

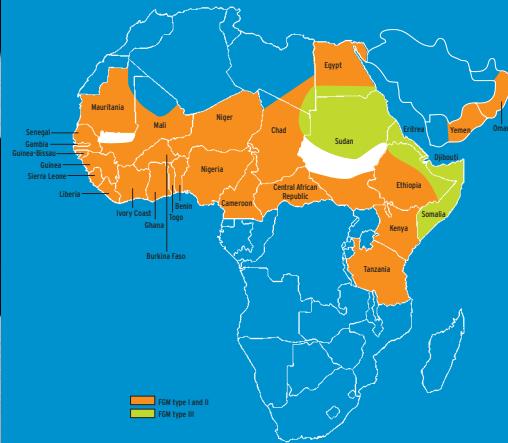
SUNNA TAKE CARE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS AND DON'T HURT THEM !! SAYS THE PROPHET

WHAT IS FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), *Sunna* or *Nykaa* is a cultural and social practice in which female genitalia are completely or partially removed.



WHERE IS IT PRACTISED?



WHY IS IT PRACTISED?

IT IS BELIEVED THAT...

It's a religious obligation

It's cleaner

These are customs and traditions

A clitoris can grow to be like a penis

It protects virginity

You can have more children

BUT...

The Qur'an makes no reference to female genital mutilation. The Prophet says: "*Take care of your daughters and don't hurt them*".

Genital cutting may cause urinary and gynecological infections, tetanus, hepatitis, AIDS, severe anemia and death.

Genital cutting causes pain, fear and suffering.

Traditions can change when they endanger people's human rights.

A woman's clitoris does not grow.

Girls do not need to be mutilated in order to protect their virginity.

Genital cutting may prevent a woman from having more children, and may cause problems during childbirth as well as the baby and mother's death.

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY IN SPAIN?

Female genital mutilation is a crime (Article 143.2 of the Penal Code):

- Parents may be imprisoned from 6 to 12 years.
- Parents may lose custody of their daughters.
- Girls may be sent to a children's home from 4 to 6 years.
- People who practise FGM or collaborate in the practice or allow it may be imprisoned.

...even when it is practised out of Spain (LOPJ/05)

DON'T GENITALLY MUTILATED YOUR DAUGHTERS, BECAUSE:

- It's very painful.
- They may suffer severe bleeding.
- They may suffer infections and might be unable to have anymore children.
- They may suffer from problems arising during childbirth and both the mother and baby may die as a result.
- AIDS, hepatitis and tetanus may be transmitted.
- Female circumcision is not a religious obligation.
- In Spanish law, FGM is considered a crime, even when it is practised in another country.

Remember the Prophet's words: *Take care of your daughters and don't hurt them*".