

Global Consultation

on

Female Genital Mutilation/Female Genital Cutting
(FGM/FGC)

Organized by



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Programme



Venue: United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Date: 30th July to 3rd August, 2007

Your Participation is key

Purpose of the Global Consultation

To bring together, Governments, donors, UN agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, law enforcement institutions, human rights activists and research institutions to develop a Global Road Map to accelerate the elimination of FGM/FGC.

Objectives

- Share strategies that work for scaling up the global effort to eliminate FGM/FGC;
- Identify gaps in the existing policies and laws on FGM/FGC;
- Identify culturally sensitive approaches for sustainable abandonment of the practice;
- Propose mechanisms for building the capacity of implementing organizations;
- Consider strategies for mobilizing resources for scaling up FGM/FGC elimination efforts; and
- Agree on key elements for Global Road Map for accelerating the elimination of FGM/FGC.

Planned Results

1. New partnerships built between UNFPA, other UN Agencies, development partners, research institutions, funding agencies, NGOs and Civil Society organizations to advocate with one voice for increased attention and funding for FGM/FGC interventions for accelerating the elimination of this practice.
2. Recent developments in social sciences which point to alteration of norms and values within societies with respect to the abandonment of harmful practices shared.
3. Lessons learned and best practices shared.
4. Consensus reached on mechanism for scaling up best practices through partner collaboration globally.
5. A consensus on key elements for the Global Road Map for accelerating the elimination of FGM/FGC.

Monday 30th July

9.00-10.30: Official Opening

Chair: Ms. Fama Ba, Director UNFPA Africa Division
Rapporteur: Ms. Faiza Benhadid, Gender Adviser, UNFPA/CST Amman

- Welcome Address: *Mr. Benson Morah, Director, UNFPA CSTAA*
- Key Note Address: *Ms. Fama Ba, Director, Africa Division*
- Objectives, planned results and programme: *Ms. Margaret Thuo, Adviser, Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) and Advocacy, UNFPA/CSTAA*
- Logistics announcement: *Ms. Bethlehem Solomon, Senior Admin/Finance Assistant, CSTAA*

10.30-11.00: Tea/Coffee Break

Chair: Ms. Aminata Toure, Chief, Gender, Culture and Human Rights Branch, TSD, UNFPA HQ
Rapporteur: Ms. Safiatu Singateh, Gender Adviser, UNFPA/CST Harare

11.00- 1.00: Where are we with FGM/FGC Globally?

- Global Trend and Prevalence of FGM/FGC; Development of Data Analysis tools for Measuring Changes in FGM/FGC practice: *Ms. Maria Gabriella De Vita, Adviser, Gender and Traditional Harmful Practices, UNICEF NYHQ (20 minutes)*
- Linkages of Maternal and New-born Mortality with FGM/FGC: *Dr. Guyo Jaldesa, Consultant, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, WHO PI (15 minutes)*
- Promulgation of laws: *Ms Faiza Mohamed, Regional Director Africa, Equality Now (15 minutes)*
- Discussion *(70 minutes)*

1.00-2.00: Lunch

Chair: Mr. Coulibaly Sidiki, UNFPA Representative, Nigeria
Rapporteur: Ms. Silje Heitman, JPO, UNFPA Eritrea

2.00-4.00 FGM/FGC Changing patterns and practices

- Latest Developments in Social Sciences: FGM/FGC as a self-enforcing social convention: basic principles: *Ms. Francesca Moneti, Sr. Child Rights Officer, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (15 minutes)*
- Medicalization of FGM/FGC
 - Trends and Global View: *Dr. Elise B. Johansen, WHO (15 Minutes)*
 - Case study in Egypt: *Dr. Mohamed Farid, Project officer, RH Services, MOHP, Egypt (15 minutes)*
- Emerging community strategies to maintain FGM/FGC practice:
 - *Dr. Kemal Mustafa UNFPA Representative, Kenya (15 minutes)*
 - *Dr. Hassan Mohtashami, UNFPA Representative, ai, Uganda, (15 minutes)*
- Discussion *(45 minutes)*

4.00-4.30 Coffee/Tea

Chair: Ms. Maria Gabriella DeVita, Adviser, Gender and Traditional Harmful Practices UNICEF NY HQ
Rapporteur: Ms. Tabeyin Gedlu, Programme Communication Officer, UNICEF Ethiopia

4.00-5.30 Effects of FGM on Achievement of MDGs and Human Rights: *Ms. Seynabou Tall, Gender Adviser, UNFPA/CSTAA (20 minutes)*

- Discussion *(40 minutes)*

Tuesday 31st July

Chair: Dr. Suzanne Konate-Maiga, UNFPA Representative, Senegal
Rapporteur: Ms. Judith Karogo, Programme Officer, UNFPA Kenya

8.30-10.30 Cost implications of FGM/FGC practice

- FGM in relation to Women and Girls' Rights: Experiences of *No Peace without Justice*: Ms. Alvida Jablonko, FGM Program, No Peace without Justice (15 minutes)
- Denial of women's rights and insights on new approaches to gender equity: "CARE's Strategic Impact Inquiry on Women's Empowerment and FGC Elimination in Awash": Ms. Haregewien Admassu, Gender Adviser, CARE Ethiopia (15 minutes)
- Psychological and Socio-cultural implications: Ms. Faiza Benhadid, Gender Adviser, CST Amman (15 minutes)
- Economic and Health Costs: Dr. Gebreselassie Okubagzhi, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank (15 minutes)
- Discussion (60 minutes)

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

Chair: Dr. Babaniyi Olusegun, WHO Representative, Ethiopia
Rapporteur: Ms. Stella Akinso, Programme Adviser, UNFPA Nigeria

11.00-1.00 Experiences/Lessons learned and best practices in the Abandonment of FGM/FGC

- The Politics of FGM/FGC, Partnership building and community accountability mechanism: Case Study Uganda Ms. Margaret Thuo, Adviser, BCC & Advocacy, UNFPA/CST AA (15 minutes)
- Working with Masai Communities: Ms. Judith Karogo, Programme Officer, UNFPA Kenya (15 minutes)
- Community Conversation: Country Experiences: Ms. Isatou Touray, Secretary General, IAC (15 minutes)
- Socio-cultural contribution to the elimination of FGM/FGC: Mr. Ali Hashim Sarag, Socio Cultural/Religious Expert, Sudan (15 minutes)
- Lessons Learned from the Operations Research: Ms. Maryam Sheikh Abdi, Program Officer, Population Council, Nairobi (15 minutes)
- Discussion (45 minutes)

1.00-2.00 Lunch

Chair: Mr. Dirk Jena, UNFPA Representative, Eritrea
Rapporteur: Ms. Brenda Malinga, Programme Officer, UNFPA Uganda

2.00-4.00 Strategies that work: scaling up and lobbying for a global effort

- Community-led developments using Social Convention Theory, Diffusion models and social networking Mr. Malick Diagne, Deputy Director, Tostan (15 minutes)
- Community Conversation Model: Dr. Bogaletch Gebre, Founder, Kembatta Mentti Gezzima, Ethiopia (15 minutes)
- Coordinated strategy for the abandonment of FGM/C: Main elements goals and objectives Ms. Maria Gabriella DeVita, Adviser, Gender and Traditional Harmful Practices UNICEF NYHQ (15 minutes)
- Experiences on FGM/FGC interventions with the Norwegian Support: Dr. Berit Audstveg, Senior Adviser, NORAD (15 minutes)
- FGM Abandonment: Mali Experience: Ms. Josephine Keïta, Director, National Programme for the Elimination of FGM/FGC, Mali (15 minutes)
- Monitoring and Evaluation including Development Indicators: Ms. Laura Raney, Program Associate, FRONTIERS, Population Council, Washington DC (15 minutes)

4.00-4.30 Tea/Coffee

4.30-5.30 Discussion and Consensus Building on Strategies that work (90 minutes)

Wednesday 1st August

Chair: Ms. Berhane Ras-Work, Executive Director, IAC Geneva
Rapporteur: Ms. Jane Shuma, Coordinator, Anti FGM Coalition, Network on Legal & Human Rights, Tanzania

8.30-10.30 Identification of gaps in Policies and laws on FGM/FGC: Panel discussion

- Support for International Instruments and harmonization of Traditional/Religious and Statutory Laws *Advocate Ibrahim Lethome Asmani, Kenya High Court (15 Minutes)*
- Enforcement of the existing laws and policies pertaining to elimination of FGM/FGC: *His Worship Simon Peter Odo, Senior Magistrate, Kapchorwa Uganda (15 Minutes)*
- Ensuring public understanding of the relevant legal provisions (legal literacy): *Ms. Mariam Lamizana, Honorary President, IAC (15 Minutes)*
- Advocating for political and community accountability in the elimination of FGM/FGC: *Imam Afiz Ambekema, Benin (15 Minutes)*
- Discussion (60 Minutes)

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

Chair: Dr. Kemal Mustafa, UNFPA Representative, Kenya
Rapporteur: Ms. Sawsan Al-Refai, Gender Programme Officer, UNFPA Yemen

11.00-1.00 Culturally sensitive approaches for sustainable abandonment of the FGM/FGC practice (Panel Discussion)

- Culturally sensitive communication Approach to support shifts in FGM/FGC related Social Norms *Ms. Tabeyin Gedlu, Programme Communication Officer, UNICEF Ethiopia (15 Minutes)*
- Five Dimensional Approaches in Community Mobilization: Ethiopia Experience *Mr. Abebe Kebede, Executive Director, EGLDAM (15 Minutes)*
- Regional Experiences: *Mrs. Faiza Mohamed, Regional Director, Equality Now on Human Rights (15 Minutes)*
- UNFPA perspectives on Cultural Sensitive Approaches: *Ms. Miriam Jato, Senior Gender Adviser, UNFPA Africa Division (15 minutes)*
- Face of FGM/FGC in Southern Africa: *Ms. Safiatu Singhateh, Gender Adviser, UNFPA CST Harare (15 minutes)*
- Discussion (60 minutes)

1.00-2.00 Lunch

Chair: Ms. Sandra Jordan, Sr. Technical Adviser for Outreach, Office of Population & RH, USAID, Washington DC
Rapporteur: Dr. Mohamed Farid, Project officer, RH Services, Ministry of Health, Egypt

2.00-4.00 Building the capacity of managers and implementers on planning/implementing/evaluating and scaling up FGM/FGC innovative interventions (Panel Discussion)

- Egypt Experiences: *Dr. Magdi Helmy, Director of Health Programmes, CARITAS (15 minutes)*
- Uganda Experiences: *Ms. Beatrice Chelangat, Coordinator, REACH Uganda (15 minutes)*
- Djibouti Experiences: *Ms. Safia Elmi Djinril, Director of Mother and Child Health, (15 minutes)*
- Sudan Experience: *Ms. Fatma Abdel Fattal, Executive Director, Sudanese Network on FGM/FGC (15 minutes)*
- Discussion (60 minutes)

4.00-4.30 Tea/Coffee

Chair: Ms. Bintou Sanogoh, Director, UNFPA/CST Dakar
Rapporteur: Ms. Abebech Alemneh, Programme Officer/Admin, Inter Africa Committee, Addis Ababa

4.30-5.30 Counselling and/or treatment of FGM/FGC complications

- Regional Experiences: *Dr. Gebreselassie Okubagzhi, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank (15 minutes)*
- Discussion (45 minutes)

Thursday 2nd August

Chair: Mr. Faysal Abdel Gadir, UNFPA Representative, Egypt

Rapporteur: Ms. Linda Osarenren, Sr. Programme Officer, Inter Africa Committee, Addis Ababa

8.30-10.30 Resource mobilization for scaling up elimination efforts of FGM/FGC globally (Panel Discussion)

- Ms. Fama Ba, Director, Africa Division, UNFPA (15 minutes)
- Ms. Cecile Charot, Deputy Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium (15 minutes)
- Ms. Layla Shaaban, Programme Analyst, Office of Population and RH, USAID (15 minutes)
- Ms. Susan Gibbs, Consulting Programme Officer, Wallace Foundation (15 minutes)
- Dr. Berit Audstveg, Senior Adviser, NORAD (15 minutes)
- Discussion (45 minutes)

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

Chair: Dr. Berit Audstveg, Senior Adviser, NORAD

Rapporteur: Dr. Abonesh Haile Mariam, Programme Officer, Family Health, WHO Ethiopia

11.00-12.30 Global Partnership Building for the elimination of FGM/FGC

- Joint Programming: Ms. Aminata Toure, Chief, Gender, Culture and Human Rights Branch, TSD, UNFPA HQ (15 minutes)
- Donors Working Group on FGM/C and the elaboration of a common framework for the abandonment of FGM/FGC: Ms. Francesca Moneti, Sr. Child Rights Officer, UNICEF IRC (15 minutes)
- Monitoring (prevalence and trend) and evaluation of interventions: Dr. Ann McCauley, Sr. RH Technical Adviser/Programme Officer, USAID (15 minutes)
- Research on emerging issues: Dr. Mary Anne Burke, Health Analyst/Statistician, Global Forum for Health Research (15 minutes)
- Discussion (30 minutes)

Chair: Dr. Hassan Mohtashami, UNFPA Representative, ai, Uganda

Rapporteur: Ms. Seynabou Tall, Adviser, Gender, UNFPA CST Addis Ababa

12.30-1:15 Development of a Global Strategy for accelerating the elimination of FGM/FGC

Facilitators: Ms. Maryam Sheikh Abdi, Programme Officer & Ms. Laura Raney, Programme Associate, Population Council

- Brainstorming on the purpose and objectives of the Road Map for accelerating the elimination of FGM/FGC
- Guide for the Group Work

1.15-2.15 Lunch

2.15-3.30 Working Groups

3.30-4.00 Tea/Coffee

4.00-5.30 Working Groups continues

Friday 3rd August

Chair: Dr. Monique Rakotomalala, UNFPA Representative, Ethiopia
Rapporteur: Dr. Kidest Lulu, RH Specialist and FGM Focal Person, USAID Ethiopia

8:30-10:30 Group Presentations, Plenary Discussions and consensus building facilitated by:
Ms. Maryam Sheikh Abdi, Programme Officer & Ms. Laura Raney, Programme Associate, Population Council

10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee*

11:00-12:30 Presentation of the consensus outline for the Global Road Map for accelerating the elimination of FGM/FGC

12:30-1:00 **Closing Session**

Chair: Mr. Benson Morah, Director, UNFPA CST Addis Ababa
Rapporteur: Ms. Margaret Thuo, Adviser, BCC/Advocacy UNFPA/CST Addis

- Conclusions and Way Forward: *Ms. Aminata Toure, Chief, Gender, Culture and Human Rights Branch, TSD, UNFPA HQ*
- Official Closing: *Ms. Fama Hane Ba, Director, UNFPA Africa Division*