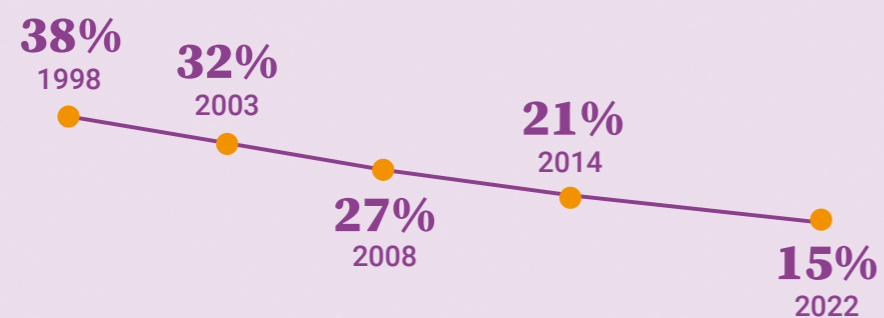


# Kenya

## 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

- FGM considered as a rite of passage to womanhood, sign of chastity, purity and cleanliness, and symbol of ethnic identity.<sup>1</sup>



#### FGM Prevalence and Attitudes

- FGM declined from 21% in 2014 to 15% in 2022. The prevalence in Somali communities in Kenya, however, ranges from 78 to 97.5%.<sup>2</sup>



#### Progress Towards the Elimination of FGM

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



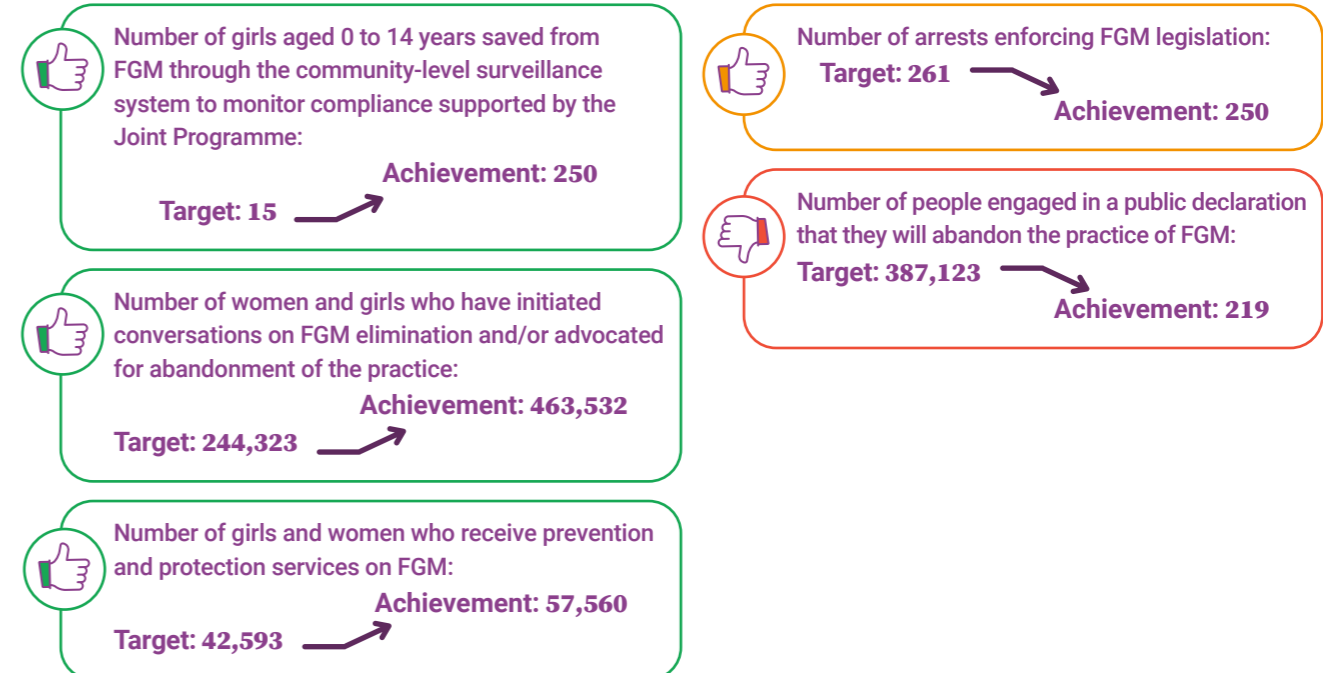
### Key Partners

**Government:** Anti-FGM Board under the State Department of Gender; county governments of Garissa, Narok, Isiolo, Bungoma, Nairobi and Baringo; and departments of health, Directorate of Children Services.

**Non-Governmental Organizations:** World Vision Kenya, CISP – International Committee for the Development of Peoples, Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance, Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development, FilmAid Kenya, Population Media Centre, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung, Centre for Rights Education and Awareness, Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa, Men END FGM Foundation, Umoja Development Organization, Illaramatak Community Concerns, Brighter Societies Initiative.



### Key Programme Results in 2023



### Spotlights Intervention

The Government of Kenya launched male engagement as a fifth thematic area under the State Department of Gender and Affirmative Action, Directorate of Gender Mainstreaming, making it a major strategy in addressing gender-based violence, including FGM and child marriage, as well as teenage pregnancies. The Joint Programme supported the translation of this commitment into 11 resource materials (briefs, studies, articles and op-eds) on engaging men in ending FGM.<sup>3</sup> These resources were widely disseminated to raise awareness and encourage actions by men, alongside women and communities, to end FGM.

<sup>1</sup> Mohammed, M., et al., 2023. "Factors Linked to Female Genital Mutilation Practice Among Women Living In Alungu Village of Mandera County, Kenya." East African Health Research Journal 7(1): 109–115.

<sup>2</sup> Kenya Demographic and Health Survey 2022.

<sup>3</sup> The resources include: "Youth Leaders Innovate to Pave the Way for Ending Female Genital Mutilation and Child Marriage by 2030"; "Challenging Cultural Norms: A male champion's journey to end FGM"; "My Work Towards Ending FGM in Samburu County: A field diary by UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel member Frank Leseketeti"; "Nitasimama Imara' Men and Boys Network Rallies to End FGM and Promote Gender Equality in Elgeyo Marakwet County"; "Active Involvement of Men, Boys Can Help Bring FGM to an End"; "4.3 Million Girls at Risk of FGM in 2023 – UN"; "The Young Men Fighting FGM, Child Marriage in Baringo"; "UN Wants Men and Boys Engaged in the Fight Against FGM"; "Kwo-Kwop Boi, A Men's Forum Fighting Harmful Traditions"; "Meet the Young Man Standing Up for Girls in Kerio Valley"; and "FGM Rescue Centre Set Up in Marakwet".