

Timeline of Network Against Female Genital Mutilation in Tanzania

1998 **SOSPA ACT**

The Sexual Offences Special Provisions Act: Prohibits FGM, anyone found guilty of said offense can be punished with up to 15 years of imprisonment or fined Sh. 300,000/= or both.

Late 1998 **NAFGEM Founded**

A non-religious and non-political organization, NAFGEM is a legally registered NGO under the Societies Ordinance of 1954.

Now **Still Fighting FGM**

Currently NAFGEM implements programs in the Moshi and Siha districts of the Kilimanjaro Region, and the Simanjiro and Kiteto Districts of the Manyara Region.



FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION:

PROCEDURES THAT INTENTIONALLY ALTER OR CAUSE INJURY TO THE FEMALE GENITAL ORGANS FOR NON-MEDICAL REASONS. IT IS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY AS A VIOLATION OF WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S HUMAN RIGHTS

(WHO, 2016)

In Tanzania

2 Million

Girls undergo the FGM ritual annually.

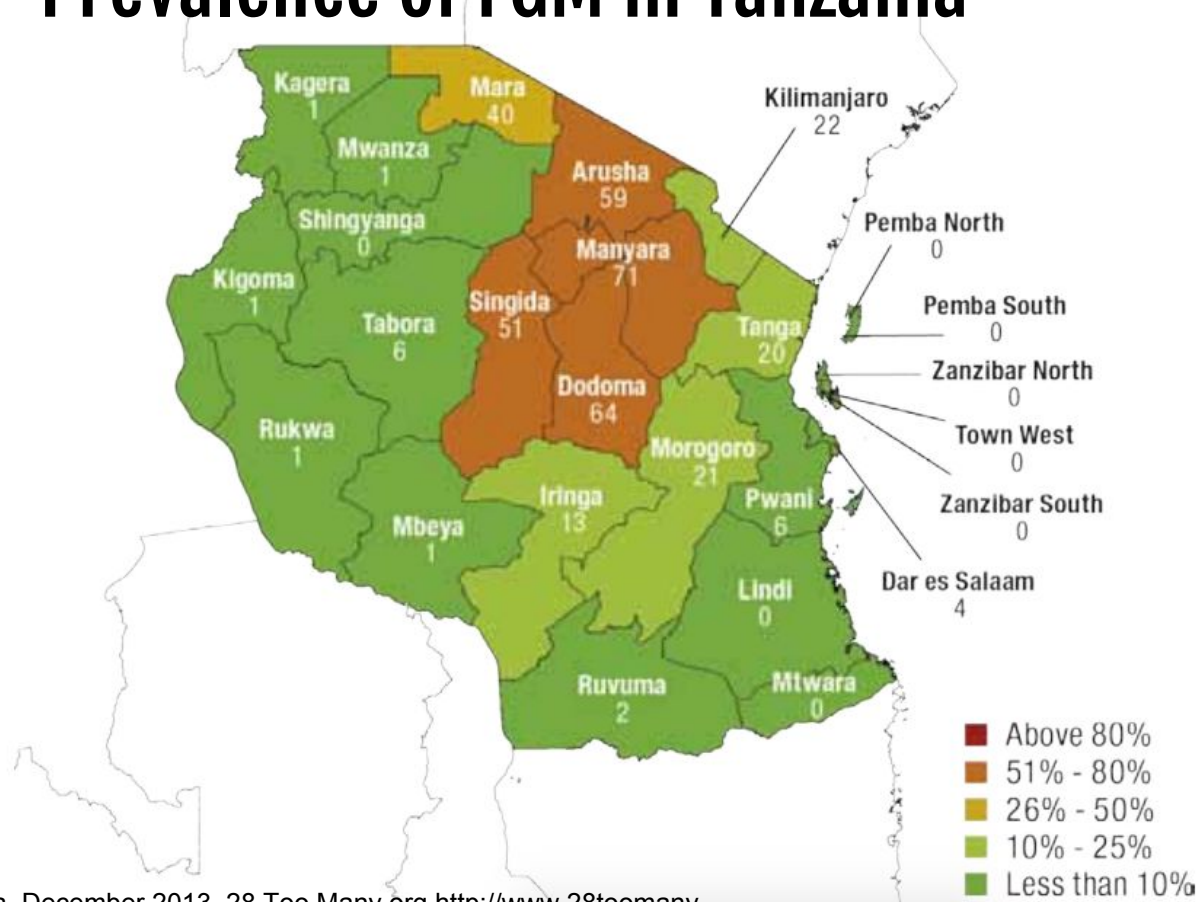
15 Million

Women are victims.

70%

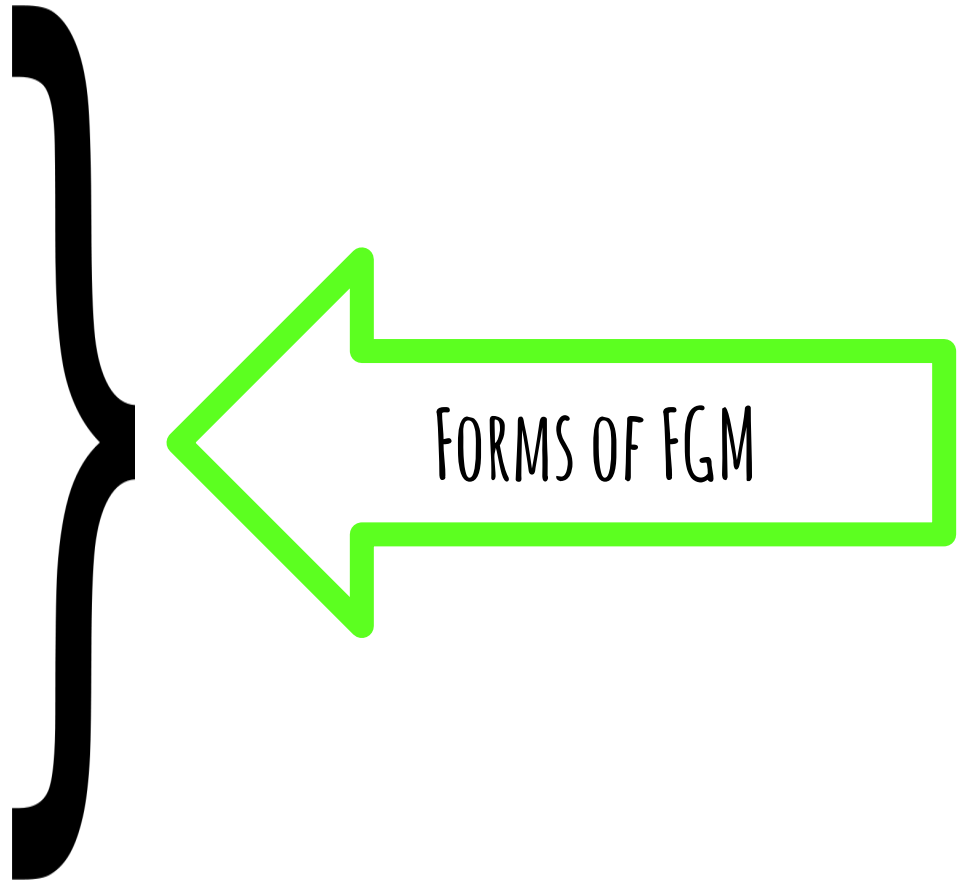
Current prevalence of FGM in parts of Northern Tanzania.

Prevalence of FGM in Tanzania



1. **Clitoridectomy**: partial or total removal of clitoris.
2. **Excision**: partial or total removal of clitoris and labia minora, with or without excision of labia majora.
3. **Infibulation**: narrowing vaginal opening through cutting and repositioning the labia minora or majora with or without excision of clitoris.
4. **Unclassified**: includes all other harmful procedures to genitalia. Including but not limited to: pricking, piercing, incising, stretching, cauterizing, and scraping of clitoris and surrounding tissue.

(WHO, 2016)



THE NEED TO CONTROL A
WOMAN'S SEXUAL
DESIRES

BELIEFS THAT HARM
WILL BEFALL A FAMILY
WHOSE GIRLS ARE NOT
CIRCUMCISED.

BELIEVING THAT FGM IS
THE CURE TO
BACTERIAL/FUNGAL
DISEASES (LAWALAWA)

MOTIVES BEHIND FGM

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT
THE CLEANLINESS OF
FEMALE GENITALIA

A DESIRE TO RETAIN
GENDER IDENTITY (BELIEFS
THAT THE CLITORIS WILL
KILL A MAN DURING
INTERCOUSE)

NECESSITATING THAT
A GIRL UNDERGO FGM
TO BE SUITABLE FOR
MARRIAGE

FGM has no health benefits. It enacts serious and irreversible physical, social, and psychological effects on victims. (WHO, 2016)

Immediate complications:

- Severe pain
- Hemorrhaging
- Increased risk of infections (HIV/AIDS & tetanus)
- Delayed wound healing
- Shock



DEATH



Long term implications:

- Urinary problems, - Vaginal problems (increased infections), - Menstrual issues
- Discomfort during sexual intercourse
- Increased risk of childbirth complications (fistula, infant mortality)
- Psychological issues (depression & PTSD)



**Increased
Morbidity &
Mortality**

TARGET GROUPS:

OUR MAIN FOCUS ARE THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES WHO BELIEVE IN, AND CARRY ON WITH THE PRACTICE OF FGM AND CHILD MARRIAGES. IT IS HERE THAT THE SOCIO-CULTURAL MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGE INTERWEAVE BETWEEN COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, NGOs, TRADITIONAL AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. THESE ENTITIES ARE THEN TARGETED AS ENTRY POINTS AND PARTNERS.

FUNDING

NAFGEM'S WORK IS CARRIED OUT WITH FUNDS RECEIVED FROM MEMBER FEES, DUES, GRANTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS FROM FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.

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GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER:

- ASSIST GIRLS AT THE SAFE HOUSE WITH HOMEWORK & BUSINESS/ VOCATIONAL SKILLS
- OFFICE WORK, MARKETING FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH
- FIND MORE INFORMATION ONLINE AT NAFGEMTANZANIA.ORG

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DONATE:

- OUR PROGRAMS DEPEND MAINLY FROM DONATIONS FROM INSTITUTIONS AND FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.
- IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PROGRAM BOARD

EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH VOCATIONAL SKILLS IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR PROGRAM. THE PICTURES BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE GIRLS MAKE TO GENERATE INCOME FOR THEMSELVES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING, PLEASE COMMUNICATE YOUR INTEREST TO A STAFF MEMBER. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

“MANY LITTLE PEOPLE IN MANY SMALL PLACES, UNDERTAKING MANY MODEST ACTIONS CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD”

AFRICAN PROVERB

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NOTES:

PAMPHLET WILL FEATURE:

- WHAT IS FGM- EFFECTS AND CAUSES, CURRENT SITUATION IN TANZANIA
- WHAT NAFGEM HAS DONE
- WHAT THEY STILL NEED AND HOPE TO DO IN THE FUTURE