

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE (NTC) UMW 2021 MISSION PROJECT

Help End the Practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Give Girls a Safe Place to Go When Refusing the Painful Tribal Procedure of FGM in Kenya

The 2016 *Book of Resolutions* of The United Methodist Church urges the eradication of sexual and gender-based violence.

Source: Female Genital Mutilation Fact Sheet (World Health Organization)
<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs241/en/>

According to the World Health Organization, "female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for nonmedical reasons. FGM is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women."

Rationalized that the procedure will keep girls from straying outside of marriage, FGM is nearly always carried out on minors to keep girls and women from experiencing pleasure during sexual intercourse. FGM "has no medical benefits" and can cause harmful medical complications including "severe pain, shock, bleeding, recurrent bladder and urinary tract infections, infertility and an increased risk of childbirth complications and newborn deaths."



Pauline Ntombura, a leader in the Methodist Women's Conference of Kenya and spouse of Kenyan **Bishop Ntombura**, is asking if we feel the call to support the work she has begun with girls in Kenya who refuse to allow their tribes to perform female genital mutilation (FGM) on them.

A law prohibiting FGM passed in 2011, but the villages outside Kenya and across Africa still practice FGM. The practice in the villages is done on girls, ages birth to 15 years old. Girls who refuse the FGM procedure are banished from the tribe to fend for themselves with no place to go.

Local UMW Connections to Kenya

Our own **Cynthia Rives** of the NTC UMW and the National Vice President of UMW, as well as our missionary friend, **Jerri Savuto**, have been working to help the girls who have refused the FGM procedure and to end the practice of FGM in Kenya.

A Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow

Pauline Ntombura has a vision to develop a home for these girls in Kenya so they can go to school and live a full and productive life.



Girls Rescue Centre

Women’s Methodist Conference of Kenya

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Pauline’s prayerful request:

Financial support to create a shelter for girls on 40 acres of church grounds in Kenya with capacity of 44 beds

IMMEDIATE NEEDS (PHASE 1)

Borehole, power pump, irrigation system: **\$40,000**

Simple shelter for the girls (including security fencing): **\$60,000**

Installation of solar panels to cut the cost of electricity: **\$20,000**

Food to keep the girls well fed, home tuition and school materials, hygiene accessories, matron/nurse services, and funds to support the pastor and his wife to live at the Girls Rescue Centre: **\$30,000**

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?



FGM is practised in 28 African countries and parts of the Middle East and Asia. It is also found in immigrant communities worldwide.

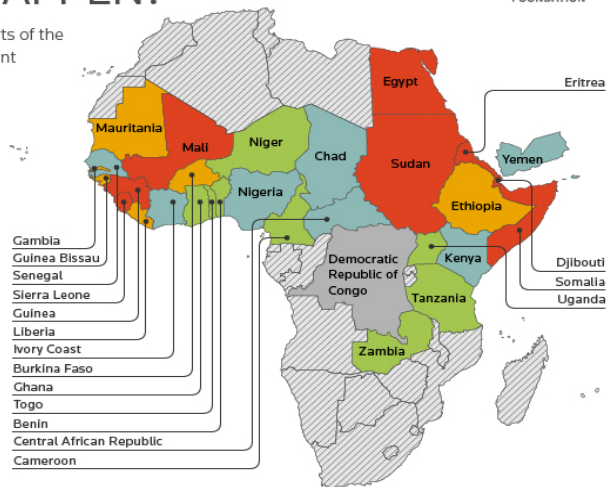
An estimated 100 to 140 million girls and women have been subjected to FGM. In Africa, around 3 million girls are thought to undergo FGM every year.

FGM is often a prerequisite for marriage, but it can cause life-long physical and psychological problems.

FGM PREVALENCE FOR WOMEN AGED 15-49



Source: UNICEF and Population Reference Bureau



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