

### **Girl's age at marriage**

A census was carried out in all 53 villages covering 62 ASHA volunteers area in the project PHC areas. A detailed data collection tool was designed and pretested to estimate girl's age at marriage. Data collection was carried out using external research investigators. During the census, information on marriages in the last 3 years was collected. Name of the girl who got married within 3 years, her educational status, highest educational standard completed by the girl, age at marriage was estimated by asking two questions

- 1) How long after menarche did the girl get married
- 2) How long after the highest schooling standard completed by her did the girl get married

Table 1 presents information on age at marriage. Information of 1226 girls who got married in the last three years was collected. In 2018, about 47.9 percent of the girls got married before the age of 18 years. The age at marriage of the girls has increased significantly in the year 2018 as compared to girls that got married in 2017 and 2016.

**Table 1: Girls age at marriage**

Age at marriage indicators	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
Number of girls who got married	414	439	373
% girls getting married before age of 18 years	53.6	58.8	47.9
Median age at marriage	17.8	17.6	18.0