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Kenya: Students' FGM App Earns Kisumu Girls Global Recognition



The App has features that allow users to connect with FGM victims for moral support and connect those at risk with rescue centres around them. It also lists health facilities where one can refer victims for medical attention and examination services to help bring culprits to book.

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Other factors contributing to the high maternal mortality are shortage of health workers, inadequate healthcare provider skills, harmful socio-cultural practices such as female genital mutilation, and lack of use of family planning methods.

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Liberia: A Former Refugee, Now A Fearless Champion for Women



Mae Azango does not regret a thing. Not exposing practices of FGM that had been shrouded in secrecy for centuries. Not revealing a sex trafficking scandal that pitted government agencies against her. Not even publishing articles that elicited death threats and forced her to go into hiding.

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Nigeria: Group Calls For Laws In Nigeria Against FGM



A NGO in Nigeria organised a program in Abuja to campaign against FGM. The awareness stunt organised at the Federal Ministry of Health car park, required the campaigners to lie on the ground in a display of protest against the practice to symbolise the harm it causes women, especially during child birth.

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Somalia: My husband Asked Me To Choose. Here's Why I Didn't Choose Him



I am from the Somali Community. In my culture, a girl is expected to listen more and talk less (or just shut up). She has not rights -not even over her own body. I grew up witnessing gross violations against us girls. Whether it was rape, forced marriage, FGM or wife battering.

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Tanzania: Masai Communities Come Up With New Initiation Style



Masai communities in handeni District, Tanga region have come up with new style of upgrading girls into womanhood without performing (FGM) on them. A total of 540 girls from Masai communities in Misima and Kwamagome wards have been initiated without being cut.

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Irak: Iraqi Kurdistan Makes Headway in Fighting Corruption and FGM



In recent years it has taken steps to weed out cruel practices against women, particularly honour killings and FGM. Regarding FGM, the region has made significant progress in a relatively short time. A staggering one in every two women and girls in the Kurdish region were believed to be subjected to this practice just a few years ago.

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España: Madrid Planteará Un Compromiso Contra la Ablación a Padres de Niñas En Riesgo



La Comunidad de Madrid propondrá a los padres de las menores en riesgo de sufrir ablación genital la firma de "un compromiso preventivo" ante un inminente viaje de las niñas a sus países de origen, según la Guía de Prevención de la Mutilación Genital.

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France: C'est Au Moment Des Grandes Vacances Que Les Filles
Risquent D'être Excisées

En France, 3 filles sur 10 dont les parents sont originaires de pays pratiquant l'excision risquent d'être excisées à l'occasion d'un voyage dans le pays d'origine des parents. C'est pour les aider à s'identifier comme étant à risque et à

« Alerte Excision ».



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Ireland: 'I Was Haunted By The Blood I Caused By Circumcising Girls'



Almost 3,000 girls living in Ireland could be at risk of undergoing female genital mutilation. Three women's rights leaders were in Ireland this week to discuss how they are trying to stop FGM – also referred to as cutting – in their region.

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Italia: Le Donne Africane Raccontano Le Mutilazioni Genitali



Le mutilazioni genitali femminili sono praticate in trenta paesi del mondo. A parte Yemen, Iraq e Indonesia, si trovano tutti in Africa. Il video, con il titolo originale *Uncut*, è stato tra i vincitori del premio Anello debole 2017 al festival de Capodarco.

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UK: Pupils Taught To Help Classmates At Risk of 'Honour' Violence



secondary schools Leith Edinburgh Academy and Drummond Community School have held sessions High highlighting crimes linked to the supposed protection of traditional cultural or religious beliefs, including forced marriage and FGM.

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US: Activists Get Backlash From Some Bohras For Condemning FGM

In the wake of the federal government's historic female genital mutilation investigation in metro Detroit involving the



cutting say they are getting backlash like never before from fellow members of their sect for speaking out against the practice.

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