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### English News

#### 'If a girl is not cut she'll grow up to be a slut': FGM victim reveals horror of mother having her circumcised as a **BABY** so she wouldn't bring shame on her family

A woman who still suffers from the painful consequences of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) says she doesn't blame her mother for taking her to have the procedure when she was just a baby. [More...](#)

#### All-women shows of new FGM play from National Theatre of Scotland

THE National Theatre of Scotland is to put on its first women-only matinées for its new play about female genital mutilation. [More...](#)

#### In Thailand's Muslim south, authorities turn a blind eye to FGM

Eight-week-old baby Amiyah grimaces when sunlight falls on her face as though she isn't used to the idea of having been born yet. On a Saturday afternoon, in Thailand's southern Pattani province, her Muslim mother has brought her to a small clinic so midwife Dah can slice her clitoris for sunat. [More...](#)

#### Meet the amazing woman running a safe house for girls fleeing FGM

Rhobi Samwelly has founded a safe house in Tanzania for girls to escape their families and the threat of female genital mutilation. She tells Radhika Sanghani how she's saving a community [More...](#)

#### Eradicating FGM in Somaliland One Midwife at a Time

Hargeisa — It was 9 p.m. when a little girl arrived in critical condition at the maternity teaching hospital in Hargeisa. She had been bleeding all day after undergoing female genital mutilation (FGM) that morning. "When she is brought to us, she is almost dead," recalled Edna Adan Ismail, the founder of the hospital and a pioneer in the effort to eradicate FGM in Somaliland. [More...](#)

#### Gambia: GAMCOTRAP Sensitises District Authorities, Opinion Leaders On FGM

The Gambia Committee on Traditional Practices that affect the health of women and children, GAMCOTRAP, recently sensitised authorities and opinion leaders in the lower and central Badibou districts on the harmful effects of female genital mutilation and other traditional practices inimical to the health and well-being of women. [More...](#)

#### Tanzania: School Children Join Fight Against FGM and Child Marriages

The war against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and child marriages has gained momentum in Tarime District of Mara Region following the establishment of clubs in schools. [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.

