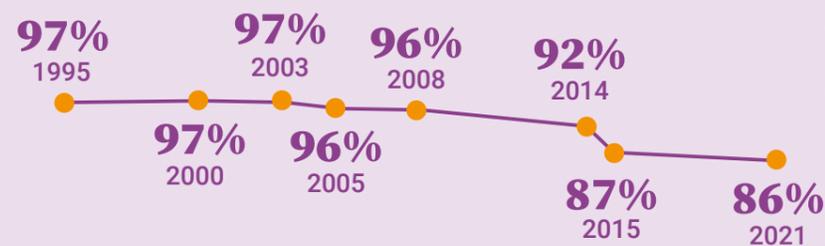


Egypt

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 is more prevalent in rural than urban settings (86.6% compared to 76.7% and 93.4% compared to 89.8% in lower and upper Egypt, respectively).
- The proportion of girls undergoing of girls to undergo FGM is higher with the lower education of mothers (94.9% for mothers with no education compared to 82.4% who complete at least secondary education).¹
- Girls under 15 years are four times more likely to undergo FGM at the hand of medical professional.



FGM Prevalence and Attitudes

- Among girls and women aged 15 to 49 years, nearly 9 in 10 have undergone FGM; in most governorates, at least 8 in 10 girls and women have experienced the practice.²
- Among people aged 15 to 49, 25.4% of women believe that men want FGM to stop; 31.3% of women believe FGM should be stopped.³
- 51.7% of women (aged 15 to 49) believe FGM is required by religion.³



Progress Towards the Elimination of FGM

- FGM medicalization rates are the highest globally; trends show no substantive change over time (82% in 2014 compared to 83% in 2021).³
- FGM has declined among girls aged 15 to 17 from 61% in 2014 to 37% in 2021.³
- Need to accelerate efforts at least 10 times to eliminate FGM by 2030.



Key Partners

Government: National Council for Women, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Al-Azhar University, Ministry of Health and Population, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Technical Education, Ministry of Social Solidarity.

Non-Governmental Organizations: Care Egypt Foundation, Etijah (youth-led), Y-PEER (youth-led), the International Islamic Center for Population Studies & Research at Al-Azhar University, Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical, and Social Services, Egyptian Medical Syndicate, Appropriate Communication for Development (women-led), Assiut Childhood and Development Association, Pathfinder, the Egyptian Association for Societal Consolidation.



Key Programme Results in 2023



Number of individuals (boys, girls, women and men) reached by mass media messaging on FGM, women's and girls' rights, and gender equality:
Achievement: 16,076,750
Target: 5,000,000



Number of grass-roots/community-based organizations and action groups that are integrated within coalitions and networks of youth, feminist and women's entrepreneurs working on the elimination of FGM:
Achievement: 39
Target: 70



Number of people (women, 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:
Achievement: 767,870
Target: 205,000



Number of people engaged in a public declaration that they will abandon the practice of FGM:
Achievement: 97,911
Target: 150,000



Number of girls and women who receive prevention and protection services on FGM:
Achievement: 147,928
Target: 4,480



Spotlighted Intervention

The 360 Degree Surround and Engage Platform Campaign was launched in 2023 after extensive consultations, script-writing workshops and testing with local communities across Egypt. The main goal is to raise public awareness and knowledge of the harms of FGM. The campaign includes digital content, peer education and activities (sports, theater and music). An interactive website provides opportunities to engage with trained volunteers on FGM-related issues. The campaign also has dedicated social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and TikTok) and a 33-episode television drama series, "Berry Leaves", complemented by community-based activities led by peer educators equipped with an educational toolkit. In 2023, the campaign reached nearly 30 million people on social media and 108,000 users through the website.

¹ UNICEF, 2020. A Decade of Action to Achieve Gender Equality: The UNICEF approach to the elimination of female genital mutilation.

² Egypt Family Health Survey 2014.

³ Egypt Demographic and Health Survey 2014 and the Egypt Family Health Survey 2021.