

FGM IS PATRIARCHY

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE

AGAINST
ALL
WOMEN





End FGM EU 2024 Annual Campaign

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In 2024, the End FGM European Network highlights the **tangible and symbolic impact of FGM on women and girls.**

Female Genital Mutilation is a form of **gender-based violence** which specifically targets women and girls and **violates their fundamental human rights**. Like many forms of gender-based violence, FGM is an expression of **patriarchal oppression**. Symbolically, FGM means that individuals, **just because they are born female**, are robbed of control over their own bodies.

The continued existence of FGM on all continents means that **we still live in a world that does not uphold the rights of women**.

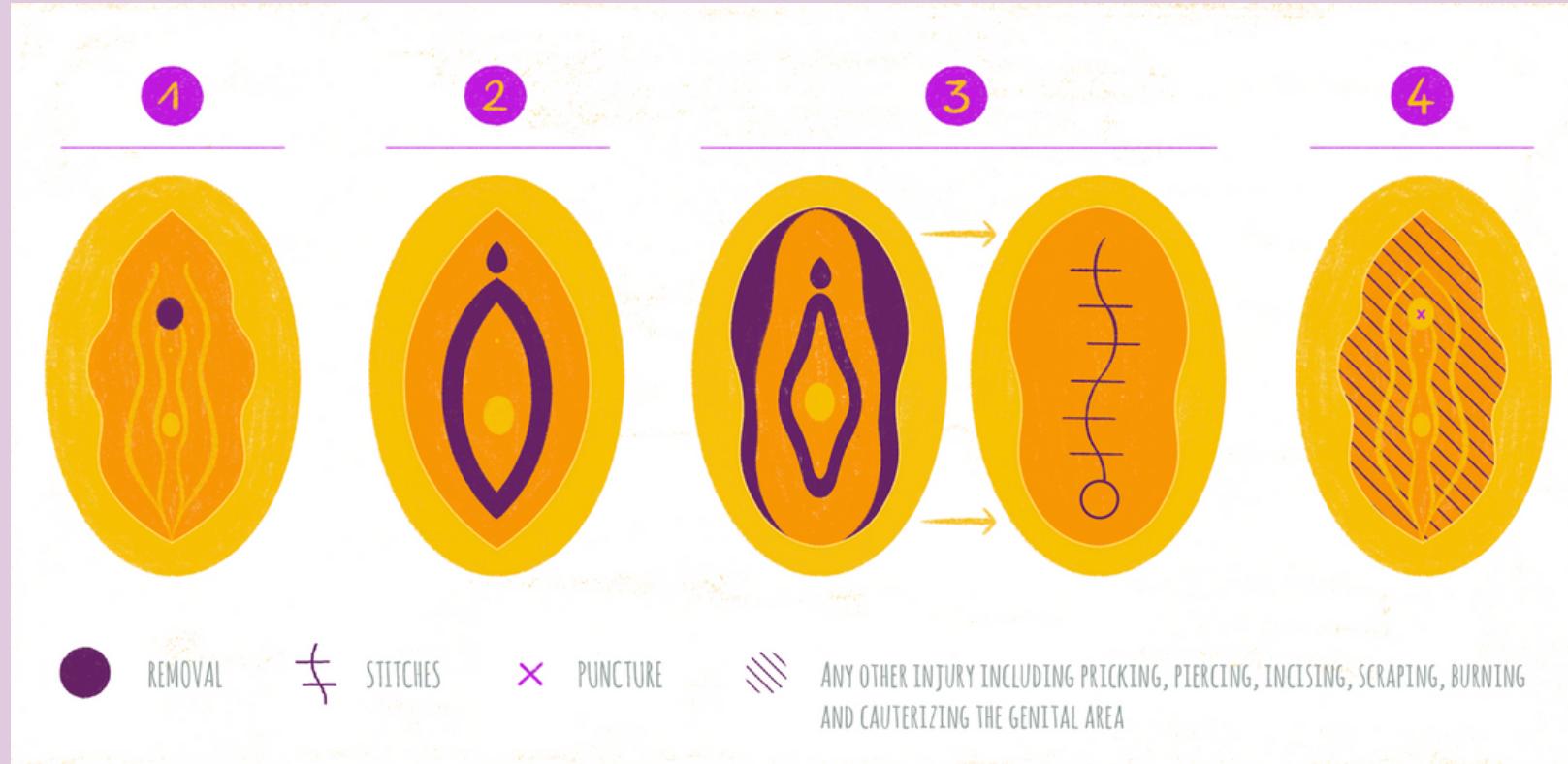
FGM anywhere is a symbolic attack on all women everywhere.

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FGM ANYWHERE IS VIOLENCE ON ALL WOMEN EVERYWHERE.



WHAT IS FGM?



Female Genital Mutilation is all procedures involving the **removal of the external female genitalia** or other injury to the female genital organs for **non-medical reasons**.

There are **4 types** of FGM.

FGM can cause life-lasting physical and psychological

trauma and is a violation of Human Rights. It is **not prescribed by any religion**. 200 million girls & women alive today have undergone FGM. At current rates, an additional estimated **70 million girls** face being cut by **2030**. Despite the efforts of activists and organizations to put an end to this practice, **FGM remains prevalent in many countries**. The reasons for its continuation vary from community to community, but often involve deeply ingrained beliefs about tradition, purity, and social status.

WHAT IS THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK?

The End FGM European Network (End FGM EU) is an umbrella network of **36 European organisations based in 16 European countries**. End FGM EU operates as a meeting ground for communities, NGOs, CSOs and EU level stakeholders to engage, interact and cooperate with one another by sharing experiences and exchanging knowledge.

Our work involves **building connections with relevant actors** at the European and global level to support our members' efforts to combat the practice of FGM. Our **members work at the national level** using various approaches, including research, education, support services, and community engagement.



GRASSROOT VOICES

- End FGM EU engages with on-the-ground activists who are fighting FGM within their communities and at European & International levels.
 - [Discover the profiles of our Youth Ambassadors](#)
 - [Discover the profiles of our Senior Ambassadors](#)
- End FGM EU is also networking with grassroots activist through our understanding community voices project.
 - [Discover the community voices profiles and requests](#)



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
SHARE YOUR STORY, YOUR ACTIVIST
WORK OR YOUR THOUGHTS ON FGM
AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE
SAFETY AND FREEDOM OF ALL
WOMEN AND GIRLS.

MAKE A VOICE NOTE OR PRINT
THE HASHTAG AND USE IT IN
VIDEOS OR PICTURES TO SUPPORT
THE CAMPAIGN.

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MEDIA!



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