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## **RADIO UDAYAPUR: PERSONAL JOURNEYS**

Radio Udayapur in Nepal is a community radio show run by young women. They live in the province with the highest rate of child and forced marriages in the country – 48% of Nepalese girls in the province are married before the age of 18. Radio Udayapur was started by Bandana who was married and had a son before she was 18. In 2009, Bandana started the radio show as a place for young women who were child brides to gain confidence and learn technical skills as radio anchors, and to support each other collectively as young mothers and friends. Through their radio storytelling, young mothers, parents, and community leaders come on to the show and share their experiences of child marriage. Through their work, they encourage families and communities not to support child marriage and to enable young women to go to college instead.

