

CHILD NOT BRIDE

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Early marriage is a union between two people in which one or both parties are younger than 18 years of age





Wasila's Story

Wasila was just thirteen when she was forced to marry a 35-year-old man

On the night of her wedding, Wasila was tied to the bed and raped, she was not freed until the following morning.

Wasila desperate for her freedom poisoned her husband.

At fourteen she was tried for Murder.

700 Million

Child Brides in the world.

Between **2010** and **2020** it is estimated that **142 million** girls married as children.

7 Seconds

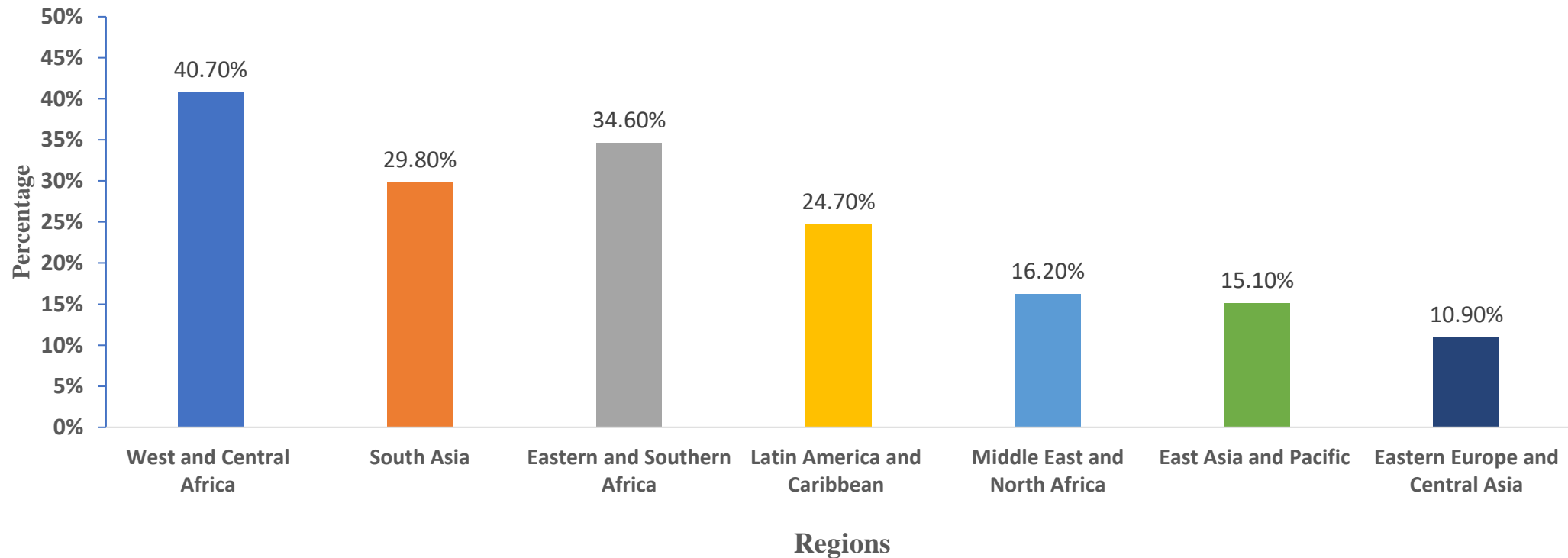
One girl under the age of **15** is married every seven seconds.

7.5 %

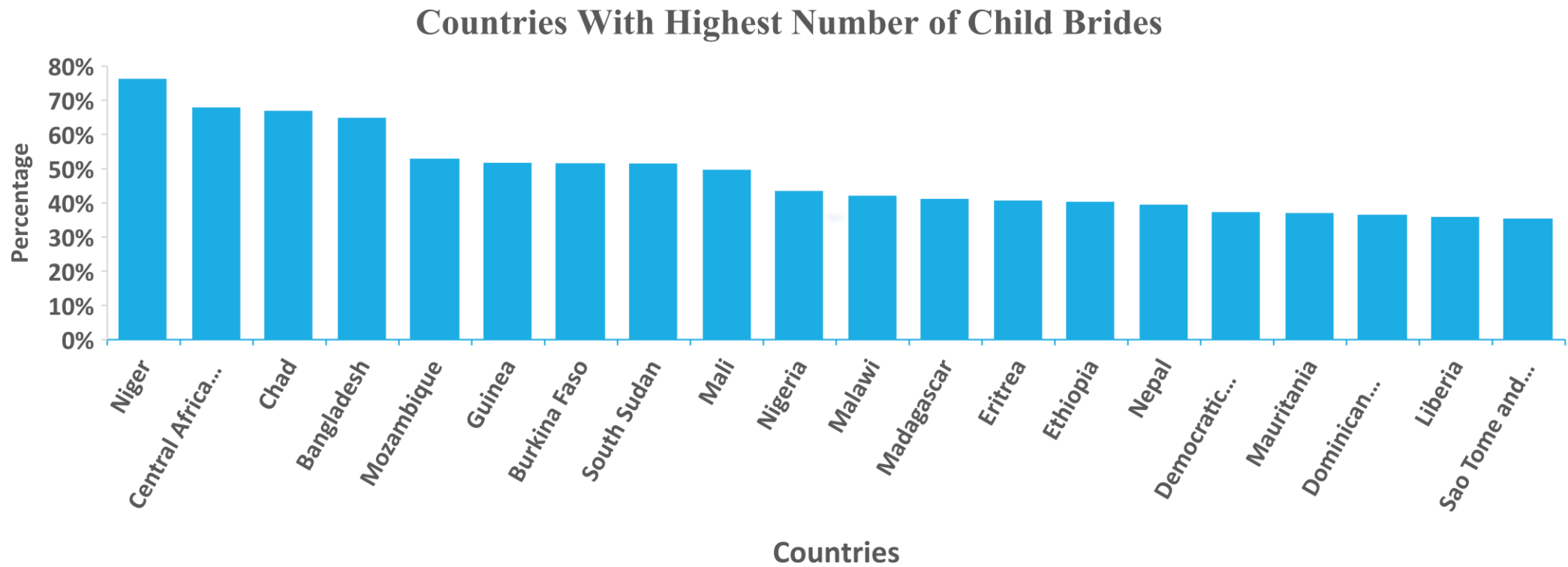
Of females between the ages of 20-24 were married before the age of 15.

Percentage of Females Between Ages 20-24 Married Before 18 According to Regional/Country Groupings

Regional Groupings of Females Between Ages 20-24 Married Before 18



Countries with High Prevalence of Child Brides





Implications of Child Marriages

Children marry as young as 7 and 8 years old. The U.N. estimates that every day around 37,000 girls under the age of 18 are married.

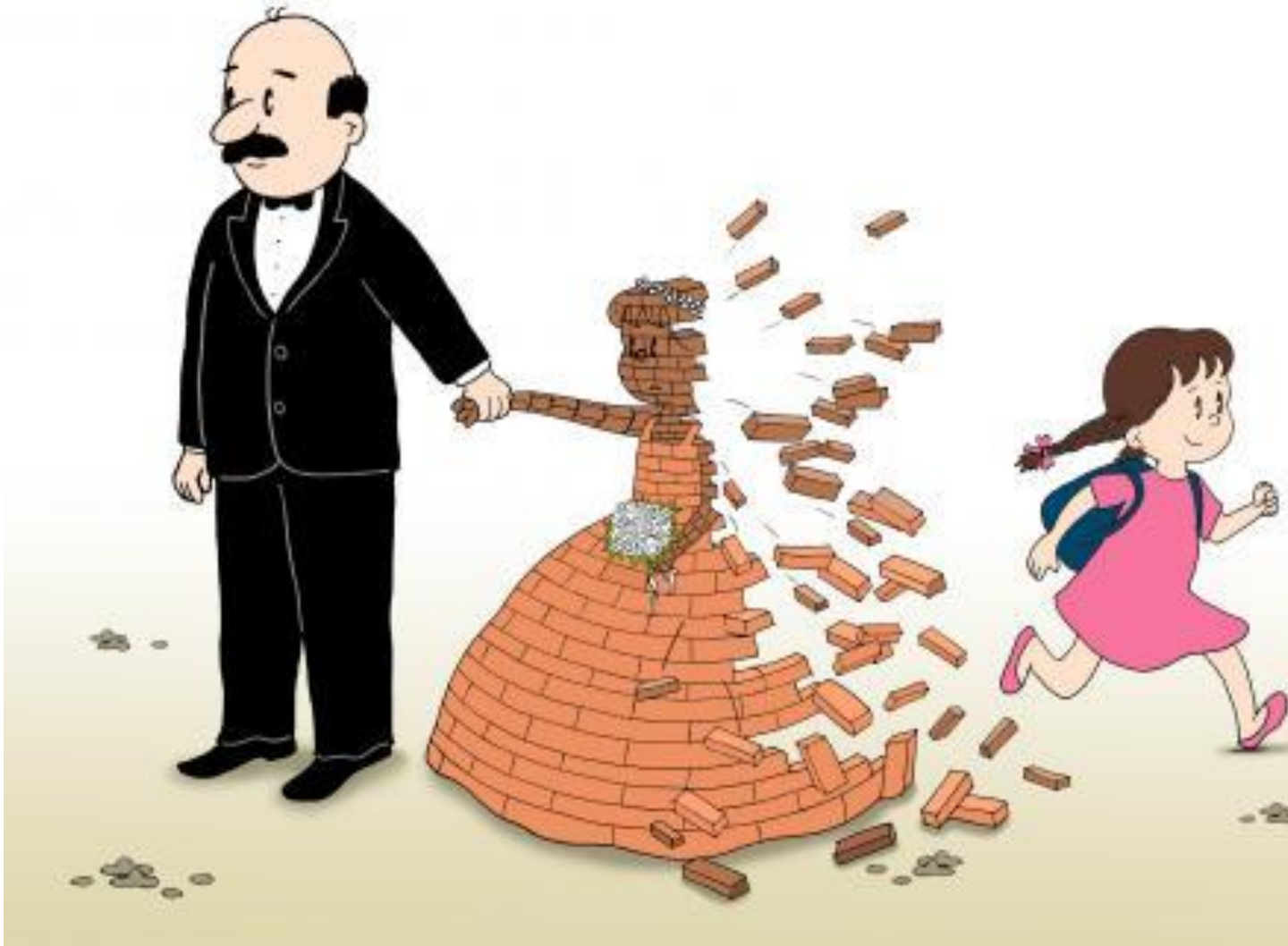
Girls often experience suppressed education

Children involved in child marriages are at greater risk of domestic violence

Many child brides face high-risk pregnancies. For the 70,000 young brides who die every year as a result of pregnancy or childbirth complications, early marriage is a death sentence.

Ultimately, child marriage violates human rights

Child brides have a greater risk of contracting HIV and other STDs



Policy Recommendations

Ensure child marriage is a national, regional, and continental priority

Invest in improving the education and health of young people, particularly young girls

Work on identifying the social determinants of child marriage, including factors such as poverty, insecurity, cultural and religious norms, traditional roles of wives and mothers, and gender inequality, is very much needed

