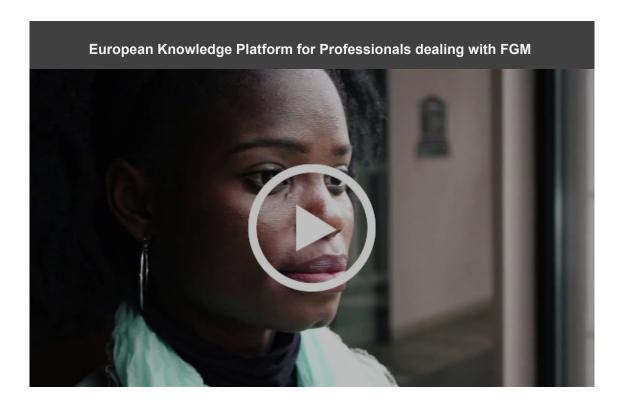
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Benin: First Ladies Vow to Fight 'barbaric' FGM in W Africa

The first ladies of Niger, Burkina Faso and Benin promised on Monday to "end the scourge of female genital mutilation" (FGM) in their countries amid warnings the practice had gone underground in Benin.

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More than 300 elders from Samburu Central sub-county have pledged to lead their community in the fight against female genital mutilation (FGM).

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Ghana has received international applause for the substantial reduction in the prevalence of female genital mutilation (FGM) practice among girls aged 15 to 19 years.

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Guinea is one of a small number of countries where the prevalence of female circumcision is extremely high, at 97%. The rate is 91% in Egypt, 93% in Djibouti and 98% in Somalia. But given the statistical margin of error, the rate is certainly more or less the same in all these countries.

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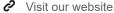
The BanFGM Conference on the worldwide ban on female genital mutilation is a high-level meeting called for by the <u>Dakar Ministerial Sub-regional Consultation</u> and to be held in Rome on 30-31 January and 1 February 2017.

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