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New policies to improve the quality of services on FGM in Djibouti.

Mapping gender-based violence policies programmes and services:

UNFPA office in Djibouti and the Arab states regional office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Family, conducted a mapping of existing policies, programmes and services related to gender based violence as part of an initiative launched by Asro to establish the minimum essential package of services for the care of victims of GBV, including FGM.

The mapping study revealed the needs to improve GBV data collection, build the capacity of GBV prevention and case management staff, strengthen GBV-related policies and develop specific legal texts on GBV. *Photo © UNFPA Djibouti*

Communicating to change behavior towards FGM

On 18 November, UNFPA presented a communication strategy on sustainable behavioral change for the abandonment of FGM to its implementing partners. The strategy was developed as part of the joint UNFPA/UNICEF FGM programme under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Women and Family based on four key components: community mobilization, administrative mobilization, interpersonal communication, and advertising. *Photo © UNFPA Djibouti.*



Youth engagement in the fight against FGM in Djibouti

Campaign against medicalization of FGM and more

The Y-PEER network launched a social media campaign against FGM on 6 -13 February engaging 2,456 young people in discussions on the harmful effects of FGM, the need to adopt a law criminalizing the practice, and the emergence of FGM medicalization. *Photo © UNFPA Djibouti*

Using social networks to combat GFM

On 5 September, UNFPA and the Djibouti Association for balance and family wellbeing organized a training in the national institute of public administration for young peer educators on the use of FGM –related networks.

A total of 36 young men and women from groups and association received a training on the use of social networks to share information on FGM and sexual health of adolescents and young people from a human rights perspective.

The training focused on selecting the most adequate social networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Linked....) for different target audiences.

It also looked at ways to plan, execute and measure the impact of a communication strategy. The training also revived the role of UNFPA supported youth- friendly center, where young people are able to meet express themselves and exchange knowledge. *Photo © UNFPA Djibouti*



The community at the heart of change for the fight against FGM

Promoting community involvement in development projects

As part of the project 'Community Development Mutual', the Ministry of Women and Family launched the Exchange Forum on community involvement in development projects that promote resilience and empowerment of women through the declarations of commitment to end FGM and adherence to family planning. The Forum was attended by the Minister of Women, Ms. Moumina Houmed Hassan, UNFPA's Officer, Ms. Aicha Ibrahim, parliamentarians and representatives of civil society and local authorities from the regions.

The Forum aimed to promote the exchange of experiences among community mutuals in the regions on their efforts to maintain a community dialogue for behavior change in favor of the use of family planning services but also the commitment to abandonment of MG through ongoing education sessions on reproductive health and FGM and the establishment of a mechanism to monitor community activities.

The community forum has enabled UNFPA to reach the public declaration of abandonment of two communities in the regions of Arta and the declaration of adherence to family planning for men and women from 10 localities in the regions of inside.

The initiative of the Community's integrated approach has its share of active potential community and institutional commitment to mobilize EU with additional financial resources for the next three years to come.

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Women leaders fighting against FGM.

The National Union of Djiboutian Women in collaboration with UNFPA organized a training workshop on the referral of gender-based violence/FGM's survivors to care facilities on 18-19 June. 84 women and girls leaders in Djibouti received the training, which aimed to sensitize them to the harmful impacts of FGM and raise their awareness about the care and referral protocol. The workshop concluded with the signing of a declaration where the 84 participants have declared their abandonment of FGM and commitment to support its survivors. Photo © UNFPA Djibouti

Shamikats network declares abandoning FGM

UNFPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Muslim Affairs and Wafqs, organized training on Results-Based Management, and the development of specific communication materials for the Shamikats network.

This has enabled 25 members of the National Network of Faith-Based Religions to be trained in results-based management, better planning and identification of priority actions for 2019 and a public statement (below) on FGM:

“We declare that FGM is an inherited habit. It has several approved bad psychological, health, and social consequences. It does not have any legitimate religious support. It should be immediately stopped. Because we keen to prevent harm and bring good, and in accordance with Djiboutian laws, we also declare that we are committed to refrain from practicing it within our own families as a practical model for others, and we will work hard with concerned partners to get rid of it our society.”

This statement was released on various communication platforms and highlighted the ongoing commitment of religious leaders to bring about behavioral change to this harmful practice. Photo © UNFPA Djibouti



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إنه في يوم الثلاثاء الموافق الحادي عشر من شهر ديسمبر ٢٠١٨، وفي نهاية الورشة التدريبية حول " الإدارة بالنتائج " نعلن نحن أعضاء "شبكة شامكات الإيمانية" فرج جيبوتي أن ختان الإناث هو عادة متوارثة ثبت أن لها أضرار نفسية وصحية ومجتمعية عيدة، وأنها ليست واجبا شرعيا، ويجدر التوقف عن ممارستها في الحال، ومن منطلق منع الضرر والحرص على المصلحة وإنفاذا للقوانين المعمول بها بجيبوتي فنحن ملتزمون بالإمتناع عن ممارستها في أسرنا كنموذج عملي لما يجب أن تكون عليه بقية الأسر، وسنعمل جادين بالتعاون مع الشركاء المعنيين بنفس الأمر

An integrated approach to the protection and support services for victims of FGM

Updating the Protocol Standards on Essential Package in SRH-FGM

The Midwifery School in collaboration with UNFPA formed a committee of eight members to update the Protocol on Essential Package Standards: Sexual and Reproductive Health and FGM on 31 April to 5 May. The role of the committee was to review the essential modules of SRH/FGM and include them in the training curricula for midwifery students. Photo © UNFPA Djibouti

Training parliamentarians and police officers

As part of the promotion and protection of Human Rights in Djibouti, including the rights to sexual and reproductive health, UNFPA in collaboration with the National Commission for Human Rights have organized training courses for parliamentary and judicial police officers and magistrates for the vulgarization of reproductive rights related to FGM on 6, 17 and 18 December 2018 in Djibouti. These trainings are based on the results of a study that was conducted in 2017 and demonstrated the gaps in the reporting and management of FGM victims in the national juridic system. These trainings enabled 25 officers and magistrates, as well as 30 parliamentarians, to become aware of the problems related to the response and protection of victims of FGM. The National Human Rights Commission reiterated its commitment to advocacy and improved follow-up of complaints. Judicial police officers and magistrates are determined to ensure that cases of female genital mutilation are taken care of and that perpetrators of crimes are prosecuted. Photo © UNFPA Djibouti





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