



10 GOOD PRACTICES ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN EUROPE

A ROADMAP TO END FGM

FINLAND

1 A PLAN TO END FGM

A specific, holistic National Action Plan on FGM, accompanied by an implementation, monitoring and evaluation framework, coordinated by a centralised State agency and supported by dedicated funding.

Similar good practices in:

GERMANY

4 PROTECTION LETTER AGAINST FGM

A document officially signed by the federal authorities used by professionals to provide support for parents to protect their daughters from FGM. The document warns about both the health consequences for the girl and the legal consequences for parents of performing FGM.

Similar good practices in:

BELGIUM

6 HOLISTIC CARE FOR SURVIVORS

Two specialised multidisciplinary centres providing free long-term holistic support to FGM Survivors. Their teams include a psychotherapist, a sexologist, a gynaecologist and a midwife.

PERIODIC NATIONAL STUDIES ON FGM

Two consecutive studies commissioned and funded by the government on FGM prevalence and risk, allowing for data comparability through time.

Similar good practices in:

ENGLAND

9 NATIONAL REGISTER ON FGM

Public health system collecting data on FGM and publishing it in quarterly and annual reports. It is mandatory for any NHS healthcare professional to record within a patient's clinical record if they identify FGM.

Similar good practices in:

THE NETHERLANDS

2 COORDINATING ACTORS

A multi-agency coordination mechanism ensuring both vertical coordination among levels of governance, and horizontal coordination between various stakeholders and sectors (including government, professionals, civil society and communities).

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

A mechanism ensuring a systematic, coordinated and institutionally-supported community engagement through the involvement of 'key persons' in multiple sectors and at many levels of governance.

Similar good practices in:

IRELAND

5 FUNDING THE FIGHT AGAINST FGM

Structural funds for specific service provision for FGM Survivors, ensuring the sustainability of services and their providers.

Similar good practices in:

FRANCE

8 RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Reconstructive surgery fully covered by the Public Health Insurance for all, including undocumented migrants (after 3 months of stay in the country).

PORTUGAL

10 DATA ON FGM-BASED ASYLUM REQUESTS





Data collected annually, publicly available online and launched every year on International Migrants' Day, ensuring transparency and accessibility of data collection.

Similar good practices in:




CHECKLISTS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD PRACTICE?

FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK OUR INTERACTIVE MAP HERE:



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1 NATIONAL ACTION PLAN
 - Specific set of comprehensive policies, concrete actions and holistic services to tackle FGM
 - Dedicated structural budget
 - External monitoring & evaluation mechanism ensuring accountability
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2 MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATION MECHANISM
 - Government-led mechanism meeting regularly
 - Horizontal coordination across sectors (prevention, protection, services, access to justice)
 - Vertical coordination among different levels of governance (from national to local)
 - Multi-stakeholder mechanism (State authorities, professionals, civil society, communities and youth)
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3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
 - Structured & government-led mechanism
 - Meaningful and systematic engagement of FGM-affected communities in all actions concerning them
 - Official acknowledgement of the role of community members to prevent FGM and support Survivors
 - Structural flexible and sustainable financial support for community-led initiatives
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4 STOP-FGM PASSPORT
 - Officially endorsed by State's authorities
 - Providing information around health and legal consequences of FGM
 - Non-coercive long-term engagement between professionals and affected families
 - Translated into community languages
 - Linked to a paediatric check-up of the girl after travelling to the country of origin

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5 FUNDING SCHEMES
 - Adequate amount based on needs-assessment
 - Flexible and adapted to the organisations' reality (e.g. community-based and youth-led organisations)
 - Structural (as opposed to program-based funding)
 - Sustainable in the long-term (as opposed to short-term funding)
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6 HOLISTIC SUPPORT FOR FGM SURVIVORS
 - Multidisciplinary team of trained specialised professionals (psychotherapists, sexologists, gynaecologists/surgeons, midwives and social workers)
 - Involvement of community health workers
 - Providing long-term holistic support
 - Dedicated child- and youth-friendly services
 - Survivor-centred, non-discriminatory and intersectional approach
 - Universal health coverage (free services) for all Survivors irrespective of their administrative or migration status
 - Geographically accessible (e.g. homogenous distribution of the centres throughout the country or reimbursement of travel costs)
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7 RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY
 - Universal health coverage (free operation) for all Survivors irrespective of their administrative or migration status
 - Integrated within a holistic and survivor-centred approach to care for FGM Survivors
 - Geographically accessible (e.g. homogenous distribution of the service throughout the country or reimbursement of travel costs)

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8 NATIONAL STUDIES ON FGM
 - Commissioned and funded by the government
 - Regularly conducted to establish trends and ensure comparability
 - Focusing on FGM prevalence and risk
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9 NATIONAL REGISTER OF FGM CASES
 - Centralised and unified registration system
 - Obligation to register FGM cases for all relevant professionals
 - Disaggregated data (age, place of birth, date of registration, type of FGM and associated complications, origin of mother and father)
 - Anonymous
 - Publicly available and accessible
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10 DATA ON FGM-BASED ASYLUM CASES
 - Data both on asylum claims and international protection granted on grounds of FGM
 - Disaggregated data (age, age at arrival, country of origin, region of origin, type of FGM)
 - Anonymous
 - Publicly available and accessible




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