

**Advocacy campaign  
Against early and touristic marriage  
« Our daughters are not for sell »**

**Coordinating Association**

Start Initiative for Social Justice and Human Rights (SICJHR) – Egypt

**Partner Association**

The Egyptian Center for Women's Right (ECWR) – Egypt

**Targeted area**

The governorates of Ismaïlia, Port Saïd and Charkia – Egypt

**Context**

Early, touristic or seasonal marriages are a widespread phenomenon in the Egyptian society, especially among young girls, young ex-prisoners, marginalized women or victims of violence. The period of this type of marriage is usually quite short and it often relies on a certain type of contracts where the man has the right to annul the contract at any time. If this happens, the girl cannot prove that the marriage ever existed, and this leads to many problems if she has a baby. Moreover, this kind of marriage constrains young girls to use various means of contraception at a very young age which results in very negative repercussions on their reproductive health. However, this kind of marriage is forbidden by the Egyptian law on human's trafficking.

**Objective**

To form a team of volunteers in order to raise awareness among the local communities and the decision makers in the three target governorates in order to significantly reduce the number of early and tourist marriages, and to provide psycho-social and legal assistance to the victims of such type of marriages.

**Activities**

The provision of training to girls victims of tourist marriages, or girls at risk, on how to face this kind of marriage psychologically and legally; Awareness-raising sessions for girls' families and local NGOs; Health, psychosocial, judicial and economic empowerment of victims; Production and dissemination of awareness-raising materials and audiovisual media; Launch of an electronic petition and collection of signatures against early and touristic marriage.

**Start date**

November 2016

**Link for more information**

<http://sicjhr.org/>

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