUCATION**

Favouring boy's education



#### POPULAR MEDIA

Reinforcing gender stereotypes & violence



#### **POVERTY**

Marrying daughters early to reduce economic burden



#### **DISCRIMINATORY LAWS**

Legalizing child marriage



#### SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Marrying girls as "protection" against violence

**MEN ARE** BREADWINNERS, **WOMEN ARE HOME-MAKERS** 

**MEN MAKE** THE DECISIONS, **WOMEN AND GIRLS MUST OBEY** 

CREATING SPACES is working with communities to challenge and change social norms to end child marriage and other forms of violence against women and girls.

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