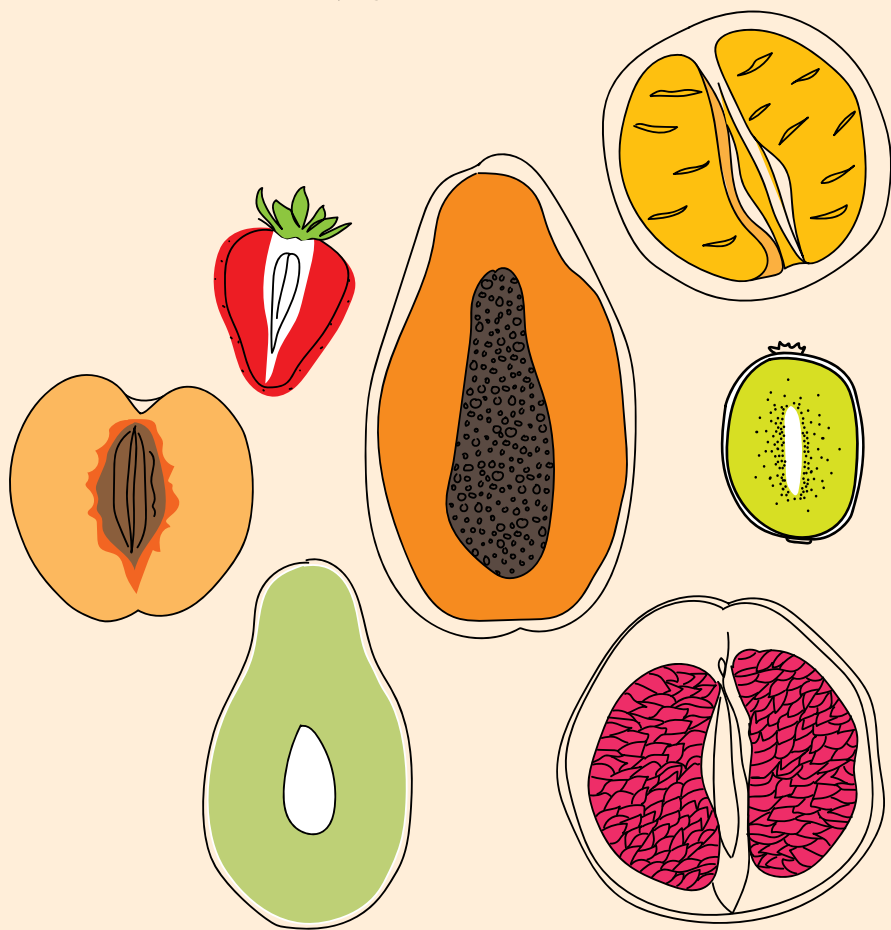


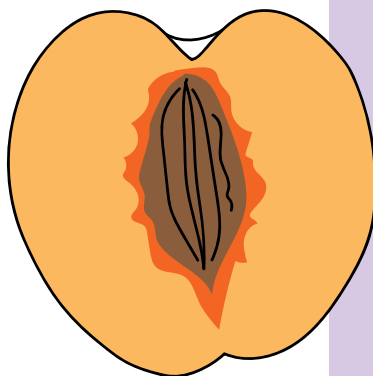
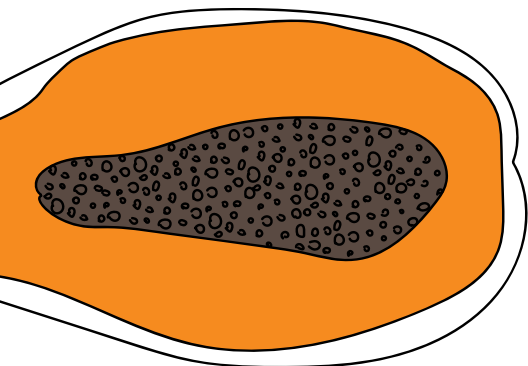
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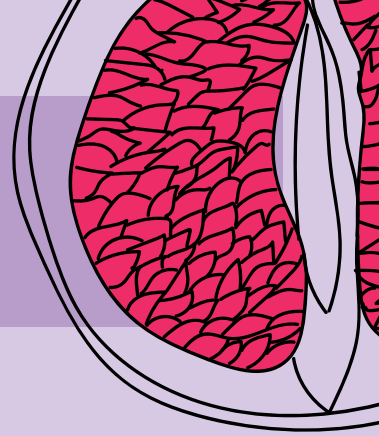
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DEAR FRIENDS,

It is time to take stock of another year of working to tackle Female Genital Mutilation. 2022 was definitely a dynamic year for the Network and our Members.

Indeed, 2022 was a year of re-opening. With travel restrictions lifted, we were able to hold in-person events again. This has allowed us to host, in June 2022, our General Assembly in Brussels, **gathering our membership for the first time in 3 years!**

We are so grateful to have the possibility to meet offline again, still we want to make the most of what we learned since 2020. So, we also organised **two hybrid international conferences last year**: one to close the [CHAIN Project](#) in May and one to close the [Mind the Gap Project](#) in November. Through these successful and innovative events, we were able to engage with policymakers and key stakeholders, in Brussels and online, on how to address FGM and gender-based violence on the ground and in education.

In 2022, we continued putting our Members' expertise centre stage through our fruitful **annual multimedia campaign: #BehindEndingFGM.** This digital campaign focused on the necessary work happening daily behind our movement. The campaign was the occasion for our Members to engage directly with you and to share our recipe for ending FGM.

2022 also meant growth. Sadly, it was the last year of existence of our founding Member, Lebkom e.v (Germany) and of our Associate Member, Wassu Foundation (Spain), to whom we express our deep gratitude. Yet, it was also the year we got to welcome **5 fantastic new members to our Network**, two of which are in a new country, Austria! In June, Les Orchidées Rouges (France) and Plan International Germany became part of End FGM EU. In December, we were joined by Fem Sud (Austria), the African Women Organisation (Austria) and Kone (Germany). **[This made us 35 members and 16 countries strong!](#)**

Picture captions

Hayat Traspas Ismail at the Network June 2022 General Assembly (left)

Aminata Bah at the Network June 2022 General Assembly (right)





Finally, 2022 was a reflective year. With the active participation of the Secretariat, Members, Board Members and Ambassadors at each stage of the drafting process, we have developed [a brand-new strategic plan for the Network](#). This plan covers the period from 2023-2027 and sets out a renewed impact-focused direction for our collective work. We look forward to implementing this strategy in the coming years.

Through this report, you can look back on this transformative year. Yet, before you go on reading, on behalf of the Network, our Members and Ambassadors, we want to thank you for your continued support and for your inspiring commitment, big or small, to a world free from FGM.

BEST WISHES,

AMINATA BAH AND HAYAT TRASPAS ISMAIL

WHERE WE ARE: FGM IN EUROPE, PREVALENCE AND GIRLS AT RISK

At least 200 million women and girls alive today have undergone FGM and 4.1 million have been subjected to FGM only in 2020.

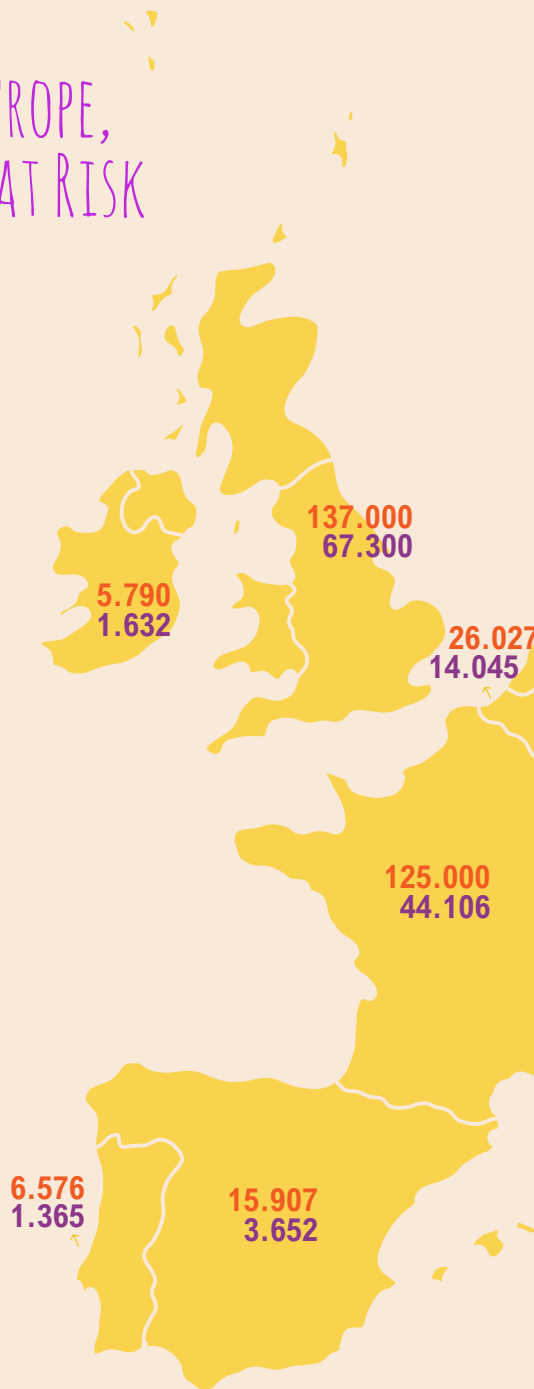
It is estimated that there are over 600.000 FGM survivors living in Europe and around 190.000 are at risk in 17 countries alone.

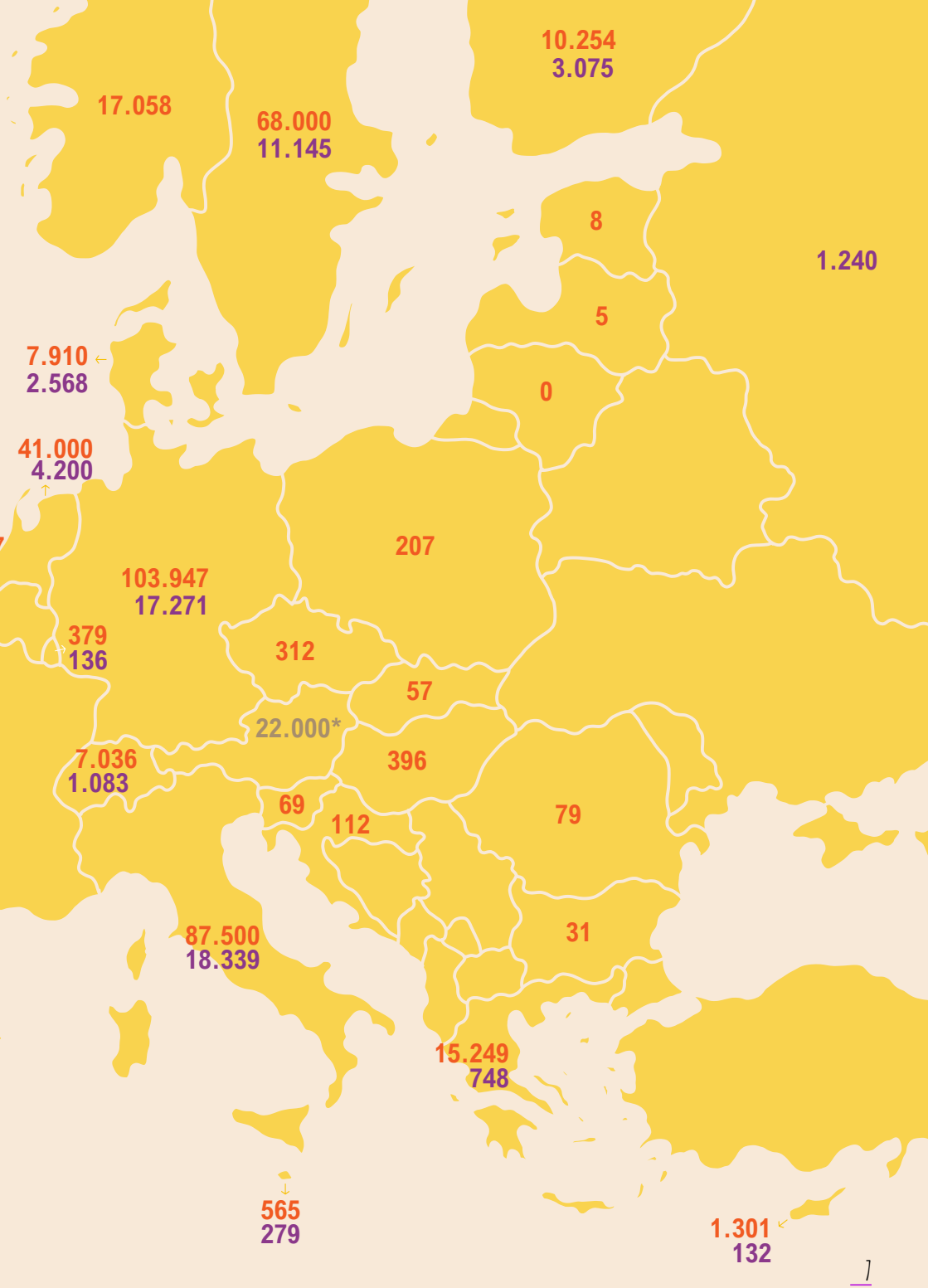
This data has been internally gathered by the End FGM European Network using existing studies. It should be noted that methodologies used for the studies differ as well as the years of data collection. In the meantime, some countries have noted significant increases in the numbers. The collection of data continues to be a huge challenge.

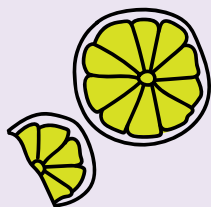
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MAP LEGENDA

- FGM prevalence
- Girls at risk (high risk scenario)







RECIPE FOR END FGM

ADVOCACY

PREPARATION TIME

1 year

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **20** contributions to new EU policy and legislative initiatives around FGM
- **10** meetings with MEPs or their advisors
- **5** contributions to European Parliament reports
- **2** contributions to 2022 processes at UN level
- **10** language versions of the Network [Good Practice poster](#)



Why Advocacy? At End FGM EU, we work to influence policies at the international level, European level (both the Council of Europe and European Union) and, through our Members, at the national level. As a Network, we use our collective voice to advocate for a European, coordinated, human rights-based & child-focused approach to end FGM in Europe and beyond.

STEPS (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

In 2022, we were actively involved in the consultation process on the proposed EU Directive on violence against women and domestic violence and the European Commission Recommendation on Harmful Practice as well as the revision of the Victims' Rights Directive. We worked closely with our Members and partner organisations to make sure these policies effectively tackle FGM as a European issue, focusing on prevention and support of Survivors.

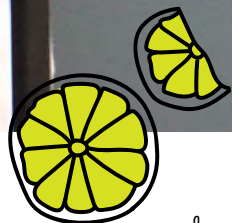
With our Member Gams Belgium, we gave a workshop on the topic of Female Genital Mutilation for delegates of the Council of the EU's Working Party on Human rights (COHOM). The COHOM deals with human rights aspects of the external relations of the EU, supporting the Council in this area.

Our Youth Ambassador Amal Hussein, as part of the Tuwezeshe Fellowship with two other young women, [shared a video](#) detailing their recommendations for the European Parliament Women's Rights and Gender Equality committee.

This year, together with our Greek Member, Diotima Centre, we also successfully submitted [a shadow report](#) to the Council of Europe group of experts in charge of the monitoring of the application of the Istanbul Convention (GREVIO). This report provided an analysis of the current situation and proposed recommendations for the prevention, protection, prosecution and integrated policies on FGM in Greece.



MEP Evin Incir at the CHAIN project International conference, May 2022





RECIPE FOR END FGM

EDUCATION

PREPARATION TIME

1 year

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Why Education? Myth-busting education and FGM-informed training are essential to uprooting the practice and building a safer world for FGM affected communities and Survivors. An important part of our work is focused on raising awareness and educating the greater public and key stakeholders about the practice and the misconceptions surrounding it.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2** educational handbooks on gender equality education and digital safety
- **22 000** followers across social media
- **1700** subscribers to our newsletter
- **500 000+** people reached with our Campaign
- **25+** international press mentions of the Network and our resources



Bassmala Elbushary and Cynthia Njeri Karanja at the Ambassador Training, October 2022

STEPS (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

In 2022, our annual awareness raising campaign focused on giving visibility to the everyday work happening to address and respond to FGM by our Members, Ambassadors and allies. Our [#BehindEndingFGM campaign](#) was launched at an event centring the importance of community leadership in the movement to address the practice.

With our partners Aidos Italy, APF Portugal and Medicos Del Mundo Spain, we finalised the Mind the Gap project, aimed at raising the awareness and capacity of educators to address gender inequality and gender-based violence in the classroom. We finished the project with a bang, hosting an international conference in Brussels.

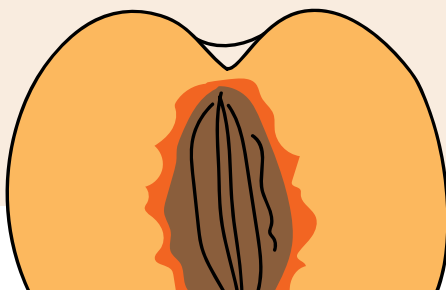
Mind the Gap project and partners



2022 was also the year of the IPPF YSAFE (Youth Sexual Awareness for Europe) project, focused on promoting inclusive and safe comprehensive sexual education (CSE) in Europe. With the participation of our Youth Ambassadors Alya, Cynthia and Bassmala, the project ended with the publication of a toolkit for educators to host CSE activities online.



[YSAFE/IPPF project](#)





RECIPE FOR END FGM

RESEARCH

PREPARATION TIME

1 year

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **2** Network position papers published
- **15** countries in our mapping of FGM laws and policies in Europe
- **1** participation to the European Parliament Report on Intersectionality
- **1** Grevio Committee shadow report on Greece (Istanbul Convention implementation)
- **1** working group on FGM and Religious Discrimination

Why Research? At End FGM EU, we use research to get a better understanding of our issue and of the solutions that seek to address it. We use research to position ourselves on questions that relate to our work. Finally, we use research to hold institutions and authorities accountable on what they are doing to tackle FGM.

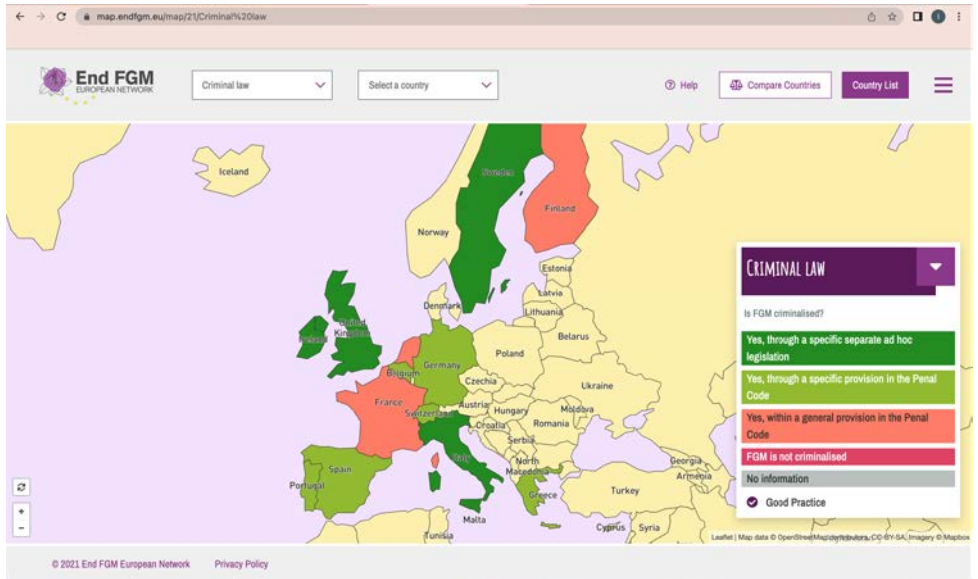
STEPS (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

In 2022, we added one new country to our [mapping of FGM laws and policies in Europe](#): Malta. With the support of our Member Women's Right Foundation and local lawyers, we conducted research based on our template questionnaire. Next up: Austria, our new country where we now have two community-based Members.

This year, together with our Members Aidos Italy and Gams Belgium, we finalised a report on "[Gender transformative approaches to ending FGM](#)" resulting from our virtual International Stakeholder Dialogue (ISD) on the topic.

We published our [2022 Progress Report on FGM/C](#), compiled with our partners of the Global Platform for Action to End FGM/C. It represents a joint effort across our respective organisations and regional networks to combine our global expertise, knowledge, and partnerships to support efforts to end FGM/C by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

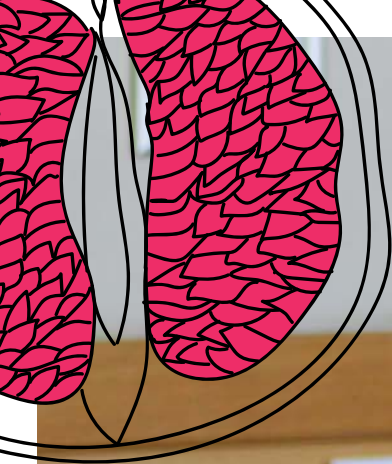




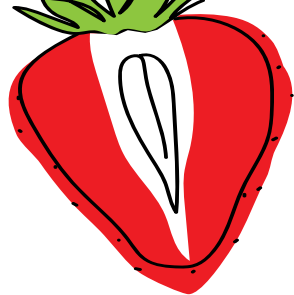
FGM in Europe Interactive Map

In 2022, we also published our [“FGM and Medicalisation”](#) paper outlining our position on medicalised female genital mutilation (FGM); and our [“FGM, Intersectionality and antiracism”](#) paper reflecting on the issue of racial discrimination with a focus on how it impacts the work of the anti-FGM sector.

Finally, we also supported institutional research by contributing to the European Parliament first-ever report on the topic of intersectionality with the title “Intersectional discrimination in the European Union: the socio-economic situation of women of African, Middle-Eastern, Latin-American and Asian descent”. The rapporteur, MEP Alice Kuhnke (Sweden, Greens/EFA) invited the Network to provide our inputs.



Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Intersectionality, June 2022 - facing us Fatumata Kromah- Lessan



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SUPPORT

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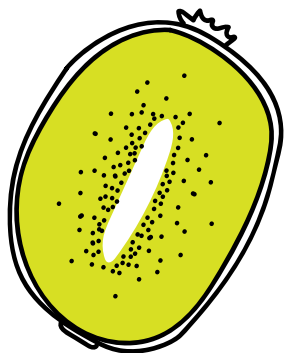
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HIGHLIGHTS

- **1 infographic** in collaboration with the European Disability Forum
- **4** Local Intervention Chains published
- **1** mental health training for our Members and staff
- **1** capacity-building programme for our Members
- **5** Knowledge Sharing Workshops



Why Support? Tackling FGM also means supporting all Survivors and people at risk as well as strengthening organisations working to prevent FGM on the ground. Support, in the sense of care, protection and solidarity, is pivotal to the global movement to end FGM, and we work every day to ensure that this support is provided.

STEPS (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

In 2022, we worked on securing financial support for the movement to end FGM: with UNICEF, we held [a meeting](#) of the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Donor Working Group (DWG) titled “Dialogue with CSOs on Innovative Financing for FGM Elimination and Accelerating Gender Equality”. We discussed ways to improve and innovate the funding of our work and the work of grassroots organisations.

We also supported the learning and knowledge exchange of our Members through our Network capacity-building programme. In 2022, our Member Femmes Entraides et Autonomie (France) implemented the programme through the organisation of a training on structure & governance for its staff members. The more our Members learn how to improve, sustain and upscale their activities, the more we ensure that FGM is addressed effectively across the continent.

Finally, through the CHAIN project, which closed in 2022, we promoted better support for people at risk of Female Genital Mutilation and Early and Forced Marriage. With Terre des Femmes (Germany), Action Aid Italy, Save a Girl Save a Generation (Spain) and Equipop (France), key professionals in the field were sensitized through trainings implemented with the Community Trainers of the project and through developing 4 [“intervention chains in cases of Female Genital Mutilation and Early and Forced Marriage”](#) for Berlin, Madrid, Milan and Paris.



RECIPE FOR END FGM

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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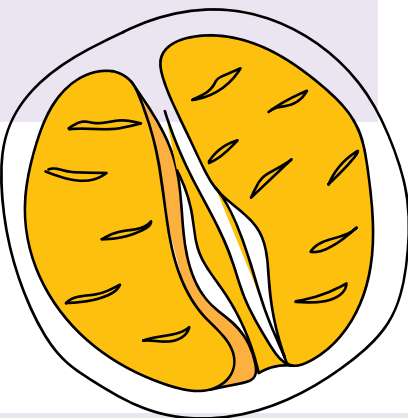
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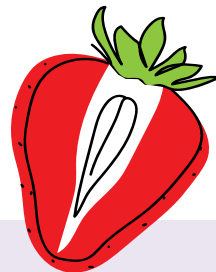
- **18** Network community-based Ambassadors
- **14** European Week of Action for Girls Youth Advocates
- **40** events attended by our Ambassadors
- **6** new countries for the Understanding Community Voices Project
- **5** meetings with Community-Based Organisations as potential new members



Why Community Engagement? Engagement of affected communities is crucial to ending FGM. We know that community members are best placed to challenge the practice at the grassroots, but they must also be included in the design of policies concerning them and their self-defined needs. Communities directly affected by the practice are key to identify what stands in the way of our goal.

STEPS (IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

In 2022, our Ambassadors took part in many activities. Cynthia Njeri Karanja, Rodrigue Bukungu and Amal Hussein were speakers at our Annual Campaign launch event on the 4th of February, in celebration of FGM Zero Tolerance Day. Aminata Bah spoke at our Member MIGS's conference on "Amplifying women's voices from marginalised communities in Cyprus". Amal Hussein and Leah Wageman both participated in the preparation of the European Week of Action for Girls, with Amal being able to join in October for a week of engagement with policy actors at the EU level.

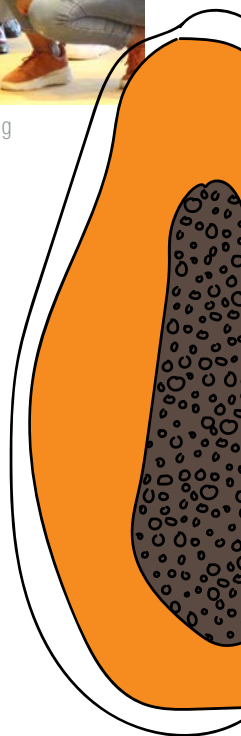
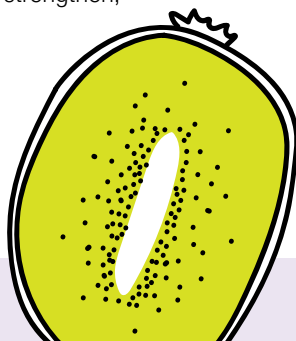




Secretariat staff, Youth and Senior Ambassadors at the October 2022 intergenerational meeting

At the end of the year, our Youth Ambassadors kicked off an Erasmus+ Project which will run until 2024 and will have them design, record and publish their very own podcast series on FGM and Gender Equality. Stay tuned to hear what Bassmala, Cynthia, Imtinan, Leah, Nabila and Sherifat have to say!

Finally, 2022 also saw the kick-off of the second phase of the [Understanding Community Voices Project!](#) This European Solidarity Corps project aims to showcase the work done by activists and members of community-centred organisations to influence policy and legislation, shift attitudes and break stigmas. It will also seek to identify the needs, strengthen, and support affected communities.



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- Idil Hassan
- Mohamed Issa Mahmoud Marzoug
- Rodrigue Nkwayaya
- Sona Fati
- Wedad Almizori
- Rafiu Olayinka Awolola

YOUTH AMBASSADORS

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- Cynthia Njeri Karanja
- Leah Kabura Wagemba
- Sherifat Adeniyi
- Imtinan Munir Abdulkarim

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MEMBERS' MAP

- Full members
- Associate members



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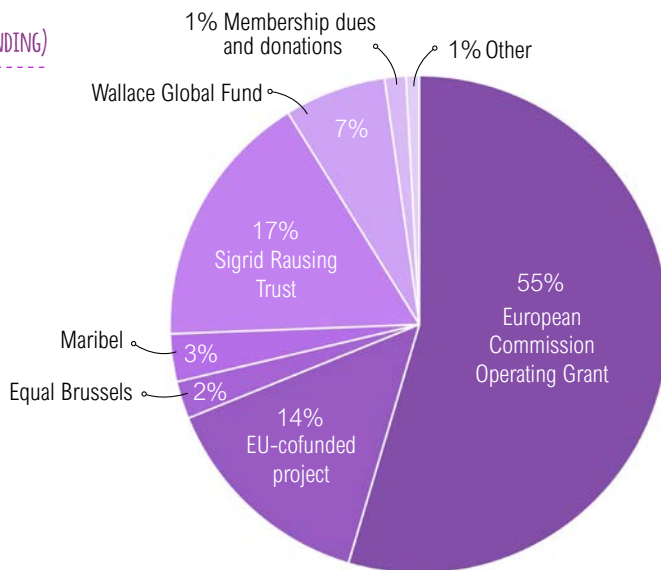
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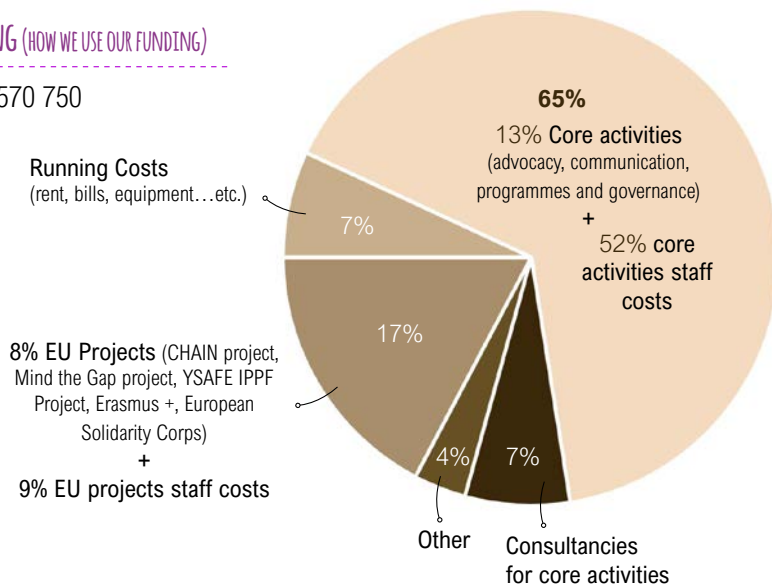
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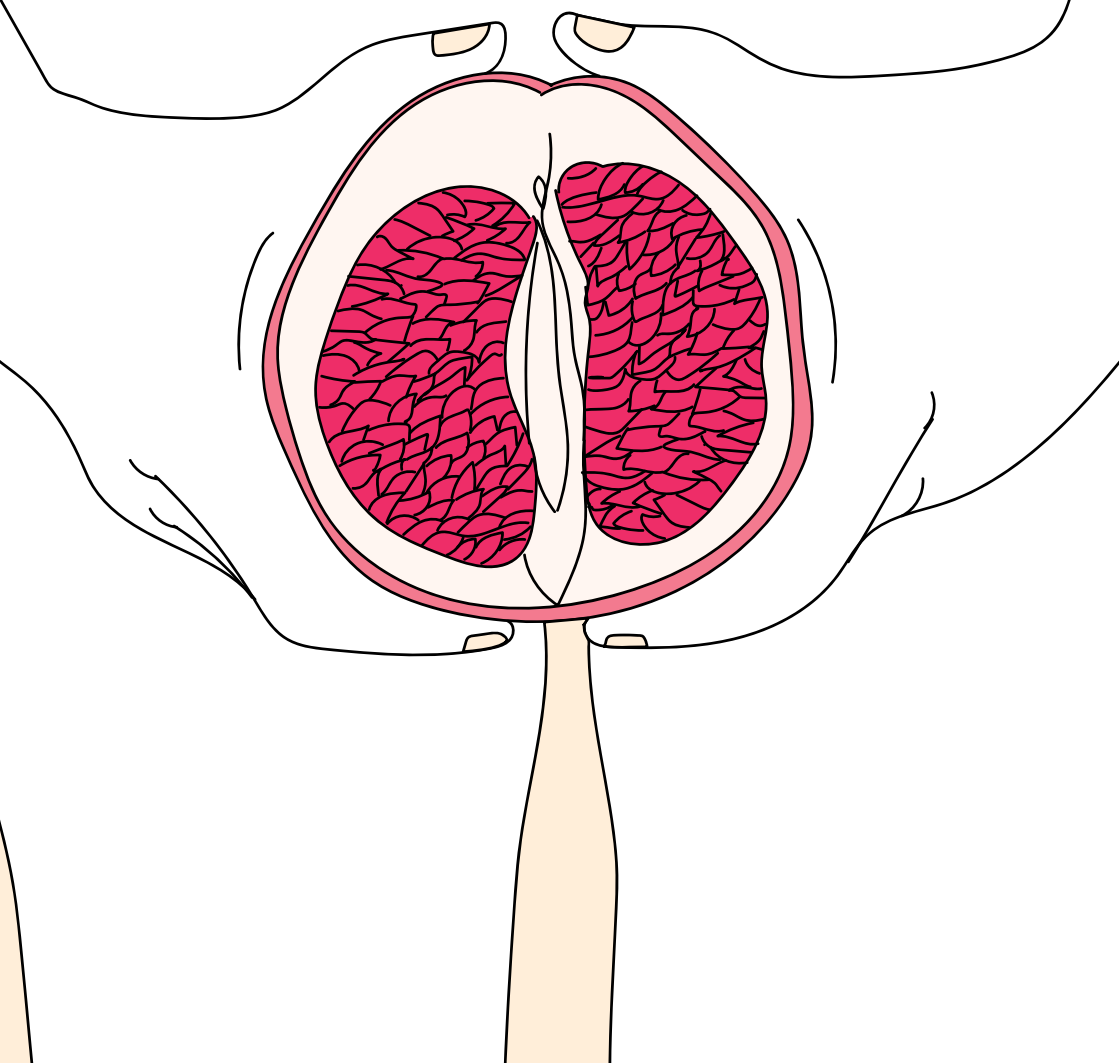


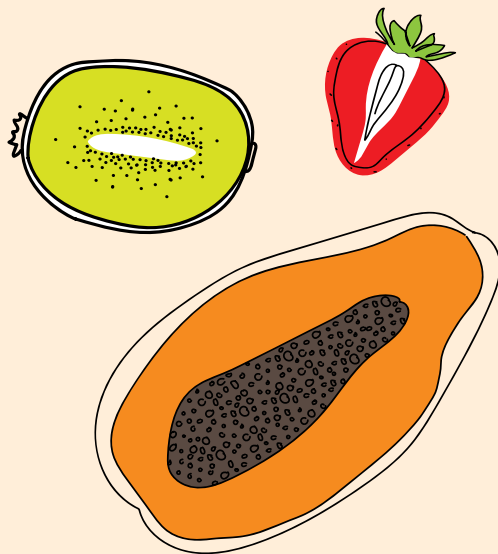
SPENDING (HOW WE USE OUR FUNDING)

Total: €570 750



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