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## FGM in the News

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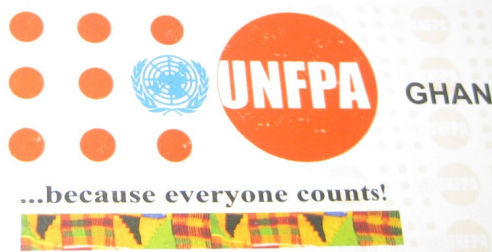
Kakenya Ntaiya: the Life-Changing Deal She Made With Her Father



### Ghana: UNFPA Intensifies Measures in Brong-Ahafo to Control Harmful Cultural Practices

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), has intensified measures to eliminate outmoded and harmful cultural practices that impede the development of women and the development of the girl-child in the Brong-Ahafo Region. In these communities, the sensitization focus is on traditional rulers, assembly members and

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## Liberia: Liberian Women Protest For Passage of Domestic Violence Bill

AMID RISING GENDER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, ACTIVISTS PROTEST FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL

### LIBERIA'S FGM DEBACLE

"Many legislators are apprehensive about being perceived by our traditional people as a group of people that are rejecting our cultural values. We have not submitted it to plenary for fear that we will not get the required number for passage. We continue to lobby with the colleagues and I am optimistic that in next few weeks, we will get the numbers for passage." – Senator Peter Coleman



The bill was introduced to the Legislature about 14 months, but its passage has remained a controversial debate with some legislators shying away from the Act for fear of reprisal from traditional leaders. The bill seeks to address many vital issues affecting domestic and gender-based violence, but the most contentious issue stalling its passage is the legislation of FGM as illegal and offenders punishable by law.

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## Senegal: The Girl Generation Pour un Changement de Comportement



L'Ong The Gril Génération a tenu un atelier formation régionale sur les méfaits de l'excision et les changements des comportements, en relation avec 65 autres ONG stratégiquement positionnées, des activistes et des pays frontaliers avec le Sénégal dont la Gambie et le Mali.

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## Sierra Leone: Campaigners Decry Lack of Political Will to End FGM



Anti female genital mutilation (FGM) campaigners in Sierra Leone say lack of political will is slowing their progress towards eradicating the aged old practice in the country. Sierra Leone is one of the countries where the practice of FGM is still rife and where the law remains silent.

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Second phase of a European Union project, aimed at ending child marriages and strengthening protection systems in Tarime District, has been launched. The three-year project is being implemented by Plan International in collaboration with Children's Dignity Forum (CDF), a local NGO leading ongoing campaigns against child marriages and FGM.

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### Africa: Obstetric Fistula; a Silent Death for Millions of Women and Girls



There are clear links between fistula, child marriage, child pregnancy and FGM. Girls who are forced into child marriage invariably experience early sexual initiation and early pregnancy. Prolonged and obstructed labour is particularly prevalent among child mothers with immature pelvises. There is also strong evidence that type III FGM may prolong labour, increasing the risk of fistula.

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### India: Indian Minister Calls for Minority Muslim Community to End FGM or Have it Banned Under Law



Ms Maneka Gandhi, the Minister for Women and Child Development, told the Hindustan Times newspaper this weekend she would write to state governments and the Bohra spiritual leader - the Syedna - to issue an edict to end FGM because it is a crime.

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### Indonesia: A Hidden Oasis For Female Genital Mutilation!

The 70 million increase in the number of circumcised Indonesian females that had bumped last year's UNICE February World Report on FGM from the 130-140

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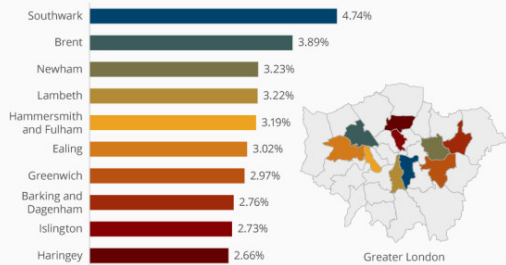
Million mentioned in 2014 report, constitutes as a setback and disappointment in the struggle against this ordeal.

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## UK: The Next Government Must Commit To Stopping FGM

### Top 10 UK boroughs by FGM prevalence

Estimated percentage of women that have undergone female genital mutilation



Source: City University London/Equality Now

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Promises about tax, the NHS and improvements to the education system are likely to get a mention on the leaflets, but it's highly unlikely you'll see anything about FGM, or other harmful traditional practices, such as breast ironing. Organisations across the world have pledged to end FGM within a generation and we want the future Government to make this a reality.

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