



3. Early Marriage

Waiting until age 18 to marry gives boys and girls the best opportunity to grow into successful adults, spouses and parents. Early, unregistered marriages bring risks, not protection, to girls and their families. Pregnancy before the age of 18 increases the risks for the mother and her baby. Jordan law sets the minimum age of marriage at 18 – children 15 to 17 may only marry under special conditions and with the permission of a Jordanian judge and no child under 15 can marry.

Key Questions

- What is the usual age of marriage in your community for females? For males?
- What are some of the benefits and risks of adolescents marrying before 18?
- If a girl or a boy does not wish to get married, what should they do, who should they talk to?
- If a girl or a boy is facing difficulty in his/her marriage what should they do? Is there anyone that can support them? Service?

Closing Remarks

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4. Psychosocial Support

Strong emotions and changes in behavior are common following the disruption, uncertainty and violence that children and adults experience as refugees. With time and care and support – from each other and from organizations that assist refugees – you will be able to cope better with your situation. Simple things that can help include maintaining regular daily routines and activities, and providing children with extra attention and affection. Help is available. If you or someone you know has difficulty coping, contact your local community centre or counsellor.

Key Questions

- Have you noticed social or emotional changes in yourself or people around you because of the current situation?
- How do they usually cope? Which of these ways of coping or reacting are helpful and which might be harmful?
- In what situation would you ask for support? Whom you would address to get support?

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