Child Marriage in Ethiopia.
Background

- Capital- Addis Ababa
- Population- 102.4 mil
- Language- Amharic
- Government- Democracy
- Leader Of Ethiopia- Mulatu Teshome
Culture/Religion

- Female genitalia mutilation/ cutting
- Men deal with outside the home issues
- 33.9% of Ethiopians practice Islam
- 43.5% of Ethiopians practice Orthodox Christianity
Statistics

- Nearly 45% married by the age of 18
- Only 12% of married girls aged 15-19 are enrolled in school. 60% of unmarried girls
History

- Child marriage remains a deeply rooted tradition in Ethiopian communities.
- In June 2006, an Islamist military seized control of the capital of neighboring Somalia and established control in much of that country’s south.
- Ethiopia, has clashed in the past with Somalia Islamist.
- 16% of girls are married by 15 years old. Child marriage remain a deeply rooted tradition in Ethiopian communities.
- 70% were in arranged marriages, in 2006.
- Ethiopia has one of the highest rates of early marriage in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 52% of men married my age 15 years old.
Root Causes Influence

- Women and girls are victims of diversified socio-economic and political violations and exclusions.
- They are affected by sexual violence, early marriage and harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and tattooing.
- Due to the inhuman and discriminatory practices, women and girls are banned from access to education, health care service.
- There are no functional national or regional systems in Ethiopia.
- Lack of medication which causes the risk of early pregnancy.
Government

- Legal age is 18 years old for girls and boys but the laws are not always enforced
- National Strategy Action to stop, but expired in 2015
- There are no laws on women's voting rights
- Woman have no laws protecting them from sexual abuse
United Nations role

- Action for adolescent girls programme
- Accelerate action to end child marriage
- Promotes programmes legislation designed to end child marriage
- Works with the government and civil society partners
International Solutions

- Taking the child marriage issue to the court
- International events
  - concerts
- Local Solutions
  - Travel to spread the word
  - Charity for tracking the age of children
Work Cited


