



National Committee for  
the eradication of FGM

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**The National Committee for  
the eradication of FGM**

#EndFGM

For  
consultation  
call  
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## Strategic & institutional background

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#### Relevant Strategies

- **Adoption of The National Strategy to combat Violence against women (2015)**
- **Adoption of the National Strategy to Combat Female Genital Mutilation (2016)**
- **Adoption of the National Strategy for Women Empowerment 2030 (2017)**
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## **The National Committee for the Eradication of FGM in Egypt**

**In May 2019 The National Committee for the Eradication of FGM was established jointly and co-chaired by the National Council for Women(NCW) and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM).**



## Committee Mandate and Working Groups

### COMMITTEE MANDATE

- Propose & discuss legislation, public policies, & relevant international & regional conventions & work on the implementation of the law
- Exchange information, assessing the exerted efforts & challenges facing different stakeholders, & proposing solutions.
- Revising relevant national strategies & directives, in addition to the national, regional & international framework & working papers & extracting goals to be submitted to the committee's Chairs.
- Agreeing on the general framework, pillars and directives of the activities, tools for implementation & monitoring.
- Proposing & developing national action plans that gathers activities from concerned stakeholders & civil society.
- Proposing resources for funding of the plan's activities.
- Endorsing the National plan, and supervising & monitoring its implementation with the concerned stakeholders.

The committee has 3 working groups:

Communication  
and Campaigns

Coordination of  
initiatives and CSOs

Aziza Hussein and  
Marie Assad Award



## ***Summary of the Committee's Activities "Since its inception"***

Activity types	Number of activities	Number of beneficiaries
Traditional and social media campaigns	7	55,377,570
"Protect her from FGM" on ground campaigns initiated by NCW and NCCM through the National Committee for the Eradication of FGM	39 *national level	16,334
(Including 16-days of activism campaign to combat violence against women)	1128 *local level	18,831,895
Activities by Ministries and national institutions	161	94,492
Activities by Civil Society Organization (CSO) and partner NGOs	117	252,635
Activities by Development Partners	82	43,795
	1,534	74,616,721



## Traditional and Social Media Campaigns

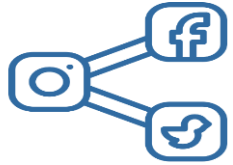
Developing multi-media campaigns to highlight the harms of FGM and raise awareness on the existing legislations and encourage families to say “no” and protect girls from FGM

- Radio and local radios
- Cinema
- TV and multimedia
- Social media campaigns
- TV Spots: #protectherfromFGM
- Enhanced presence on TV talk shows with representation from the Committee
- Songs and interactive theatre





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# Reaching the targeted beneficiaries by the Media Campaigns total 55.377.570 beneficiary

**13,790,000**  
articles and  
campaign news on  
Protect It From  
FGM on the NCW  
Facebook page

**6,981,352**  
articles and  
campaign news  
on Protect It  
From FGM on the  
NCCM Facebook  
page

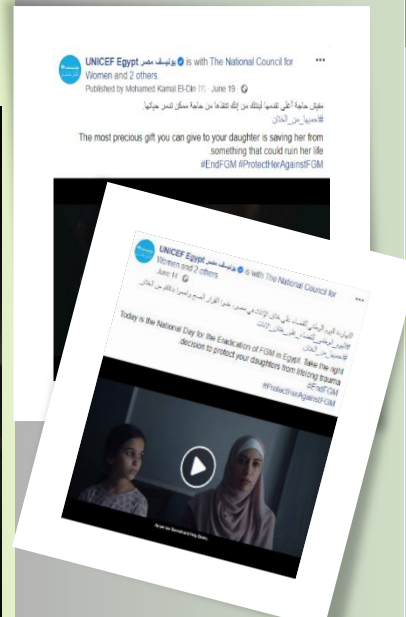
**1.900.000**  
watched the FGM  
episode in  
"Hikayat Nihad"

**13,500,000**  
Views on the  
FGM  
advertisement of  
TV channels

**19.200.000**  
2 Videos  
produced by  
UNICEF & UNFPA  
with FGM  
messages

**2,786**  
Views on the  
song Dawwi  
in Social  
media  
(Facebook  
and  
YouTube)

**3,432**  
Photos were  
uploaded  
during the  
campaign by  
the women,  
artists and  
stars of the  
campaign  
with hashtags  
#Protect her  
from FGM



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvKo-eJlrh4>

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BETWEEN TWO SEAS

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**8:30 PM**  
**WINDMILL STUDIOS**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**8:00 PM**  
**WYTHE HOTEL**





## ***"Protect her from FGM" on Ground Campaigns***

Seminars and meetings

Referral Services through the child help line and Women's Complaints Office line

Capacity building for institutional staff

Conferences and workshops

On ground Awareness Campaigns

Training, workshops and awareness raising sessions for the religious leaders, judges, educators, doctors, etc.

**National-level activities**  
(39 activities, 16,334 beneficiaries)

**Governorate-level activities**  
(1,128 activities, 18,831,895  
beneficiaries)

## ***Key National level activities in 2019/2020***

### **Seminars and meetings**

- Seminar at the Egyptian Opera House (beneficiaries: 230)
- 9 seminars by the **permanent committees** of the Council (beneficiaries: 1,488)
- A meeting by branches of the Council to develop a plan to celebrate the month of Bodour (66 rapporteurs and deputy rapporteur)

### **Referral Services**

- 1618 calls to the advice line 16000 (223 reports and 1,395 consultations)
- 1798 calls to the Women's Complaints Office line.

### **Capacity building for institutional staffs**

- 4 Capacity Building programmes on FGM for lawyers of the Complaints Office and the emergency hotlines, researchers of NCW and NCCM (130)
- 2 Training courses on the Dawwiee initiatives (87)

### **Conferences and workshops**

- A press conference to launch 2020 #EndFGM campaign ( 76)
- Campaign launch conference in 2019 targeting 200 beneficiaries
- Regional conference for eradication of FGM reaching 1200 beneficiaries
- The first workshop on FGM medicalization

### **Awareness Campaigns**

- 3 Awareness campaigns in Asmarat (beneficiaries: 9,000)
- Interactive theatre campaign (beneficiaries: 1,000)
- A medical campaign organized by the Western Health Committee (beneficiaries 160)

### **Training, workshops and awareness raising sessions**

- 2 Interactive Workshops with judges (475)
- Training courses for religious leaders (beneficiaries: 204)
- Training courses forensic doctors (beneficiaries: 54)
- Courses for students and teachers in Tahya Misr Schools (beneficiaries: 91)
- 3-day courses and the provision of computers for students and teachers in Asmarat (beneficiaries: 205)



## **Governorate-level activity: 1128 activities, 18,831,895 beneficiaries**

### Consultative meetings

- 7 consultative meetings for the 623 executive leaders
- 16 days in 8 governorates in cooperation with cultural palaces (beneficiaries: 5,300)

### Interactive theatres and art activities

- 15 interactive theatres (1,311 beneficiaries)
- 1 Interactive theatre in Minya, in cooperation with CARE (beneficiaries: 47 individuals)
- 3-day training in simple crafts in Minya (beneficiaries: 34 women)

### Various activities

- 4 activities aimed at providing aid to 130 individuals.
- Marathon targeted the number of 30 people
- 7 exhibitions and training workshops targeting 115 individuals.
- An exhibition of paintings by female students at the Technical School in Beni Suef.

### Training courses

- 26 training courses for rural women leaders, protection committee members and branch members on knocking door campaign messages 1663 target
- 1 Training course for media professionals targeting 30 individuals.
- 4 A training course for the integration of men targeting 27 clerics
- 2 A training course on door knocking mechanisms, targeting 64 individuals
- 6 A training course, "FGM and Gender," targeting 159 person

### Seminars

- 193 Seminar 29,417 Targeted
- 4 seminars in cooperation with the Authority for Cultural Palaces 153 targets.

### The Door Knocking Campaign

- 679 campaigners for the door knocking campaign (target: 18,767,627) as follows:
- A. 340 campaigns led by female local leaders
  - B. 339 campaigns led by female health leaders

### Workshops

- 3 workshops for Dawwie circles in Fayoum, 136 targets
- 3 workshops for rural women leaders within the program of children's rights and empowerment of their families in Fayoum 135 targeted

### campaigns / inquiries and consultations

- 69 awareness campaigns, 18,153 targets
- 26 national photograph campaign (beneficiaries: 4,488 women)
- 6 medical campaigns (beneficiaries: 455 women)
- Received 1798 inquiries on 54 activities through the lawyers of the office on the sidelines of the door knocking campaigns.



## Knocking doors Campaign

Implementing 679 door-knocking campaigns nationwide in 2019 and 2020, **with 18,767,627 beneficiaries** are as follows:



**8,464,521 women**



**3,722,502 men**



**6,580,604 children**



*Door knocking*





## Door Knocking





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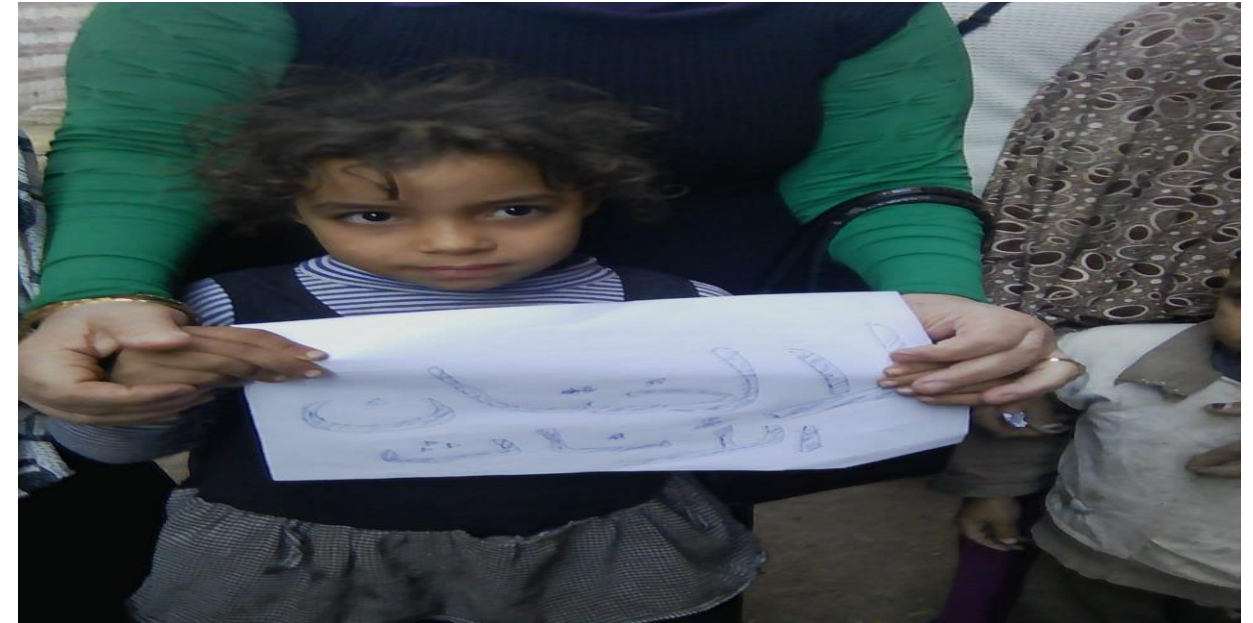


## Door Knocking





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## Awareness campaign





## ***"Protect her from FGM" National Day***

**Arts and Art Edutainment take important roles in raising awareness of public to pursue equality and justice and abandon all forms of violence.**

**Therefore, the National Council for Women has implemented a great deal of mobilization sessions and educational trainings using arts to create environment to abandon Violence Against Women(VAW) and help women to change themselves as well as the negative social norms on women in community.**



***“Protect her from FGM” day***





## *“Protect her from FGM” day*





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## Consultative workshops for Community Leaders



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7 consultative workshops for executive leaders and representatives of the directorates on FGM on the final day of 16-days of activism campaign to combat violence against women 2019. (7 governorates of Upper Egypt, 623 beneficiaries including 342 women, 279 men, and 2 children)





## Capacity Building Program



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<b>Workshops for women religious leaders</b>
Training for <b>health service and community workers</b> , members of Protection Committees, and members of council branches in the governorates on the messages of “Protect her from FGM” campaign
Training of community health workers on children's rights and household empowerment in Fayoum Governorate
<b>Meetings/interactive workshops with judges</b> on the role of the legal staff in combating VAW
<b>Training for media professionals</b> in Alexandria Governorate on the role of the media in combating VAW
<b>Training for forensic doctors</b>
<b>Training for teachers (women &amp; men) and students in 4 Tahya Misr schools in Asmarat neighborhood</b>
Workshops for "Dawwiee" initiatives by NCW and NCCM
Workshops for attorneys at the Women's Complaints Office, Child Emergency Hotline officials, members of NCCM, and members of the Council's branches in Greater Cairo (Cairo - Giza - Qalyubia)











# Online Meetings and interviews during COVID-19







## *Interactive theaters / art activities*



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## *International and regional cooperation*

Regional conference on the elimination of child marriage and female genital mutilation was organized in July 2019, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the African Union, the European Union partnership, UNICEF and UNFPA, and Plan International in Egypt.

The conference developed the **Cairo Call to Action for the Elimination of Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation in Africa.**

During the conference, "**Creative Egyptian Women**" exhibition was organized by 11 exhibitors from different regions in Egypt.

The conference reached out to 1,200 individuals over 2 days.







## *Legislative pillar*



**The Egyptian Cabinet approved the draft law submitted by the committee- after studying and reviewing of the Ministry of Justice- ,the Draft Law suggested amending articles ( 242 bis ,242 bis A) as follow:**

- **Omitting any reference to the use of medical justification, as well as Article 61 to counter any attempts to circumvent the enforcement of the penalty of FGM**
- **Setting a specific description/definition of the act of female genital mutilation**
- **Introducing independent penalties for the doctors and members of medical & nursing staff as well as imposing sanctions on the facility or the establishment where the crime was committed in addition to sanctions relating to dismissing the preparator from practicing his/her profession and publishing the sentence in a widespread newspapers and websites.**
- **Aggravating the penalties for whoever committed the crime, and thus allow the judge to impose more strict punishments and severe punishments if the act of FGM resulted in permanent disability or the death of the victim.**
- **Aggravating the penalty for anyone who requests FGM and is committed at his/her request, placing a deterrent punishment**
- **Introducing penalties to incriminate anyone who promoted, advocated, encouraged or incited to commit the crime**



## *Counseling and protection pillar*

The number of calls to the hotline reached **1618 reports** from the beginning of the campaign in June 2019 until the end of December 2020

(223 report of which 185 report for cases that didn't undergo FGM, 38 report on cases that have done FGM & 1395 consultations)

Child helpline  
**16000**



The complaints office received **1798 inquiries and consultations** on the issue of FGM

(9 reports & 1789 consultations)

Women's Complaints  
Office **15115**







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## *Activities of partner government agencies*

**161 activities were held, with a total of 94492  
individuals**

**(48,239 women / 46,253 men)**



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## *Activities of partner non-governmental agencies*

**117 activities were held, with a total of 252,635  
individuals**

**(158,840 women / 90,907 men / 2,888 children)**





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## *Development partners*

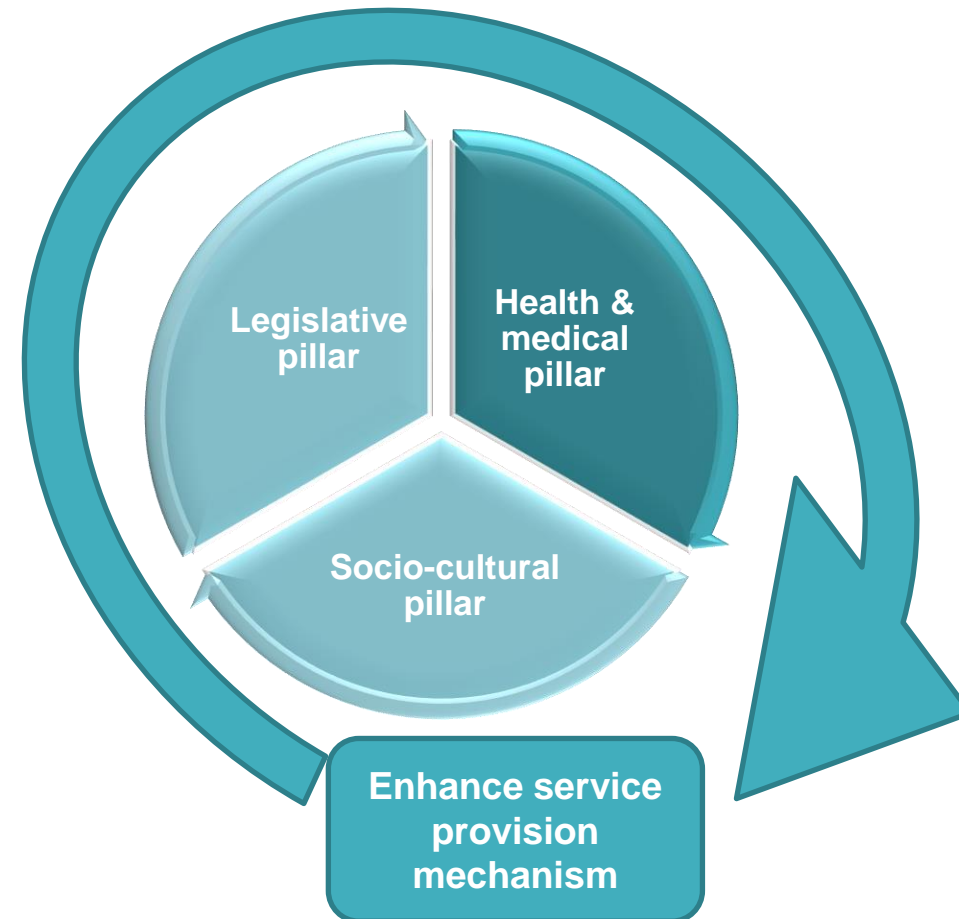




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## *Future Steps of the National Committee for Eradication of FGM in Egypt*

**An National Action plan (NAP) for the work of the National Committee for the Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation has been developed**



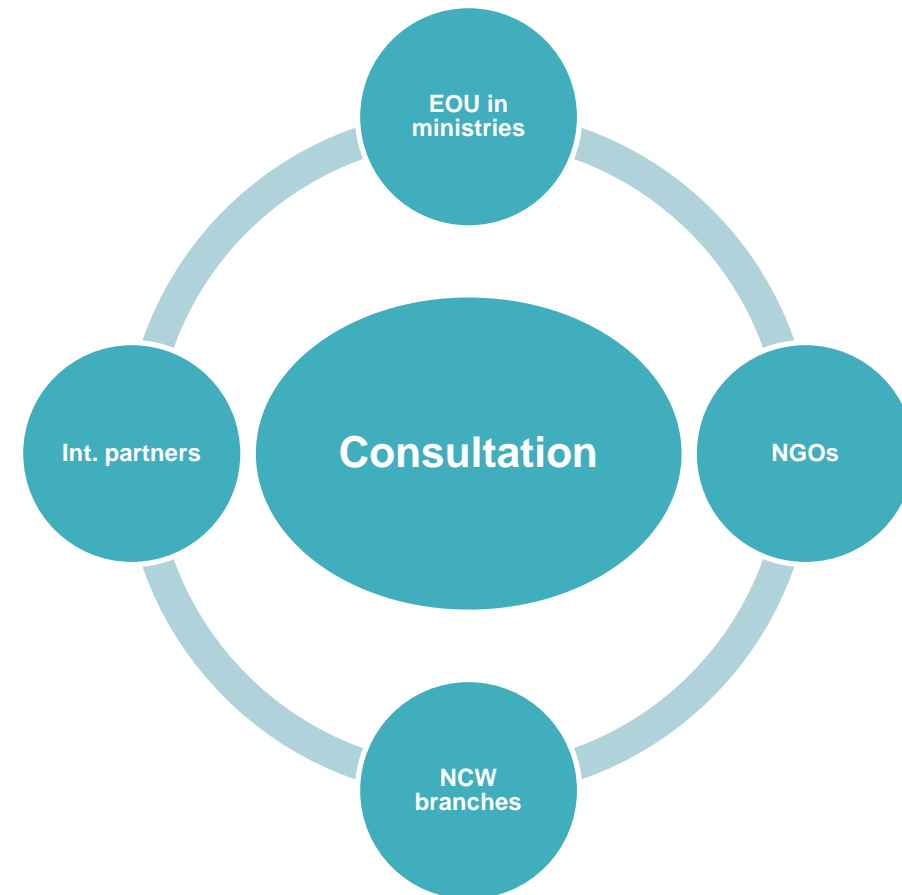




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## *Future Steps of the National Committee for Eradication of FGM in Egypt*

**There has been 4 consultation meetings  
with different stakeholders on the AP of  
the FGM**





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## ***Future Steps of the National Committee for Eradication of FGM in Egypt***

### **Survey on the Perception of FGM and the upcoming DHS in Egypt**

**Announcing the launch of a survey on the phenomenon of FGM in cooperation with the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics(CAPMAS), and in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), provided that the study will be completed and official final statistics will be announced by the end of 2021.**





**THANK YOU**