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English News

Tanzania: FGM Fight Remains Long and Hard
It has come to light that nearly 1,600 girls underwent the diabolical Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in December, last year. Clearly, this shows that elders in the district have no respect for the state initiatives that envisage bringing the harmful practice to a complete halt. More...

FGM awareness web app launched to inform girls at risk
The UK's first web app designed to allow teenagers to learn about female genital mutilation (FGM) anonymously, and get help if they are at risk, has been launched. More...

We All Need to Be Alert to the Summer Holiday FGM Risk to Children
When you think of child abuse you don't usually associate it with a parent who thinks they are doing something in the best interests of their child - quite the opposite. Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a very serious form of child abuse - but many parents in communities which practice FGM believe what they are doing is in the best interests of their child - in their minds not to have a child 'cut' would harm their prospects of marriage and would make them a bad mother. More...

Sierra Leone's On Track To Ban Female Genital Mutilation
Sierra Leone's decision to back an international treaty on the rights of women in Africa could lead to a new law banning female genital mutilation (FGM) in a country where the practice is rife, campaigners said on Tuesday. More...

Kenya: Magazine - a Witness to FGM
Juliana was thought to be 16 or 17 on the day she was held down while an old woman cut at her genitals with a razor blade - although her family couldn't say for sure, because in this remote part of Kenya no record was ever made of her birth. More...

Saving Safa: rescuing a little girl from FGM – review
Saving Safa: rescuing a little girl from FGM begins with a poignant and troubling letter from Safa Nour, then seven, who played the young Waris Dirie in Desert Flower, a 2009 film. Nour’s letter to Dirie, a supermodel turned anti-FGM campaigner, says: "When we play on the street, the children run away and curse and say bad things. More...

The Sculpted: what a young girl is thinking when she undergoes FGM – video
This short film deals with the intimate thoughts of a young girl about to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM). It follows the internal monologue of a girl who never actually speaks, and uses creative imagery to illustrate the cruelty of the cut. 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.