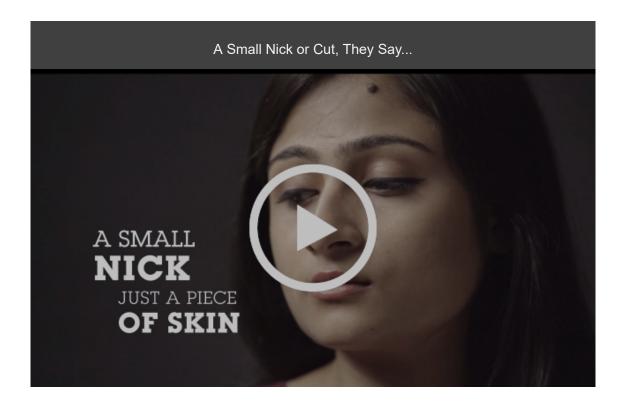
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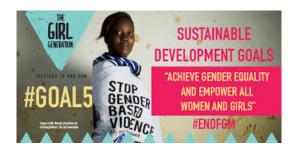


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The Gambia: YPM Launches Talk-Show on GBV, FGM



Young People in the Media (YPM), in collaboration with Unique FM and the Girl Generation (TGG), recently launched a talk-show on FGM and GBV called "The Breakthrough Hour." The weekly programme will be hosted by a dynamic group of children and young people.

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A national campaign to popularize Fatwa against female genital mutilation was officially launched in Kouroussa on April 28 under the aegis of UNICEF and UNFPA. A "Fatwa" in the Muslim religion, is a legal opinion given by a specialist of Islamic law on a particular issue.

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Kenya: FGM Victims to Undergo Free Surgery



The Karen Hospital will for the next few days be offering free surgery to reconstruct the sexual organs of women who have undergone female genital mutilation. Surgeons carrying out the procedure say the operation could stop pain, help women feel sexual pleasure and restore their identity and femininity.

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Tanzania: More Than 4,000 Girls Saved From FGM in Serengeti



At least 4,148 girls were saved from undergoing female genital mutilation (FGM) in Serengeti District in Mara Region in 2016. According to a recent Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) report, cases of FGM in the country have dropped by 5 per cent.

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India: Supreme Court Seeks Govt's Response on PIL for Ban on Female Circumcision

Days before final hearings on petitions challenging the validity of 'triple talaq', the Supreme Court sought on Monday the Centre's and four states' response on a PIL seeking a ban on the ritual of female genital mutilation (FGM) in the Dawoodi



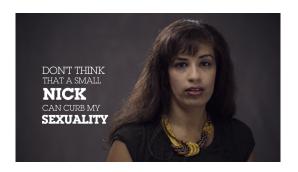
España: El 10% de las Niñas de Uganda Han Sido Mutiladas



Jane Francis Kuka ha sido ministra de Igualdad en el país africano. La exministra ha explicado que con los últimos gobiernos, con reformas sanitarias y educativas y con mucha concienciación han conseguido "reducir la ablación femenina al 10% de las niñas del país. Unas cifras muy bajas comparadas con otros países africanos".

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US: How Muslim Activists Are Working to End Female Genital Mutilation In The U.S.



In 2015, a group of five women who had already been speaking out against FGM individually form a group called Sahiyo (a Bohra Guajrati word for "friends."). Through social media campaigns, workshops, and videos, the group seeks to end FGM in the Bohra community in India and around the world.

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US: Bill Targets Parents Who Allow Female Circumcision

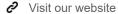
Minnesota lawmakers are moving quickly to pass a bill that would target parents who subject their daughters to FGM. It's already against the law for a doctor to perform that surgery on a girl, but the bill introduced by Rep. Mary Franson would make it a felony for parents or guardians to allow it to happen. If Rep. Franson's bill becomes law a parent could spend up to five years in prison if convicted, and could lose custody of the child.



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