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- Description:**
- **Systematic overviews** from low and middle income countries. Can be sorted by different SECTORS, including Social protection.
  - Free

## Question

What are the effects of various measures intended to prevent **child marriage in sub-Saharan Africa**?

## Search element/ PICO

**Problem (P):** child marriage in sub-Saharan Africa

## Search

- Put phrases in quotes ("sub sahara") and truncate with \* for multiple endings (child\* will search for child and also children)
- Combine synonyms with OR and combine different search elements with AND
- Place each search item in parentheses with AND between the parentheses
- Use the filter function (Filter Results) and narrow the results to (STUDY TYPE) Systematic Reviews
- Alternatively, use the filter function (Filter Results) and limit to (SECTORS) Social protection
- Sort the hits by: Most Recent

**Search (P) AND (P) AND (P):** (child\* OR early) AND (marriage) AND (subsahara\* OR "sub sahara" OR "sub saharan")

*In the search strategy above, the single search element Problem (P) consists of three different concepts that are not synonyms/word variants, and which therefore must be combined with AND.*

## A possible answer

Kalamar, A. M., Lee-Rife, S. & Hindin, M. J. (2016). Interventions to Prevent Child Marriage Among Young People in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review of the Published and Gray Literature. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 59*(3), S16–S21. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2016.06.015>