Context:

25% of the girls married <18

- Influence social media?
- Agency of young people?

Methods:

Ethnographic fieldwork

- 28 interviews
- Deep hanging out!

Findings:

Social media changes the way young people navigate because they have more resources to (secretly) follow their 'projects' and to get married. Making use of the local adat rule of kawin lari:

social media = liberating

Also, social media strenghtens Lombok's norms: Young people follow conservative Islamic profiles online.

social media = reinforcing norms

--> Young people have different ways to deal with the norms, of which marrying is a way. Policyand program makers can take this context-specific diversity into acount. As well as the influence of social media on this situation.

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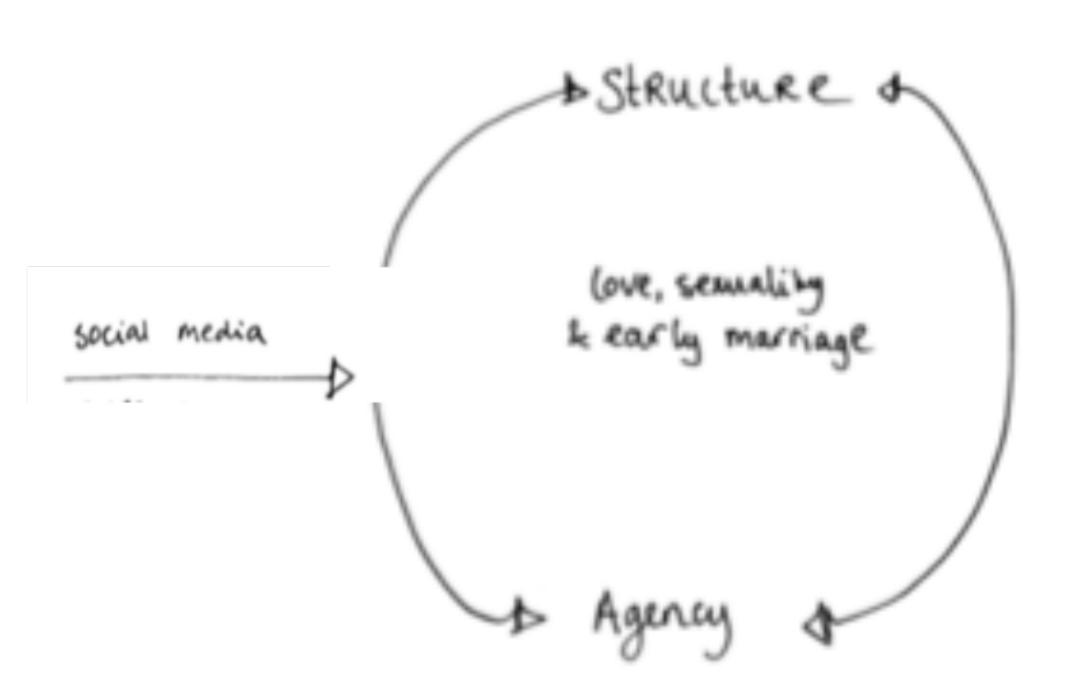
Social media: "Game-changer" for young marrying people in Lombok, Indonesia



Map:



Conceptual scheme:



Quotes:

Dewi (girl, 16, married): "I wanted to marry Atet, because he is my soulmate and because I was too much in love. Why not marry now?"

Ratna (girl, 18, unmarried): "Yes, I agree with ta'aruf, because too many people have free sex."

Iqbal (boy, 19, married+father): "I wanted to marry because I wanted to have a good life. I was tired of promiscuity."