



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

The End FGM European Network (End FGM EU) is a European umbrella network of 32 organisations, in 15 European countries, working to ensure sustainable European action to end Female Genital Mutilation and support Survivors.

Learn more at www.endfgm.eu





THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK IS OUR MEMBERS

- Full Members
- Associate Members





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(Composed of all Member Organisations)

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MEET OUR END FGM EU AMBASSADORS



In 2021, we said goodbye to some of our beloved Ambassadors and Youth Ambassadors:

- Filomena Djassi
- Fatou Diatta
- Isatou Barry
- Hadeel Elshak
- Hamdi Arif
- Hawa War
- Salamata Wone
- Veronique Ahyee

A big thank you to all of you for sharing your voice, time and energy with us. Congratulations on your great achievements!

In November 2021, we also welcomed our 3rd cohort of Ambassadors in Brussels:

- Ahlam Aziz
- Aminata Bah *(since 2019)*
- Idil Hassan *(since 2019)*
- Mohamed Issa Mahmoud Marzoug
- Rodrigue Nkwayaya *(since 2019)*
- Sona Fati
- Wedad Almizori *(since 2019)*



and Youth Ambassadors:

- Alya Harding *(since 2020)*
- Amal Hussein
- Ana So *(since 2018)*
- Bassmala Elbushary
- Cynthia Njeri Karanja
- Fatucha Banora *(since 2018)*
- Rediet Seyoum

**WELCOME! TO THE NEW FACES AND
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE
RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENTS!**



OUR AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN BUSY IN 2021

They took part in 21 different events and actions with the End FGM European Network.



Wedad participated in an online discussion with MEP Evin Incir on **community involvement against FGM**.



Idil participated in the **online campaign against FGM** by IKWRO.



Aminata and Alya participated in the **CSW65** on 2 sessions: “COVID19 and the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)” and “Youth leadership to end FGM”.



2 Ambassadors shared their perspectives in our video on **“Racism, Islamophobia and FGM”**.



Rodrigue participated in the COP-FGM webinars on **“Male involvement in ending FGM”**.



A new collaboration with **IPPF** allowed **3 Youth Ambassadors** Alya, Bassmala and Cynthia to join an **Erasmus +** funded project focused on **sexual education**.

THIS YEAR, WE CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO FGM



With European Week of Action for Girls partners, we organised **5 live events** involving over **30 youth advocates** and **10 EU-AU decisionmakers**.



We co-organised a **successful advocacy campaign** around EU funding for social issues (including anti-FGM work).

We addressed **3 letters to the Presidencies of the Council of the EU** (Portugal, Slovenia, France).



We participated in over **12 international and European events** as speakers.

We produced **2 GREVIO Shadow Reports** on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Switzerland and Cyprus.

We contributed to **6 EU policy processes**, including the Violence Against Women & Domestic Violence Directive proposal, the Youth Action plan and the revision of the Victims Rights Directive.

We had over **20 advocacy meetings in 2021** (including with DG JUST, DG ECHO, UN Women and the Victims' Rights Platform).

We gathered **33 organizations from 21 countries** across Africa, Europe and North America at our international stakeholder dialogue (ISD) on "Gender transformative approaches to End FGM" with our Members **AIDOS** and **GAMS Belgium**.



From February
to December 2021, our

#ENDFGM4ALL

Campaign focused on FGM
and intersectionality.

We reached almost **ONE MILLION**
of you over the year through our social media content

We created **4 videos**
and **4 infographics**
and our Campaign page
with all the materials was visited
2300 TIMES

Our Multi-Survivor women video
reached **over 2000 views!**

We reached out to ENAR and ILGA
Europe to open up conversations
on FGM & Racism and
FGM & LGBTI Rights



IN 2021, WE
CAMPAIGNED
TO LEAVE NO
ONE BEHIND

Leaving no one behind also means
insisting that **words matter**:
our How to Talk about FGM video
with subtitles in **15 languages**
was watched by **31 000 people**



In 2021, the number of our **supporters
and allies** increased and we reached

 **22,000**
FOLLOWERS across social media

on top of our

1644 

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

and  **316,000**
VISITS on our website!



THIS YEAR WE ALSO WORKED ON 5 AMAZING PROJECTS ACROSS EUROPE



We shared knowledge and provided **trainings** to youth activists on online safe-spaces through the **IPPF - YSAFE Project** on “Joining the EU discussion on FGM and Sexual education in 2022”.



We created space for community grassroot activists through the “**Understanding community voices**” project.

The **8 portraits** of these inspiring anti-FGM advocates were viewed over **1000 times**.



We launched the **Mind the Gap Brochure** for educators, co-created with our partners and Members Aidos (Italy), APF Portugal and Medicos del Mundo (Spain).

The brochure was seen online over **500 times**.

For 6 intense months, we guided and equipped youth advocates to **use their voices** against FGM through the **TuWezeshe Akina Dada Leadership & Fellowship Programme** in partnership with **FORWARD UK**.

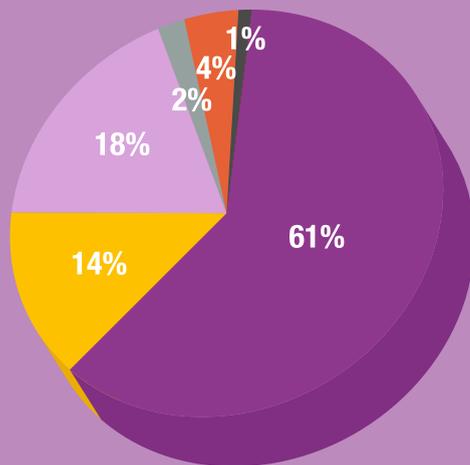


Through the CHAIN project, in partnership with ActionAid Italia, Equipop (France), TERRE DES FEMMES (Germany), Save a Girl, Save a Generation (Spain), we created and launched an EU-wide **awareness raising campaign** on Early and Forced Marriage and FGM targeted towards communities, which reached over **50 000 people**. **C H A I N**



HERE IS HOW OUR FUNDING WAS USED IN 2021

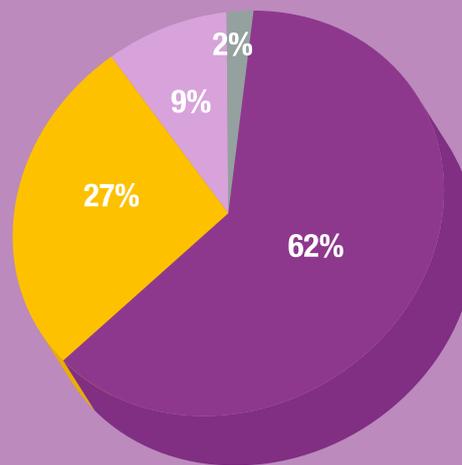
We secured 7 new funding sources in 2021!



REVENUE

- European Commission
- Foundations
- EU Projects
- Memberships and Donations
- Brussels local government
- Other

TOTAL REVENUE: 433481



EXPENDITURES

- Human Resources
- Activities
- Running Costs
- Other

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: 426054



WITH YOUR SUPPORT IN 2021, WE...



reunited our members **8** times to learn and exchange with each-other and hosted **4 working groups** with the participation of our members and Ambassadors on:

- Asylum
- Communication
- FGM and Racism
- Support Services



participated in the 2021 EIGE research report conference on girls and women at risk of FGM.



organised a **Knowledge Sharing Event** for and by our Members to share knowledge on:

- Working with communities
- Accessing EU Grants
- Feminist Fundraising



moderated a High-level panel discussion on FGM at **the Human Right Council** in Geneva.



joined the EU delegation of **the 65th Commission on the Status of Women** and contributed through **2 sessions** and **1 parallel event**.



published **6 publications**:

- Preventing and Responding to FGM in Emergency and Humanitarian contexts - Report
- Community Engagement - Position Paper
- The Impact of Asylum Laws, Policies and Practices on FGM-Affected women and girls in Europe – Position Paper



- Good Practices Poster

- Gender Transformative Approaches to Ending FGM - Report
- FGM Survivors Support Services - Position Paper and Infographic

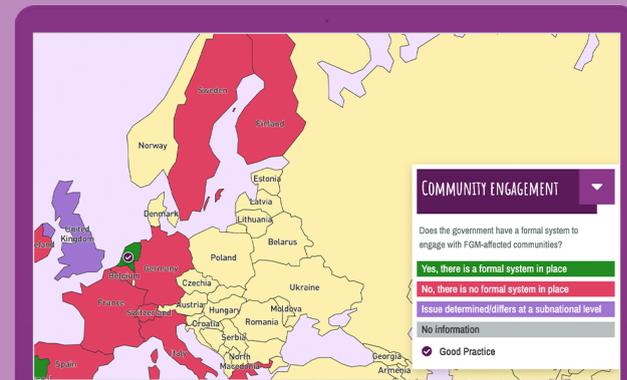


trained over **90 professionals** (at national and EU level) and met with **12 European Surgeons** to discuss reconstructive surgery.



launched the **1st ever interactive map** on FGM in **14 European countries!**

map.endfgm.eu





WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



HAYAT TRASPAS



TOKS OKENIYA

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of End FGM EU, our Members and Ambassadors, we wish to express our gratitude for **another impactful year**.

Strong from our innovations in 2020, 2021 offered us many successes, from the **#EndFGM4All Campaign** to the launch of our **Interactive Map** and our participation to **CSW65**.

Sadly, our former member **Aitima NGO** closed last year. Yet, we were also joined by **three new associate Members: Diotima (Greece), Femmes Entraides et Autonomie (France), and the Women's Rights Centre (Malta)**. This expands our reach to **one more country**, for a total of **fifteen** across the continent!

These achievements and all those included in this report were made possible through the hard work of our Members and partners **and with your help**.

Thank you, for your solidarity and commitment to seeing **a future without FGM!**

HAYAT TRASPAS & TOKS OKENIYA



THANK YOU

FOR STANDING BY OUR SIDE
AS WE WORK TO END FGM!

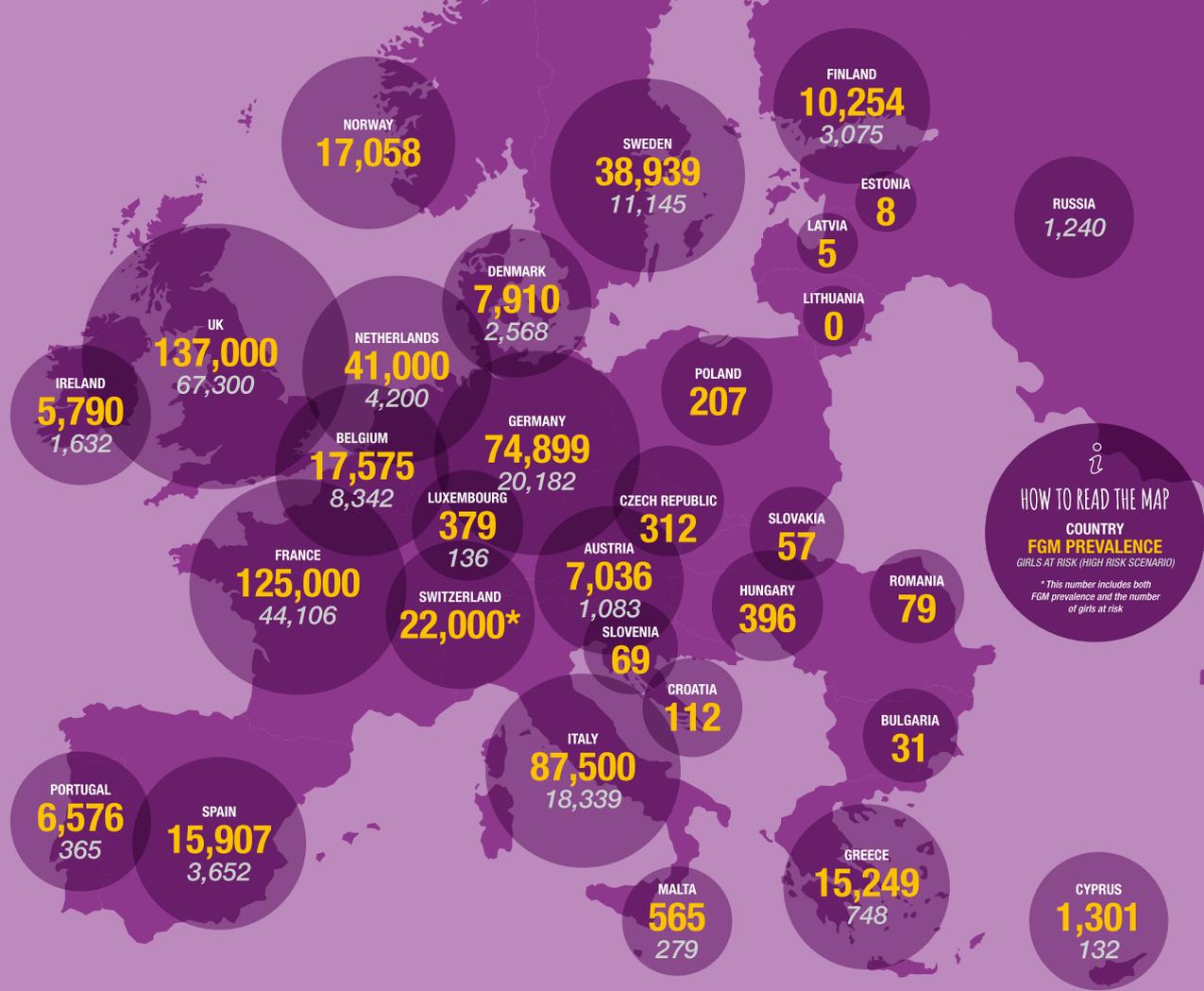


FGM IN EUROPE: PREVALENCE AND GIRLS AT RISK

At least **200 million** women and girls alive today have undergone FGM and **4.1 million** have been subjected to FGM only in 2020.

It is estimated that there are over **600.000 FGM survivors** living in Europe and around **190.000 are at risk** in **17 countries** alone.

This data has been internally gathered by the End FGM European Network using existing studies. It should be noted that methodologies used for the studies differ as well as the years of data collection. In the meantime, some countries have noted significant increases in the numbers. The collection of data continues to be a huge challenge.





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