

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 strengthens 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. Policy- and program makers can take this context-specific diversity into account. 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.*"

