

Welcome Note

Happy New Year everyone! Hope 2009 brings us ground breaking news in the field of FGM/C and fortifies our collective efforts.



With the turn of each year so many resolutions are made... very people few keep their commitments and others surrender. It's up to us in keeping our efforts, contributions and to raise our voices so that our message gets through.

Enjoy reading!

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Egypt: Cairo Declaration on FGM + 5

12 December 2008

The release appeared in *UNDP/FGM 2008*

A culmination of the Egyptian National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) many years of advocacy and campaigning came on 10 June 2008 when Egyptian Parliament, in the face of stiff opposition, passed a new law which...

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Iraq: Female genital mutilation in Iraqi Kurdistan: “we will never stop because Islam and our elders require it”

29 December 2008

This article appeared in *Jihad Watch* posted by *Robert Spencer*

The mainstream media and Islamic advocacy groups in the United States constantly tell us the female genital mutilation is a cultural practice and has nothing to do with Islam. They do this despite the fact that among the schools of Islamic jurisprudence....

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Kenya: Hiding from the cruelest cut

20 December 2009

This article appeared in *IRIN Africa*

Hundreds of girls between the ages of seven and 17 are seeking refuge in church compounds in western Kenya to avoid the ritual removal of their clitoris...

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Yemen: Yemen working to reduce female genital mutilation 30 % by 2012

5 December 2008

This article appeared in *Impunity Watch* by *Lauren Mellinger*

On December 3, Yemen announced the implementation of a five-year plan to reduce the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or female circumcision. The practice of FGM operations occurs most often in coastal areas of the country.

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Uganda: Criminalize female Genital Mutilation

14 December 2008

This article appeared in *Stop FGM/C*

A group of Members of Parliament have drafted a Bill seeking to criminalize the female genital mutilation (FGM) common among communities in some parts of the country. The MPs are concerned that the Government has not taken the initiative to enact a law criminalizing the FGM.

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Kenya: FGM spreads in Bukwo

21 December 2008

This article appeared in *The New Vision* by Frederick Womakuyu

Despite efforts to sensitize communities against the dangers of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), the practice has continued to spread in Bukwo district near the north-eastern border with Kenya.

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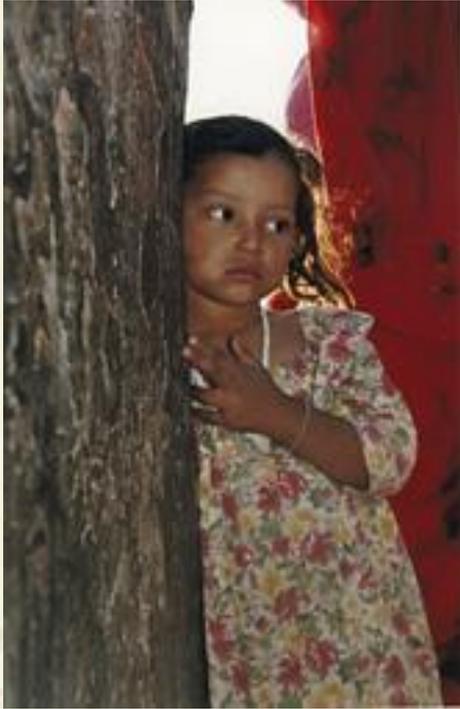
Ethiopia: New initiatives against FGM/C

24 December 2008

This article appeared in *IRIN Africa*

Like most pastoralists in the remote Afar region of northeastern Ethiopia, Ahmed Mohammed made sure his daughter was circumcised seven days after her birth.

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France: Thousands of FGM reconstructions

28 December 2008

This article appeared in *Islam in Europe*

In recent years around 2,800 women who immigrated to France from Africa or second generation immigrants, of the age group between 18 and 50, have turned to hospitals and centers in Paris and Nantes funded by national welfare to have their genitals reconstructed, devastated by the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM).

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