

BEIJING+25: FGM AS A GENDER EQUALITY ISSUE



WHAT IS BEIJING+25?

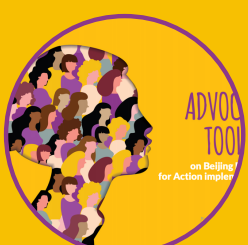
In 2020, the global community marks the **25th anniversary** of the Beijing Declaration. The **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** is an agreement on a comprehensive plan to achieve global **legal equality between women and men**. 25 years later, the Platform for Action is **still relevant** as a framework for holding governments to account and supporting advocacy efforts in the fight to reach **gender equality**.

IS FGM A GENDER EQUALITY ISSUE?

Yes, it is. FGM is a way to control women's bodies and sexuality and it is a form of gender-based violence that women and girls experience simply because of their gender.

In many contexts, FGM aims to guarantee women's "morality" and their family's honour by ensuring they remain virgin until marriage and that they are faithful once married.

FGM as a matter of gender equality was addressed in the **Beijing Platform for Action**, both specifically and within all forms of gender-based violence, in **several critical areas of concern**.



Check out [End FGM EU's Toolkit](#) to help national advocates approach their governments and hold them accountable on the specific steps that should have been taken to end FGM, based on the Beijing Platform for Action.

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FGM is a gender equality issue because it is about power and control: somebody who controls you in private, can control you also in public.

RODRIGUE NKWAYAYA



FGM is a gender equality issue because, by this practice, a girl is forced to maintain her virginity for her husband, while a man is free to do as he wants till he gets married.

ISATOU BARRY



FGM is a gender equality issue because it kills the pleasure of the woman and not the pleasure of the man.

WEDAD ALMIZORI



FGM is a gender equality issue because it reflects a deep inequality of identities.

IDIL HASSAN



FGM is a gender equality issue because it is done to control girls and women's sexuality for the benefit of men: the practice is deeply rooted within a patriarchal social system.

AMINATA BAH

All the quotes are by the End FGM European Network's Ambassadors.
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