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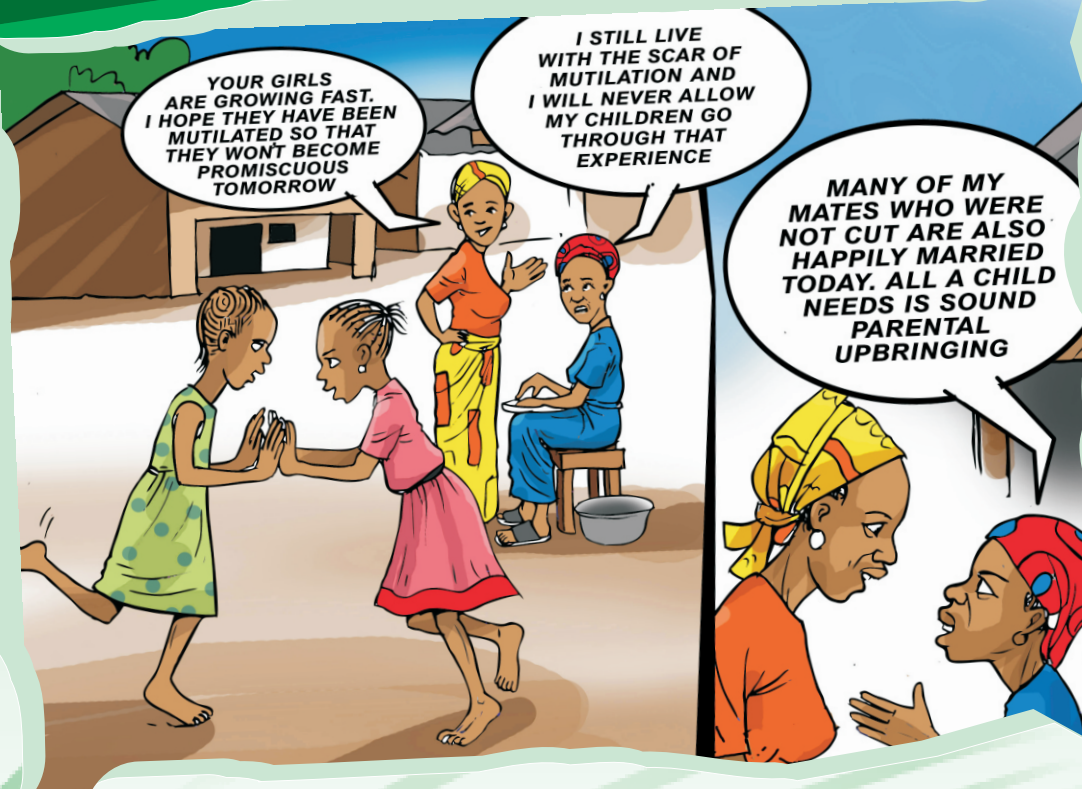


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KEY INFORMATION ON
**ENDING FEMALE
GENITAL MUTILATION**

CARTOON ILLUSTRATIONS

Ending Female Genital Mutilation



20 MILLION women and girls in Nigeria have undergone Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Nigeria has the highest absolute number of FGM cases in the world representing 10% of the world's total.

Female Genital Mutilation refers to all procedures which involve the total or partial removal of all or part of the external female genitalia for cultural or non-medical reasons.

64.3%

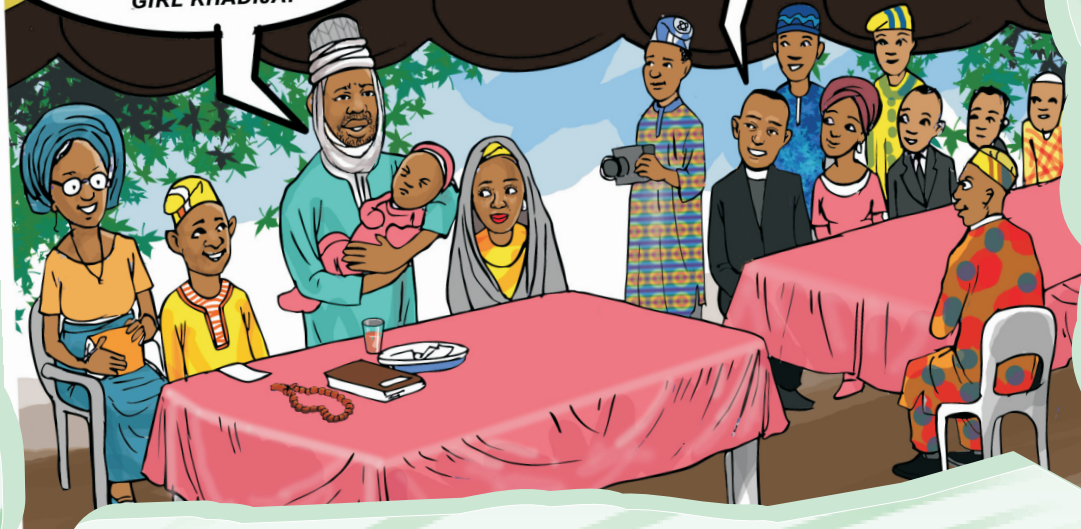
64.3% of women in Nigeria agree that Female Genital Mutilation should stop—Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey Report, NDHS2013.

FGM has tragic health implications for girls and women.

Ending Female Genital Mutilation

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IN ISLAM, IT IS INSTRUCTED THAT
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OF ISLAM. QURAN 4:59. THE LAW OF
NIGERIA FORBIDS FEMALE GENITAL
MUTILATION THROUGH THE
VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSONS
PROHIBITION ACT 2015.
I NAME THIS BEAUTIFUL
GIRL KHADIJAT**

**YES! FEMALE
GENITAL
MUTILATION
IS ALSO NOT
INSTRUCTED
AT ALL BY THE
BIBLE**



Female Genital Mutilation is not required by any religion. It is neither mentioned in the Bible nor fundamental in the Quran.

There are no penalties in the Holy Books for not mutilating the girl child.

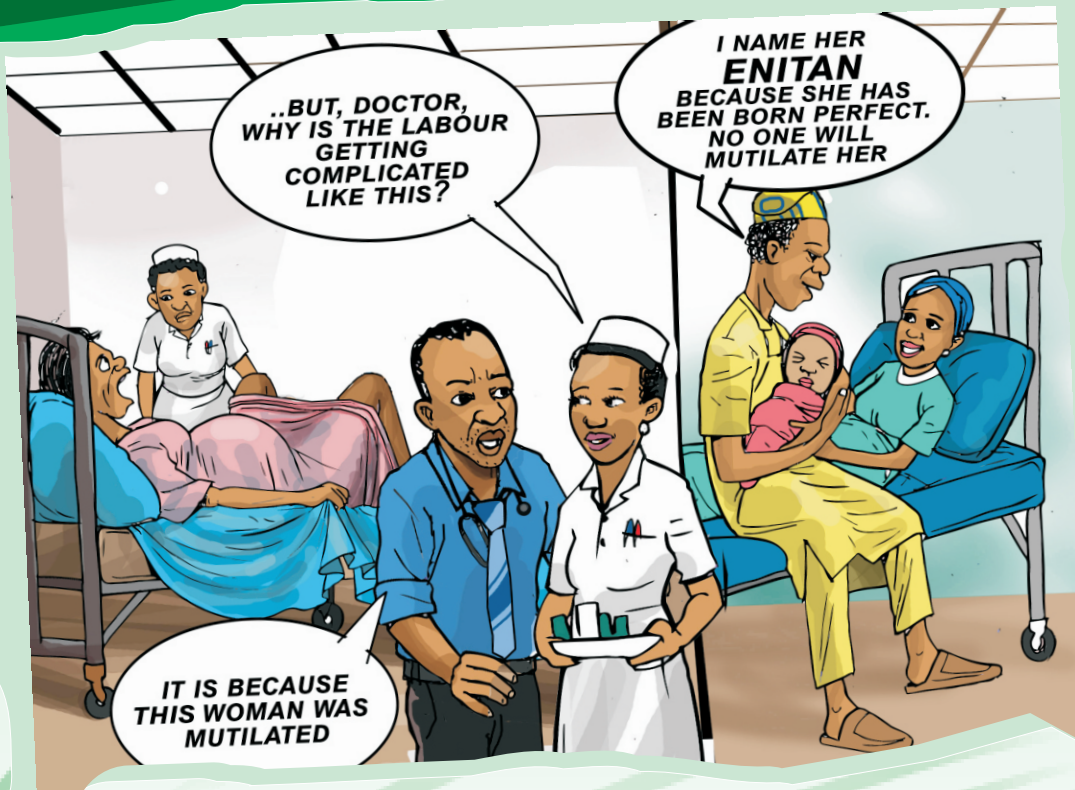


Female Genital Mutilation is banned in Nigeria and criminal according to the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act, 2015.



Mentions of 'circumcision' in the Bible is available in 1 Corinthians 7:19, Genesis 17: 10-14. 13 states in Nigeria also have laws prohibiting FGM.

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Girls and women who had undergone FGM are prone to complications during child delivery because of the scars and keloids around their genitalia. This can also lead to fistula –leakage of urine and faeces from a woman's body.

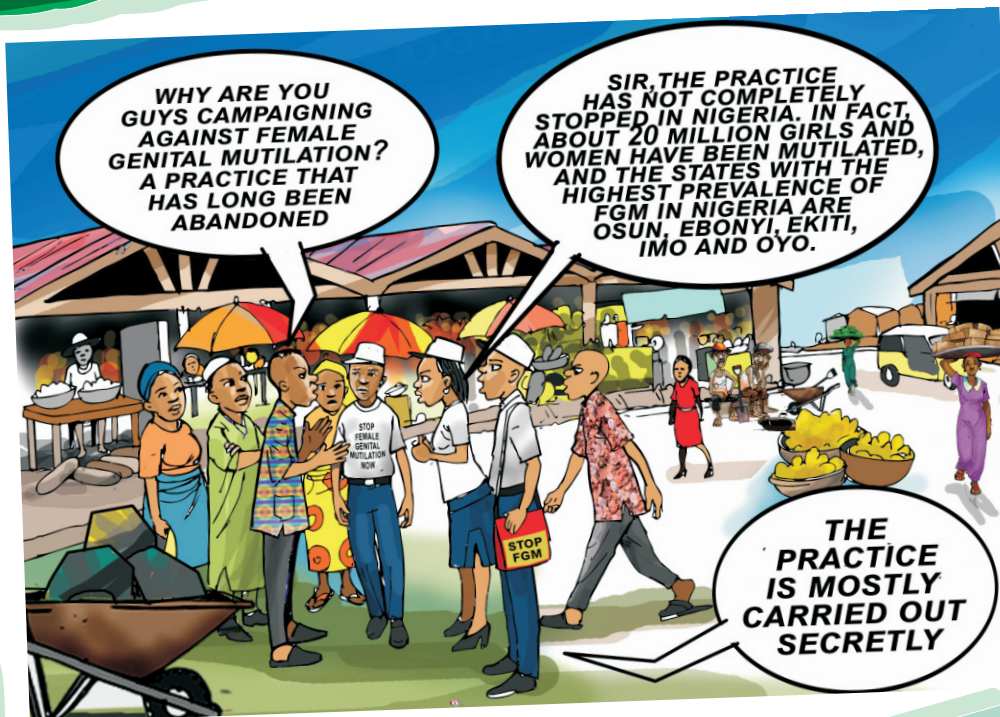


About 85% of Vesico Vaginal Fistula (VVF) patients in the country are victims of Female Genital Mutilation - The Nation Newspaper, October 14, 2016.

62.1%

62.1% men in Nigeria believe that FGM should be stopped - NDHS Report, 2013.

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In Nigeria, the South East and South West zones have the highest FGM prevalence — 49% and 47.5% respectively.

4.8%

Between 2008 and 2013, the prevalence of FGM in Nigeria dropped by 4.8% given the national prevalence.



However, due to increase in population globally, number of girls and women cut will increase if nothing is done, even if prevalence levels decline - United Nations Children's Fund, 2014



Creating awareness and providing factual information for behaviour change using different outlets will quicken the abandonment of FGM by 2030 when the Sustainable Development Goals expires.



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