

A child raising children

A case study

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- Engaged at the age of 5 .
- Married at the age of 15.
- Mother at the age of 17.
- 4 children by the age of 25.

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Difficulties

- Long history of dysthymia.
- Recent exacerbation of depressive symptoms.
- Food restriction.
- BMI (19.2 in the 3d trimester, pre-pregnancy: 16.7).
- Irritability and physical aggression towards children.
- Anxiety over delivery and parenting 4 children.
- Migraine headaches and iron-deficiency anemia.



- “They only see me as an incubator.”
- “I don’t want to get attached to my daughters. I don’t want my heart to be broken when they are married-off and I can’t save them.”
- “I am constantly being betrayed by my family. I can’t trust anyone anymore.”

Management and challenges

- Antidepressants.
 - Financial concerns.
 - Confidentiality concerns.
 - Side effects.
- Psychotherapy.
 - Engagement.
 - Family's opposition.

Management and challenges

- Antenatal and postnatal care.
 - MDT approach .
 - Family support.
- Contraception.
 - Husband's refusal.
 - Legal and financial aspects.

Management and challenges

- Dietetics.
 - Dietary plan and supplements.

Social services interventions

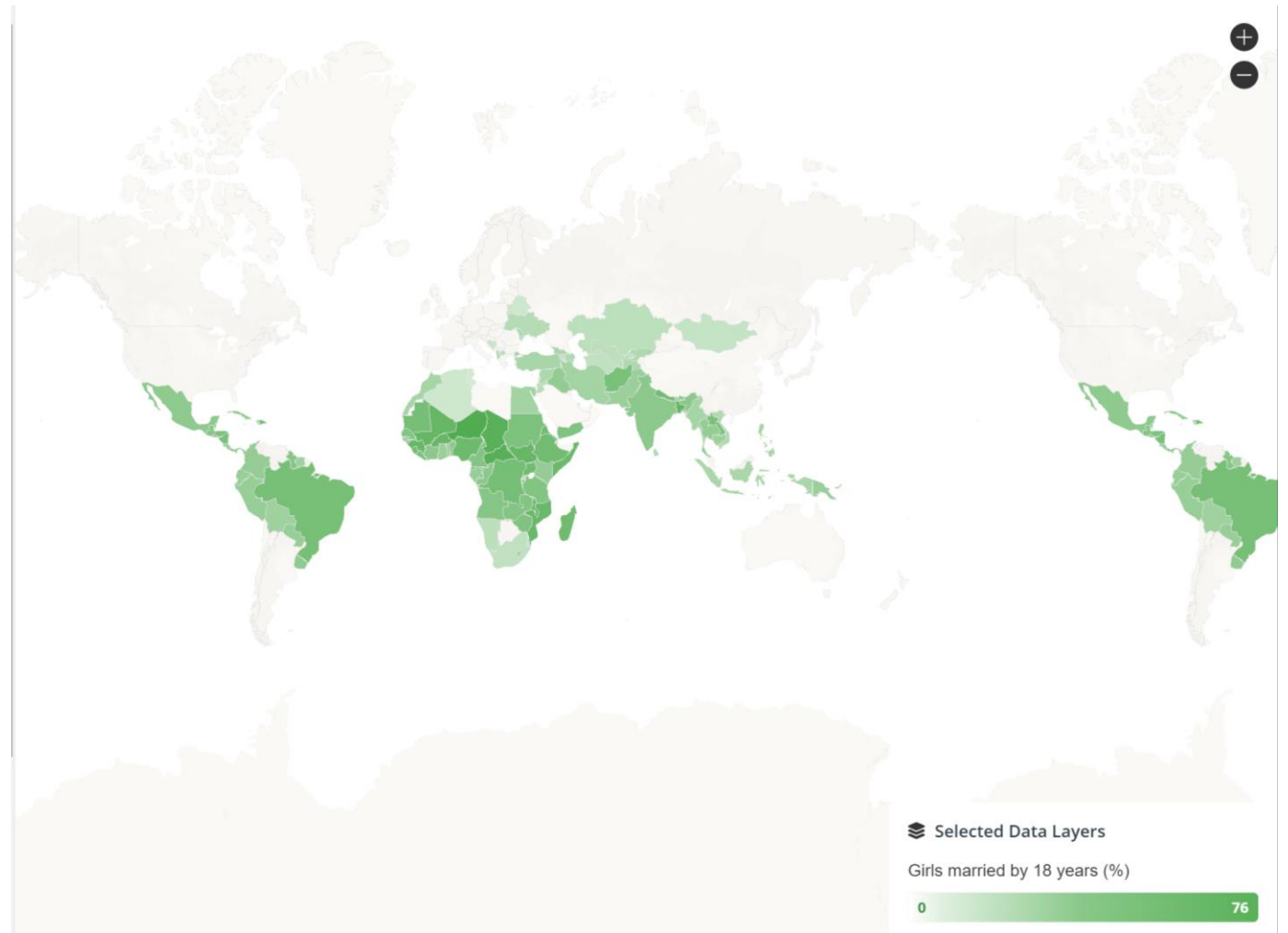
- Possible child abuse.
- Financial assistance.

Child Marriage



- Marriage of a girl or boy before the age of 18.
- A product of multiple social and economic factors.
- Girls in child marriages tend to be less educated, and they are more likely to live in rural areas

The Numbers



The progress and the future

Child marriage restraint bill sails through Senate

Religious parties
hold noisy protest;
ruling PTI abstains
from vote

By Amir Wasim

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Monday passed a bill seeking to set minimum age for marriage at 18 amid a noisy protest by the members of religious parties as an apparently confused Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) abstained from voting.

As soon as Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani put the Child Marriage Restraint (Amendment) Bill 2018 moved by Sherry Rehman of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) after a debate, the members belonging to the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F) and Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) first

The JUI-F and JI senators termed it an un-Islamic bill which, according to them, is against Shariah. They were of the view that the bill on such an important issue should have been referred to the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) before being presented before the house for passage.

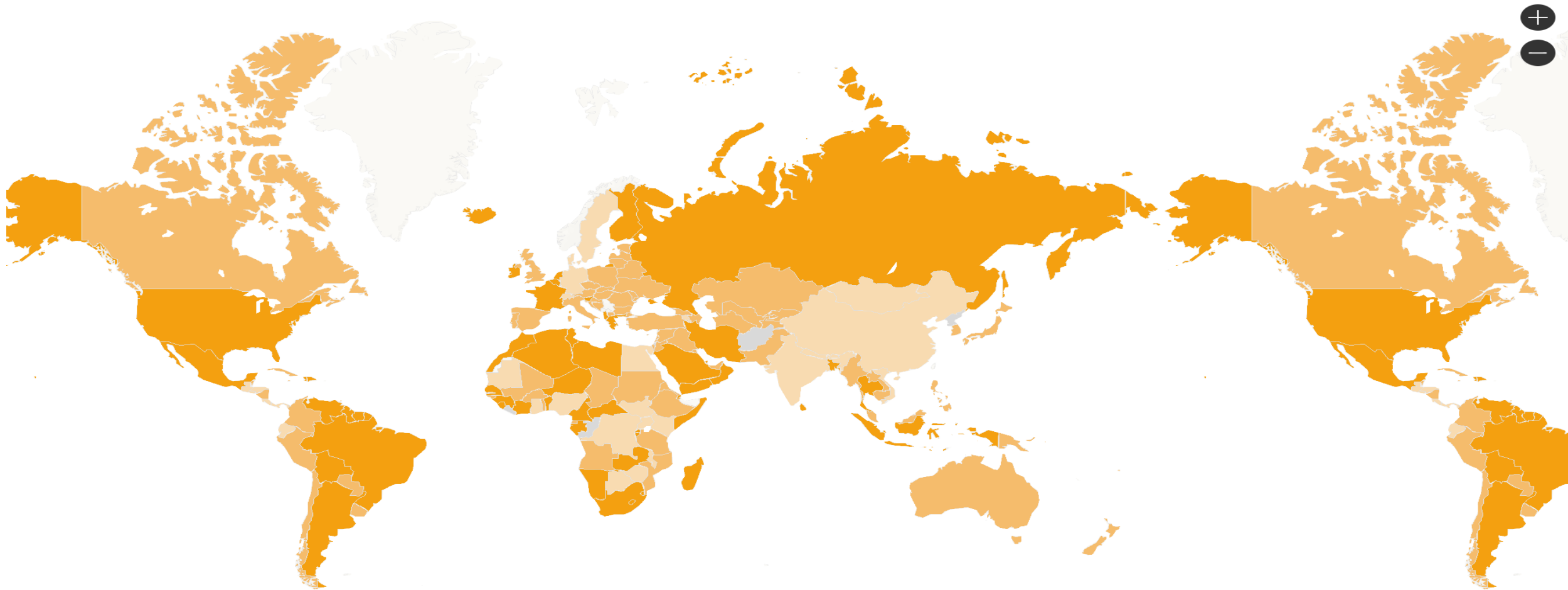
Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Noorul Haq Qadri also opposed the bill, saying two similar bills had been presented by Dr Attiya Inayatullah and Marvi Memon in the National Assembly in the recent past and both of them had withdrawn their bills when the CII termed them un-Islamic.

Giving his opinion, Leader of the House in the Senate Shibli Faraz said he was unable to decide whether to support or oppose the bill, adding that in his opinion the issue





said its members were also unclear and unable to take a clear stance on the matter.

Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri of the JUI-F said there was no mention of the age for Nikah (solemnisation of marriage) in Islam which had declared that anyone after attaining the age of puberty became eligible for marriage. He said the age of puberty was different for different people and, therefore, they could not set any age limit for allowing marriages. He said a Nikah after its solemnisation could not be declared invalid and, therefore, it would be unjustified to punish the parents for arranging the marriage.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed of the JI said that even ulema were against early child marriages, but the definition that "any person below the age of 18 is a child" as given in the bill



 **Selected Data Layers**

-  Legal age of marriage - 18 years, no exceptions
-  Minimum legal age of marriage below 18 years
-  No minimum legal age of marriage (all exceptions taken into account)
-  No data available

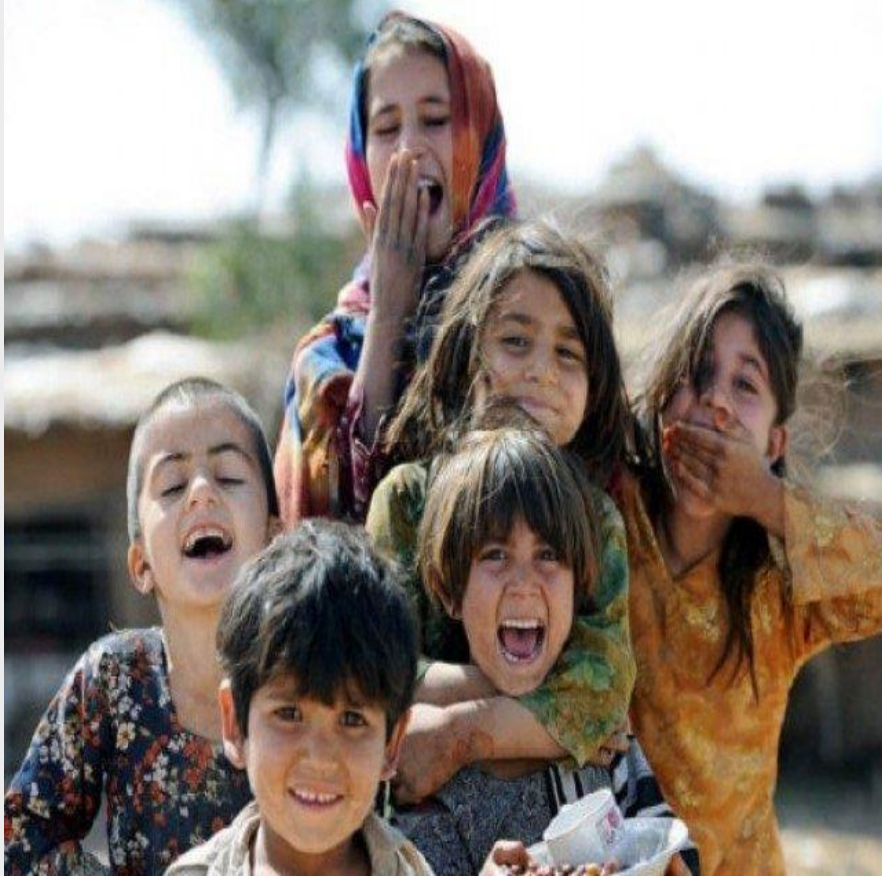


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My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

William Wordsworth

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