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# Manufacturing growth and the lives of Bangladeshi women

**Rapid expansion of the ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh has radically altered the social and economic fabric of Bangladesh, particularly the lives of Bangladeshi women, who comprise the majority of the garment sector's work force. This blog explores the effect of garment factories on the age of marriage and first child for girls exposed to garment sector jobs, particularly at ages when they are most at risk of early marriage and childbearing.**



