

# AMBASSADOR BIO

"AS AN AMBASSADOR OF THE NETWORK AND A MAN, I AM ABLE TO STAND UP  
LIKE A MAN, BESIDE WOMEN, FOR THEIR LIVES"



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## WHY AM I COMMITTED IN FIGHTING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION?

I want to raise awareness and fight FGM, an extreme form of discrimination. FGM is a distinct form of violence and a violation of girls' and women's basic human rights of life, dignity and health.

## WHAT DO I LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING AN ACTIVIST?

Ambassadors are crucial for spreading awareness: they are the link between the communities and the associations. They educate communities about what FGM is, who is at risk, what the consequences are, how to prevent it, and how those who are already affected can be helped and supported.

## WHAT DO I HOPE FOR, IN REGARD TO FGM POLICIES AND THE PRACTICE, IN THE FUTURE?

It is important to view FGM as a problem that can affect anybody, regardless of where they come from or live. Migrations and acculturation made clear that communities have to be aware of the harmful consequences of FGM for their people: increased awareness will ensure that migrant women, particularly those from FGM practicing communities, will be better served in hospitals, because their Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) needs will be better understood.