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The International Rescue Committee (IRC) identified the **five most dangerous places to be an adolescent girl** in an analysis published on Thursday. Indicators such as child marriage, child labor, rates of violence and adolescent birth rates helped the group determine the final list: **Niger, Yemen, Bangladesh, South Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR).**

Nicole Behnam, senior director of IRC's Violence Protection and Response unit, said the analysis showed a need for humanitarian aid suited to the unique needs of adolescent girls.

"They are amongst the most marginalized populations on earth, and efforts to support and empower them are lifesaving, not optional," Behnam said in a statement. "Until we achieve true gender equality, young girls will suffer the most."

Data points that helped IRC determine the five include:

- The Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh has left 77% of women and girls in refugee settlement sites feeling unsafe.
- Up to 65% of women and girls in South Sudan have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime.
- More than 75% of girls in Niger are married before the age of 18.

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