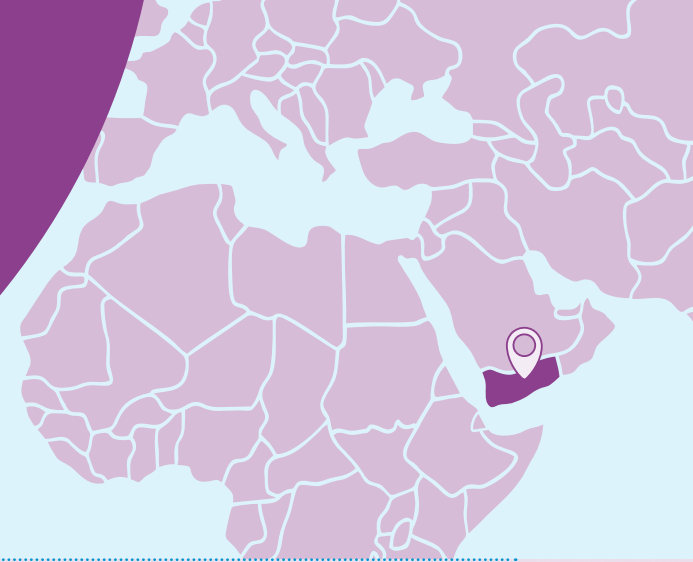


Yemen

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 Type I and Type II are the most prevalent forms of the practice.
- Most FGM is performed by traditional practitioners (85%), followed by health workers (13%).



FGM Prevalence and Attitudes

- Almost one in five girls and women has undergone FGM, with the practice most common in the southern and eastern parts of Yemen.¹
- Nearly 9 in 10 girls who experience FGM do so within their first week of life.¹

- Around three in four girls and women think the practice should stop.¹
- Among women, a mother's own experience of having undergone FGM, her desire to continue the tradition, the maternal age (over 40 years) and a rural location are significant predictors of FGM among the youngest daughters.²
- Among men, the father's desire to continue FGM as a tradition is a factor in youngest daughters undergoing FGM.²



Progress Towards the Elimination of FGM

- FGM medicalization is increasing, from 8%³ in 1997 to 12.8%¹ in 2013.
- No legislation criminalizes FGM.
- Need to accelerate efforts at least 10 times to eliminate FGM by 2030.



Key Partners

Non-Governmental Organizations: Deem for Development Organization and Human Access.



Key Programme Results in 2023



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: 10 → Achievement: 105



Number of individuals (boys, girls, women and men) reached by mass media messaging on FGM, women's and girls' rights, and gender equality:

Target: 500,000 → Achievement: 249,922



Number of women and girls who have initiated conversations on FGM elimination and/or advocated for abandonment of the practice:

Target: 700 → Achievement: 1,337



Number of religious leaders and community/traditional influencers who publicly denounce FGM practices:

Target: 200 → Achievement: 82



Number of people (women and girls, men and boys) engaged through community platforms in reflective dialogue towards eliminating discriminatory social and gender norms and harmful practices that affect girls and women:

Target: 700 → Achievement: 8,056



Spotlighted Intervention

Two youth safe spaces were established in 2023 in Mukalla, Hadramout Governorate and Al Mokha, Hodeidah Governorate. Youth conducted community outreach activities to build awareness of FGM and its harms. Their motto, "Youth End FGM", is widely displayed in both English and Arabic in taxis and public places.

¹ 2013 Yemen Demographic and Health Survey. Website: <https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR296/FR296.pdf>.

² Mansour Abdu Al-Taj, et al., 2023. "Prevalence and Drivers of Female Genital Mutilation in Three Coastal Governorates in Yemen." BMC Public Health 23(1363).

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