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FGM in the News

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Celebrating International Day of the Midwife: May 5th



The Gambia: Training Islamic School Students On FGM



GAHA conducted training for 40 Islamic school students drawn on FGM. The training was supported by the Girl Generation through the End FGM grants program. The theme for the training was "Engaging Islamic school students in the campaign to end FGM."

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Although she swears that since the coming of the law against Female Genital Mutilation she has not cut any girls, it seems hard to believe. “No, not me, maybe others,” she instantly springs to her own defence. “In other villages maybe, not this village!”

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Afrique: Excisée, «Je Savais Que Je n’étais Pas Comme Les Autres Femmes»



Les législations sont insuffisantes pour dissuader les populations de recourir aux MGF. «Il n'y a pas de véritable volonté politique et juridique assez forte pour les appliquer», observe Marie Lesclingand. Les ONG sont les forces motrices de la lutte, éduquant des femmes et des hommes sur les dangers des MGF.

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Africa: Inviting Grassroots Organisations to End FGM in Kenya, Nigeria & Gambia (The Girl Generation)



The aim of the grants programme is to build an Africa-led movement to end FGM by enabling grassroots organisations and individuals to access funds to support communication, advocacy and campaigning activities to promote ending FGM.

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Italia: Migranti, le Domande Della Vergogna



Terzo grado ai familiari delle vittime di terrorismo, interrogatori a donne che hanno subito abusi: siamo andati a vedere cosa succede nelle commissioni che decidono sulle richieste di asilo.

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En la Comunidad Valenciana hay 1268 menores de 15 años en riesgo de sufrir mutilación genital al ir a sus países de origen durante las vacaciones.

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US: Female Genital Mutilation Isn't a Muslim Issue. It's a Medical Issue.

Politicization of the topic is masking a bigger problem: Many women in the U.S. need medical care regarding it, and we're ill-equipped to help them. There have been criticisms but female genital mutilation is not a fundamentally Islamic practice.

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US: Bohra Activist Against FGM Says Veil of Secrecy Keeps Women from Speaking Out



Last week, an Indian American doctor was arrested in Michigan, charged with performing FGM on two seven-year-old girls. *khatna* has been a mandatory religious practice inflicted on Bohra girls all over the world for generations. Bohras are the only Muslims in India who enforce FGM; it's not a common practice among South Asians or Muslims worldwide, and it's not mentioned in the Koran.

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