

**Title:** Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: Towards Social Convention Change

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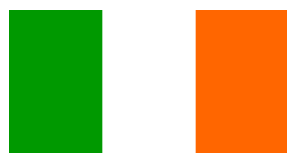
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**Budget Holder:** Gender HR & Culture Branch

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**Total Contributions:**

Italy: 2,000,000 Euros

Austria: 100,000 Euros

Ireland: 500,000 Euros

Luxembourg: 2,300,000 Euros

Iceland: 24 million ISK

Switzerland: CHF 200,000

Norway: 20,000,000 NOK

UK: £2,000,000

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**Overview:**

The objective of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting (FGM/C): Accelerating Change is to contribute to the abandonment of FGM/C in 17 African countries within a generation. The programme's holistic, cross-border approach is focused on Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. In 2010, the programme was implemented in 12 of these countries (see box), while also providing technical assistance to Mali, Eritrea and Mauritania. While the Joint Programme was meant to accelerate progress in 17 countries, due to shortages of fund it had to prioritize interventions in fewer countries. As such, during 2010, only 12 countries could be supported, with three additional receiving specific technical assistance.

Launched in 2007, an innovative aspect of the programme is that two UN agencies work in synergy under the leadership of national governments, supporting community-based and national activities that have been identified as leading to positive social change. Therefore the Programme main orientation is to support and accelerate the efforts already being undertaken at country and regional level through on-going programmes and not being a stand-alone initiative. Working in partnership with governments, civil society, religious leaders, communities and key stakeholders, the Joint Programme aims to achieve a 40 per cent reduction in the practice of FGM/C on infants and girls up to age 15 by 2012. It is also expected that at least one country will declare the total abandonment of the practice during the same period.

**Administrative Agent:**

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**Participating Agencies:**

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