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Call to Action

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is inviting civil society organizations to review and submit recommendations for the Concept Note regarding the 2024-2025 Global Education Moderating (GEM) Report. The GEM Report is an editorially independent, authoritative, and evidence-based annual report published by UNESCO. Drawing its mandate from the Incheon Declaration at the World Education Forum and the Education 2030 Framework for Action, it is the international community's tool for monitoring and reporting on:

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- Progress toward the education targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations Member States in September 2015
- The implementation of national and international strategies aimed at contributing to the achievement of SDG 4, the global education

The GEM Report team is especially interested in receiving:

- Substantive feedback on the proposed lines of research
- Recommendations of examples from around the world illustrate good leadership and solutions to challenges found in various education systems.
- Recommendations for potential areas of new research drawing on various sources of data.

To submit your comments, please use the link [here](#) by April 10, 2023.

The U.S. House Committee on Appropriations is inviting Members of Congress to testify on the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee. Members may “testify orally or through the submission of written testimony for the record.” The Members’ Day Hearing will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 11:30 am. To encourage a Member of Congress to participate, they can send a request to testify by e-mail with the subject line “Request to Testify and Name of Member” to Clelia Alvarado (Clelia.Alvarado@mail.house.gov) **by March 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm.** If the Member of Congress chooses to submit a written testimony, it can be submitted to the Subcommittee for placement in the public hearing record. Specific details for submitting written testimony can be found [here](#) on the Appropriations Committee website.

Quick Summary

WHO has [released](#) guidelines on “parenting interventions to prevent maltreatment and enhance parent-child relationships with children aged 0-17 years.” These guidelines provide “evidence-based recommendations on parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-17 years that are designed to reduce child maltreatment and harsh parenting, enhance the parent-child relationship, and prevent poor parent mental health and child emotional and behavioral problems” These recommendations include:

- Parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of children aged 2–17 years in low- and middle-income countries
- Parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of children aged 2–10 years globally
- Parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of adolescents aged 10–17 years in low- and middle-income countries
- Parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of children aged 0–17 years living in humanitarian settings in low- and middle-income countries

- Parenting interventions for parents and caregivers of children aged 0–3 years globally

To read the WHO guidelines, click [here](#).

The Children’s Policy and Funding Initiative and the Youth Alliance Working Group will be at the Cities [Summit](#) of the Americas. This summit will take place April 26-28 in Denver, Colorado. This is a chance to elevate “regional cooperation, convening subnational leaders from across the entire Western Hemisphere with diverse and inclusive representatives of government, civil society, business, academia, youth, culture, and the arts, and indigenous and underrepresented groups.” This is also a chance to engage with local and national leaders, grassroots leaders, and organizations to elevate children and youth issues and voices globally. To learn more about this summit, click [here](#).

Spotlight

The [Global Boyhood Initiative](#) and [Equimundo](#) held a webinar on “Boys & Child, Early, and Forced Marriages and Unions.” This webinar focused on the recent release of the report entitled “Engaging Men and Boys to End the Practice of Child Marriage.

[Gary Barker](#), President and CEO of Equimundo, and [Margaret Greene](#), Founder and Executive Director of GreeneWorks, kicked off the event by reiterating the importance of including men and boys in forced marriage conversations and data. [Julie Rialet](#), the research and policy officer with the Learning Team at Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage went over the report and key findings. This presentation included a summary of the essential topics and challenging individual attitudes and collective beliefs such as patriarchy, gender, and power. To read the full report, click [here](#).

Colleen Murray, Statistics Specialist in Child Protection at UNICEF, presented her findings on child marriage among boys. She found that the countries in which child marriage for boys is most common appear disparate from one another and from the countries where the practice is most common for girls. Additionally, her research found that the practice of child marriage is declining, child grooms are most often married to child brides, and child grooms are often from disadvantaged backgrounds. To read her full report, click: [here](#). Jean Casey, Researcher and Humanitarian Manager at Girls Not Brides presented their work on the connection between child-early and forced marriage and unions (CEFMU), social norms, and masculinities. She echoed the same findings as Murray, which included “Discriminatory social norms including negative masculinities

- powerful drivers of child marriage, and many other manifestations of gender inequality.” The Girls Not Brides report can be found: [here](#).

Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) is accepting grant [applications](#) for youth empowerment programs in Serbia. DRL’s goal is for youth populations in Serbia to “constructively engage with their communities and public institutions to realize rule of law, good governance, and other human rights goals in order to effectively limit the impact of malign influence. Project objectives should seek to empower young people, including those from marginalized populations (religious and ethnic minorities, youth with disabilities, LGBTQI+, etc.) to become agents of positive social change within their own communities and increase the number of young people who engage effectively in non-partisan civic activities.” To learn more and submit a grant proposal, click [here](#). **Proposals are due April 26, 2023.**

Events

- WHO [virtual event](#) “**Global Scales for Early Development launch**” February 27, 2023, at 9 am ET.
- USAID [webinar](#) “**A Technical Discussion: Minimizing the Environmental Impact of Humanitarian Health Supply Chains.**” February 28, 2023, at 9 am ET.
- USAID & White House Gender Policy Council [virtual event](#) “**Launch of 2023 Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Policy.**” March 2, 2023, at 9:00 am ET.
- Women Deliver [virtual event](#) “**WD2023 Global Dialogue: Join the movement for gender equality.**” March 2, 2023, at 9 am ET.
- ECPAT USA [webinar](#) “**Engaging Technology to Prevent Online Child Exploitation.**” March 7, 2023, at 12 pm ET.
- George Washington University Global Women’s Institute [event](#) “**GWI 10-Year Anniversary Celebration.**” March 9, 2023, at 3 pm ET in Washington, D.C.
- WHO, UNICEF, & the Child Health Task Force, Quality of Care Network and Early Childhood Development Action Network [virtual event](#) “**Global launch of the Nurturing Care Handbook and the Nurturing Care Practice Guide.**” March 28, 2023, at 8 am ET.
- Health Systems for ECD Initiative of Europe and Central Asia [virtual event](#) “**Regional launch of the Nurturing Care Practice Guide – Europe and Central Asia.**” April 6, 2023, at 4:30 am ET.
- The World Bank Group & International Monetary Fund [event](#) “**Spring Meetings 2023.**” April 10-16, 2023 in Washington, D.C.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- WeProtect Global Alliance [report](#) **“Mapping child and survivor participation initiatives: A global view of how children and survivors are involved in the fight against child sexual abuse online.”**
- VOX [article](#) **“The other long Covid: The pandemic took young people’s present. What will it do to their future?”**
- Equal Measures 2030 [report](#) **“2022 SDG Gender Index: Back to Normal is Not Enough.”**
- AP News [article](#) **“Jill Biden heads to Nambia, Kenya; part of US-Africa push.”**
- Human Rights Watch [article](#) **“Thousands of Refugee Students Cut off from Classes in Lebanon: University Cuts Ties with Organization that Criticized Decision.”**



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