

FGM/C

Partial or total removal of external female genitalia or other injuries to female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

Type I - partial or total removal of the clitoral glans and/or the clitoral hood.

Type II - partial or total removal of the clitoral glans and the labia minora.

Type III - narrowing of the vaginal opening with the creation of a covering seal.

Type IV - all other harmful procedures to the female genitalia for non-medical purposes, such as pricking, piercing, incising, scraping and cauterization

200 Million Survivors Worldwide.

Internationally recognized as violence and human rights violation against women.

The procedure can cause severe bleeding, infections, problems urinating and chronic pain.

Increased risk of childbirth complications, infertility and HIV transmission.

FGM/C is mostly carried out on young girls between infancy and age 15.

Each year, 4.6 million girls are at risk of FGM/C.



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Communities Collaborating to Address FGM



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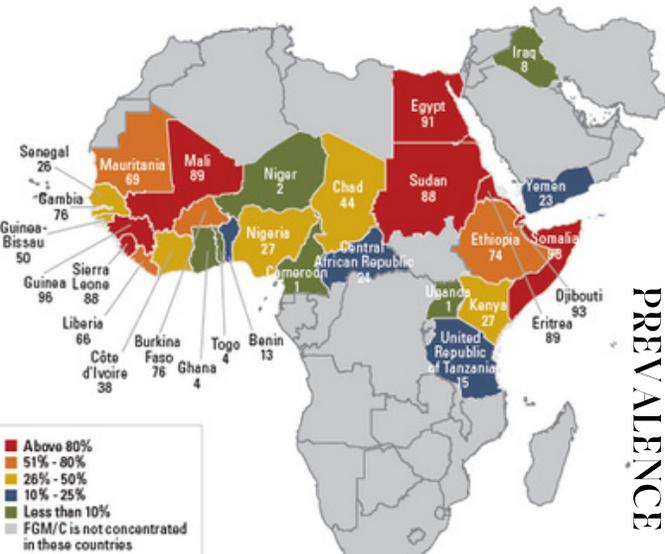


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PREVALENCE



Collaborative Approaches for
Supporting Survivors of Female
Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C)

Addressing the issue of access to healthcare

using an inclusive, feminist, pro-choice, anti-racist, anti-oppression and multilingual participatory framework

Who Are WE?

Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre (WHIWH CHC) provides racialized women, trans and non-binary clients from the African, Black, Caribbean, Latin American and South Asian communities in Toronto and surrounding municipalities with culturally safe, relevant, and responsive primary healthcare. We are change makers engaged in knowledge transfer and exchange, research, capacity building and advocacy within and across multiple systems.



WHIWH's approach to addressing FGM/C centres on respect, sensitivity, knowledge of cultural context and community collaboration.

Zero Health Benefits

FGM/C has no medical health benefits. Removing and/or cutting female genital tissue often leaves a permanent loss of sensation and scarring of the genitals. Risks increase depending on the severity.

FLOURISH

A collaborative community-based project that aims to engage, empower and support people affected by FGM/C



develop a promising practice that increases the efficacy of a Toolkit for survivors, healthcare and community service providers.

Project Goals

- Develop education and awareness-raising resources for survivors, health, and community providers to strengthen services for survivors and women at risk.
- Strengthen support systems by implementing the service providers' framework that applies gender equity, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive and safe caring strategies.
- Develop a sustainable virtual, seamless services access pathway (MAP) to support linkage to care and referral for survivors and women at risk aged 16 years and over.