

Ways to Engage in Advocacy Against FGC

There are many ways to raise awareness and advocate against FGC around the country!

Celebrate!

- ☺ [International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting](#) is February 6th! Take part in creating awareness in your community to #EndFGM.
- ☺ Participate in [International Day of the Girl Child](#) on October 11th which celebrates girls throughout the world by addressing their needs and the challenges they face while promoting empowerment.

Learn!

- 📖 [Amref](#) focuses on Alternative Rites of Passage efforts in Tanzania and Kenya.
- 📖 [Sahiyo](#) works to educate communities and create awareness through storytelling.
- 📖 [The Orchid Project](#) believes that education is the first step to ending FGC.



Take action in the United States!

- ✓ You can support making policy changes to end FGC in the U.S. by participating in Equality Now's [End FGM Campaign](#).
- ✓ [The AHA Foundation](#) is working to make policy changes in each state to ensure the safety of all girls.

Take action around the world!

- ✓ [The Girl Generation: Together to End FGM](#) celebrates the Africa-led movement to end FGM in one generation. Join the movement, see how girls around the world are making a difference and how you can too!
- ✓ Join [Youth For Change](#) in partnering with governments and organizations around the world to end gender-based violence, including FGC.
- ✓ [Integrate UK](#) uses peer education to empower youth to take action. Their resources allow young people in schools to raise awareness on FGM and how and where young people can seek help if they need it.



Join Women and Girls Around the World Saying NO to FGC

There is such a culture of silence about FGM. If you stand up and say, 'this happened to me', people will scrutinize you, but someone has to stand up and say, 'this can't go on happening.' This is a human rights abuse and it has to stop. Until the education of a girl is a right and not a privilege we are failing our women.

Jaha Dukureh,
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee,
Safe Hands for Girls Founder

I went through female genital mutilation not knowing what it was ... I was told it will make you a woman. My education has enabled me to learn about it and now I stand against it and stand so that no other girl can go through it ... When we look at kids we see children, we don't see the next prime minister. But if we start changing the way we look at them, and look at them as the future, it just changes the whole concept of how you teach.

Dr. Kakenya Ntkaiya,
Founder and President of Kakenya's Dream



My hope is that every young girl can become the woman of her dreams. If she really wanted to be a doctor or a teacher, I want to make sure that we are giving them that platform. We are protecting them from all these harmful practices, and they are able to become anything they want to become in life

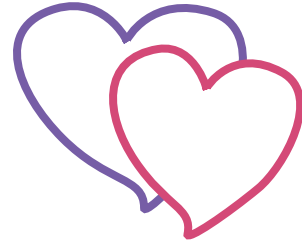
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All of us have a voice and therefore have the responsibility to use it wisely. Thus, I choose to use my voice for myself and all those women who have been silenced under the burden of tradition.

Priya Ahluwalia,
student at Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Mumbai



Heart to Heart



Do you want to engage in prevention efforts and advocacy against FGC? What ways do you want to participate?

What are things you can do together as a mother and a daughter to help end FGC?

Can you be an advocate within your culture?
What are the needs of your community?

