

# Guinea

## COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

### FGM prevalence among girls and women aged 15 to 49 by year



### FGM: Drivers, Prevalence, Attitudes and Progress Towards Elimination



#### FGM Drivers and Practitioners

- Community gender roles and expectations regarding women's sexuality and preventing premarital sex among girls are drivers of FGM.<sup>1</sup>
- 65% of FGM cases is performed by traditional practitioners and 35% by health-care providers.<sup>1</sup>



#### FGM Prevalence and Attitudes

- 50% of girls aged 0 to 14 and 27% of girls aged 0 to 4 were subjected to FGM.<sup>2</sup>
- 44% of women aged 15 to 49 believe that FGM should be continued.
- 41% of girls undergo FGM between ages 5 and 9.<sup>2</sup>



#### Progress Towards the Elimination of FGM

- Need to accelerate efforts at least 100 times to eliminate FGM by 2030.



### Key Partners

**Government:** Direction Nationale de la Promotion Féminine et du Genre, du Ministère de la Promotion Féminine, Enfance et Personnes Vulnérables, Secrétariat Général des Affaires Religieuses, Office de Protection du Genre, de l'Enfance et des Mœurs (OPROGEM) du Ministère de la Sécurité et de la Protection Civile, Service Central de Protection des Personnes Vulnérables (CSPPV) – Gendarmerie/Ministère de la Défense Nationale, 8 Gouvernorats des Régions, Les Institutions d'Enseignement Supérieur et les Établissements Scolaires, Les Écoles de santé.

**Non-Governmental Organizations:** Structures et réseaux des jeunes (filles et garçons), 2 KD nikoten, Centre d'autonomisation et de protection des droits des femmes, Accompagnement des Forces d'Actions Sociocommunitaires, Action pour la Santé et le Développement Fédération Mounafanyi de Kindia, Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée (young girls organization), ONG Mafubo Guinée.



### Key Programme Results in 2023



Number of girls and women who receive prevention and protection services on FGM:

Target: 1,000 → Achievement: 4,687



Number of people engaged in a public declaration that they will abandon the practice of FGM:

Target: 5,000 → Achievement: 103,241



Number of grass-roots/community-based organizations and action groups that are integrated within coalitions and networks of youth, feminist and women's entrepreneurs working on the elimination of FGM:

Target: 310 → Achievement: 693



Number of girls aged 0 to 14 years saved from FGM through the community-level surveillance system to monitor compliance supported by the Joint Programme:

Target: 110,256 → Achievement: 4,687



Number of communities that made a public declaration of abandonment of FGM that have established a community-level surveillance system to monitor compliance:

Target: 1,400 → Achievement: 376



### Spotlighted Intervention

A whole-of-community approach was used to implement gender-transformative activities. This included strengthening the capacities of women-led and women's rights associations and organizations working to end FGM; bolstering commune, local and district FGM protection structures to protect women and girls from FGM; and involving community members to raise awareness and serve as community mentors to protect those at risk. Further, "model families" and youth using sports were engaged to promote the rights of women and girls and raise awareness about FGM and other forms of gender-based violence. As a result, 13 family savings and credit associations to support FGM abandonment were created; 323 new families pledged to stop FGM within their families and work to end it in their communities. In addition, 376 new villages made public declarations to abandon FGM.

<sup>1</sup> Mamadou Dioulde Balde et al., 2022. "Involving the Health Sector in the Prevention and Care of FGM: Results from formative research in Guinea." *Reproductive Health* 19(156).

<sup>2</sup> Guinea Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2018.