



## Welcome To INTACT E-newsletter

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### English News

#### FGM: more than 2,600 treated by the NHS since September

More than 2,603 women and girls who went through female genital mutilation have been treated by the NHS since September, according to updated official figures. [More...](#)

#### 500 new cases of female genital mutilation in one month are 'just the tip of the iceberg', campaigners warn

Five hundred women and girls living in England have been identified as victims of female genital mutilation in just one month, new figures show. And campaigners have warned the numbers represent 'just the tip of the iceberg', estimating more than 130,000 women and girls in the country are affected by the issue. [More...](#)

#### FGM Remains Rampant in Some Kenyan Communities

The United Nations has pledged since 2012 to eliminate FGM, and billions of dollars have been spent creating awareness of the dangers it creates. But in a remote rural district in southwest Kenya, the practice is deeply rooted, and the community doesn't shy away from what it is doing. [More...](#)

#### Female genital mutilation persists in rural Egypt

CAIRO — I vividly remember, when I was little, those collective ceremonies that our neighbors from rural areas — from Upper Egypt in particular — used to have for their daughters. They used to hand out sweet rice dishes and the girls used to wear brand new white clothes, as if they were brides. [More...](#)

#### French lessons for tackling female genital mutilation

BBC Inside Out investigates why there have been no successful prosecutions for female genital mutilation (FGM) even though it has been a criminal offence in Britain for 30 years. [More...](#)

#### Alternatives to female genital mutilation on the rise in Kenya

Girls in patched black and red overalls dance down a narrow lane in the light of dawn. They sing. They worship. They praise. They're entering their adult lives through a new ceremony designed to buck a tradition that has injured so many of their ancestors. [More...](#)

#### In Egypt, social pressure means FGM is still the norm

Awataf Mohamed Ali's son lies fast asleep on her lap, but her 10-year-old daughter, Shahd, is very much awake. In fact, she looks horrified. Ali has just calmly explained that in just 18 months' time, if she can find a doctor willing to help, Shahd will probably be subjected to female genital mutilation. [More...](#)

#### Female Circumcision Is Becoming More Popular in Malaysia

I meet 19-year-old Syahiera Atika at the mall. She spends most Sundays prowling Kuala Lumpur's mega malls like other women her age, but as she eagerly points out she's also different. Syahiera is a modern incarnation of Malay culture: She happily embraces Western-style capitalism, while at the same time strictly following the local interpretation of Islam. And as she proudly informs me, that also means she's circumcised. [More...](#)

## Tanzania: Anti-FGM Initiative Frustrated By Lack of Will

Moshi — MAASAI women take part in a traditional event. Often they are forced to undergo FGM. MS Honorata Raymond is a Programme Manager for the Network Against Female Genital Mutilation (NAFGEM). She says they are aware of new methods initiated by the perpetrators who want to stick to the outdated FGM practices, but NAFGEM is all out to weigh a total crusade against all of them. [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.

