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**English News**

**Ebola fears bring female genital mutilation to near halt in Sierra Leone**
Female genital mutilation appears to be on a drastic decline in Sierra Leone as a result of the Ebola crisis, according to rights groups and those who carry out the mutilation — a turn of events that those against the practice see as a silver lining of the epidemic. Until recently, it was estimated that about 80 percent of girls in the country were mutilated. [More...](#)

**Egypt: Trial Shows Need to Combat Female Genital Mutilation**
Egyptian authorities need to take clear action to end the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) following the country’s first trial on the crime ending in acquittals. [More...](#)

**FGM: UK plan to require professionals to report suspected cases**
Campaigners against female genital mutilation (FGM) have cautiously welcomed government moves to require professionals to report suspected cases of FGM, but warned of the risk of alienating communities and forcing the practice further underground. [More...](#)

**FGM practitioners demand income generating projects**
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) practitioners in Sebei region have asked the Government to provide them with alternative sources of income if the illegal practice is to stop. [More...](#)

**15 Siha Girls Cheat FGM, Marriage**
Fifteen primary school children who had been lined up for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and subsequent marriage have been saved from the ordeal as police have been called in to handle the matter. [More...](#)

**Over 800 Girls Escape Forced FGM In Kuria**
The girls ran away from their homes to escape the cut being forced on them by their parents and relatives. Most of the girls are now living in rescue centres with some claiming that they have received death threats. And in a bid to secure the safety of the girls, Migori County first lady Hellen Obado has donated materials worth Shs 100,000 to cater for them. [More...](#)

**Rising to End FGM - Agnes Pareyio**
1 in 3 women across the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. That's ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS. Every February, we rise - in hundreds of countries across the world - to show our local communities and the world what one billion looks like and shine a light on the rampant impunity and injustice that survivors most often face. [More...](#)

**Kenya: 300 Kisii Girls Trained On the Dangers of FGM**
More than 300 girls are being educated on the dangers of Female Genital Mutilation in Kisii county. The girls aged between eight to 16 have been drawn from Kisii, Nyamira and Migori counties for the five-day forum at Nyanchwa Girls High School. [More...](#)
The International Network to Analyze, Communicate and Transform the Campaign against FGM/C (INTACT), is an international group of researchers, scholars, and activists committed to bringing scientific evidence to bear on the campaign to end FGM/C. INTACT serves as a forum for FGM/C debate and helps bridge gaps in knowledge and information relevant to FGM/C on the local and the international levels. INTACT helps communicate lessons learned, disseminate research, and promotes the utilization of research findings to assist in the campaign against FGM/C. INTACT is managed by the Population Council.