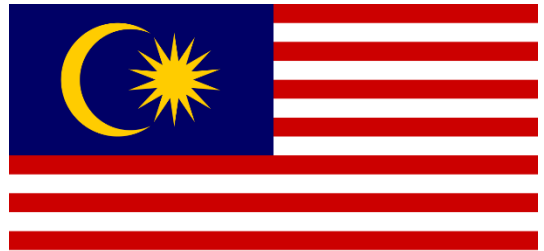


Pledge by Malaysia

Acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 11 February 1995

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 12 April 2012

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography on 12 April 2012



Pledges

1. To address the risk factors of child marriage through the development, implementation and monitoring of the National Strategic Plan on Addressing the Causes of Child Marriage 2020-2025.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC)

PLEDGE BY MALAYSIA

In light of the commitments we have made under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, as applicable, we have undertaken the following to highlight our commitment to the promotion, protection and realization of the rights of the child in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Convention:

What?

To address the risk factors of child marriage through the development, implementation and monitoring of the National Strategic Plan on Addressing the Causes of Child Marriage 2020-2025

Why?

As efforts to engage with State Governments and amend relevant legislation are still ongoing, the Government of Malaysia will address the factors of child marriage as reported in the Child Marriage study commissioned by UNICEF in 2018 as follows:

- (i) Poverty / low income household;
- (ii) Absence / lack of knowledge on sexual reproductive health (SRH);
- (iii) Lack of parenting skills;
- (iv) Education/ school dropout; and
- (v) Stigma and norms in the society.

How?

In 2019, 3 consultation sessions were held to discuss the factors of child marriage and formulate practical ways to address them:

- (i) 25th of February 2019 – H.E. Deputy Prime Minister’s Roundtable Session with stakeholders (Government agencies, child experts, NGOs and academicians);
- (ii) 9th of July 2019 - Consultation Meeting on strategy and plans to address causes of child marriage with relevant Government agencies; and
- (iii) 25th of July 2019 – Workshop with relevant Government agencies and child experts to develop a draft Strategy and Plan in Addressing the Causes of Child Marriage in Malaysia.

The National Strategic Plan on Addressing the Causes of Child Marriage 2020-2025 clearly identifies the implementing Ministries/agencies as well as a defined time frame for each activity under the Strategies.

Who?

The implementation of programmes and actions in every strategy will be led and managed by the Ministry of Women, Family & Community Development in collaboration with various government agencies, state authorities as well as civil society organisations.

The implementation of the Plan will be periodically monitored by a National Level Steering Committee. The Committee will be chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and will convene at least twice a year.

When?

The National Strategy will be launched by the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister on the 27th of December 2019. Implementation will commence starting from 2020 up to 2025.