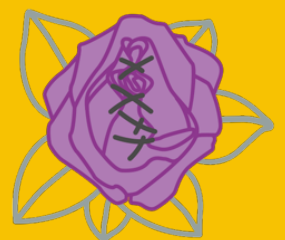


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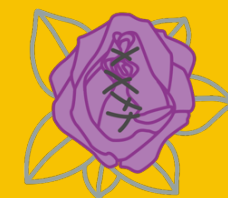
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The End FGM European Network 2021 Campaign is all about...  
**Female Genital Mutilation & Intersectionality!**

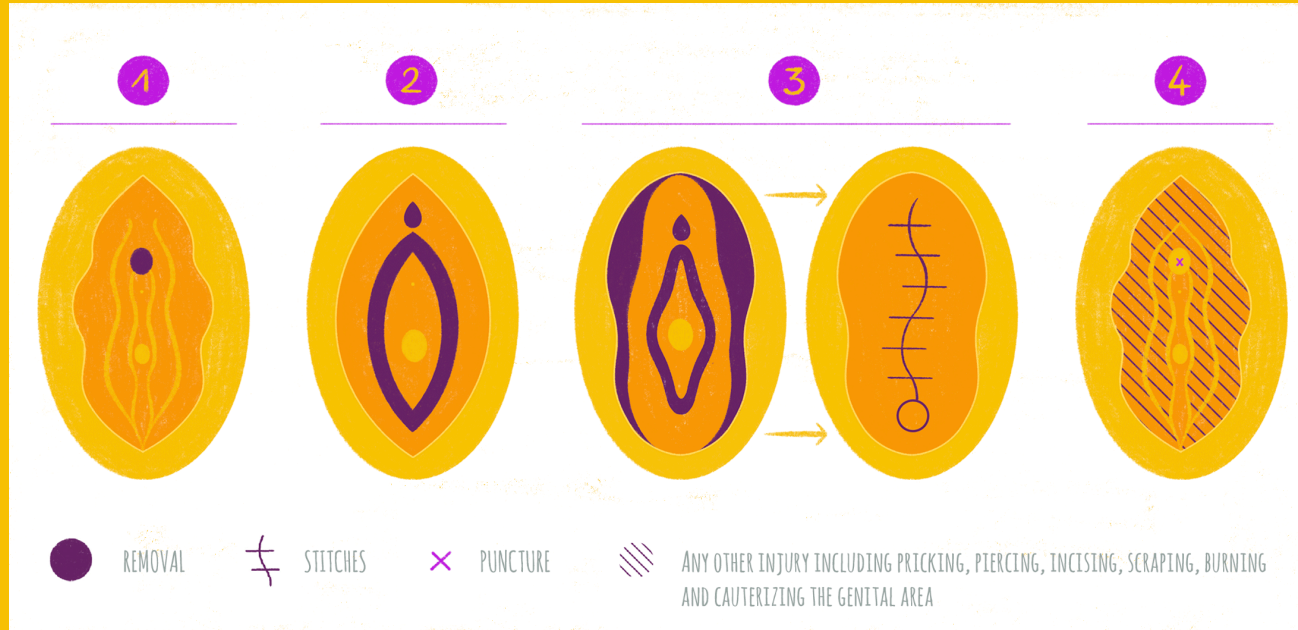
Ethnicity, religion, sexuality, education... our identities can influence **our access** to resources and healthcare and sometimes can expose us to additional **discrimination** and **violence**.

Do you know how **diverse** the people affected by FGM are?

Knowing this must shape the way we **fight the practice**. This year, we will **learn together** how to address FGM while **leaving no one behind!**



# WHAT IS FGM?



Female Genital Mutilation is all procedures involving the **removal of the external female genitalia** or **other injury** to the female genital organs for **non-medical reasons**.

There are **4 types** of FGM.

FGM can cause life-lasting physical and psychological **trauma** and is a violation of Human Rights. It is **not prescribed by any religion**. 200 million girls & women alive today have undergone FGM. At current rates, an additional estimated **68 million girls** face being cut **by 2030**. The consequences of the **Covid19 pandemic** are yet to be measured, but it is estimated that 2 million more women & girls are at risk of undergoing FGM due to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

# WHAT IS INTERSECTIONALITY?

**Intersectionality** is an approach to feminism & social causes. The term was coined by Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw and refers to a theory about how **systems of power intersect** and reinforce each other.

In concrete terms this means that different **forms of oppression** (e.g: racism, sexism, homophobia...etc.) do not exist separately, but are **overlapping** and **affect individuals simultaneously**. Regarding feminism, it means that **no one experiences life as "just a woman"**, other aspects such as race, class, disability...etc. play a role in the forms of discrimination people are exposed to.

For example, a Black Muslim woman in Europe will experience forms of discrimination that are **specific** to her identity, **not just the sum** of sexist & racist discriminations.

# WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN IMPORTANT?

Intersectionality means we **cannot address only one form of oppression while ignoring all the others**. Doing so creates **blind spots** in our work and can cause certain people to be **left out**. Even worse, neglecting intersectionality can also make us **unwillingly reinforce the discriminations we are overlooking**.

For example, if we **fight FGM without considering racism**, we can end up **reinforcing racist stereotypes** around the practice.

IN 2021, WE WILL ASK OURSELVES: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO  
END FGM FOR ALL?



# SUPPORT THE 2021 CAMPAIGN!

- Support us in making this Annual Campaign the **most impactful yet** by helping us get the attention of key actors in the field.  
**Use your voice to spread our messages!**
- Create your own content: pictures, videos, posts, blogs, art; and **share it with us!**
- Do you have information on one of the monthly themes? Reach out to **contribute and join the conversation!**

Use our Campaign Hashtag:

# #ENDFGM4ALL

This is a social media Campaign.  
Follow, comment & share our work:

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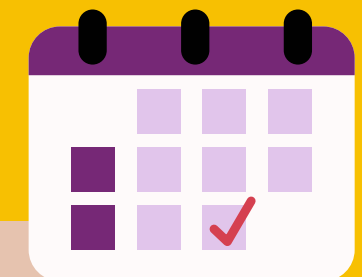
## FEBRUARY THEME

# WHAT IS INTERSECTIONALITY?

A month dedicated to the launch of the 2021 Annual Campaign and to the explanation of the Annual theme: FGM & Intersectionality.



- End FGM EU 2021 Annual Campaign Brochure
- [UEFGM.org](https://uefgm.org) Learning Platform on FGM
- [UNFPA's State of World Population 2020 - Against My Will](#)



- 5th February: Campaign Online Launch Event
- 6th of February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM



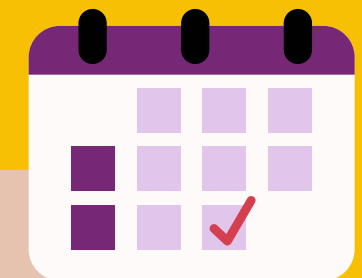
## MARCH THEME

# FGM AND RACISM

A month to explore both how to address the practice without feeding racist stereotypes and how to account for the added barrier of racism for some FGM-affected communities.



- How to Talk about FGM Guidelines
- Addressing Common Myths and Misconceptions Surrounding FGM



- 21st March: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

## APRIL THEME

# FGM AND ACCESS TO HOLISTIC HEALTH

A month to discuss the access to physical and mental healthcare for FGM Survivors and members of FGM affected communities; also in light of the Covid19 pandemic.



- Purple Chair video: [How to Access Support](#)
- UNFPA-UNICEF: [COVID-19 Disrupting SDG 5.3](#)

- 7th April: World Health Day

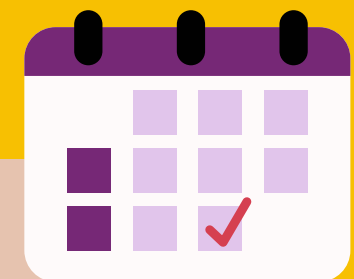
## MAY THEME

# FGM AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION / ISLAMOPHOBIA

A month to highlight the religious diversity within FGM-affected communities and to challenge the Islamophobic stigma surrounding the topic of FGM.



- Infographic: Female Genital Mutilation is not linked to any particular religion
- Purple Chair video: Do's and Don'ts when talking about FGM



- 21st May: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

## JUNE THEME

# FGM AND LGBTQI+ RIGHTS

A month to reflect on the representation of the various sexual orientations and gender identities that exist within FGM-affected communities and amongst FGM Survivors.



- ILGA Europe Glossary.
- Gender ABC Module: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

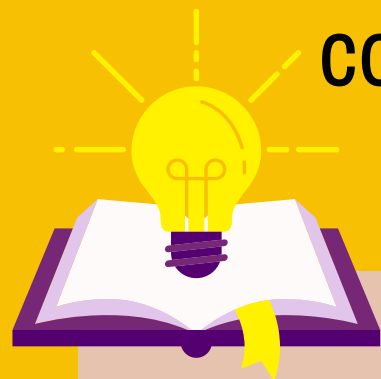


- Month of June: LGBTQI+ Pride Month

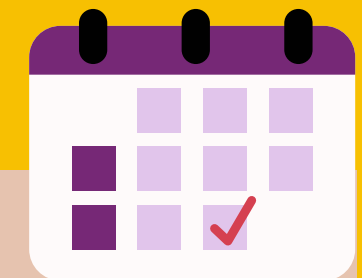
## SEPTEMBER THEME

# FGM, ILLITERACY AND POVERTY

A month to highlight the diversity of socio-economic status in FGM-affected communities and to think about how to empower and include the ones that are also affected by poverty and illiteracy.



- End FGM EU Position Paper: Strategies for Effective Community Engagement
- [Access project videos](#), by our Member GAMS Be, dubbed in Community Languages.



- 8th September: International Literacy Day

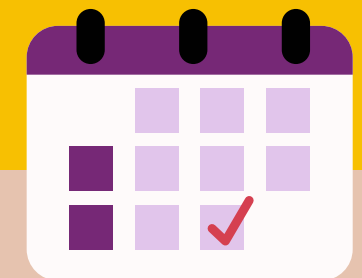
## OCTOBER THEME

# FGM AND MINORS

A month to address and communicate on the implications of being a minor and being an FGM Survivor or at risk of undergoing FGM.



- End FGM EU's Child Safeguarding Policy.
- Framing the EU Commission's 10 Principles for Integrated Child Protection Systems for FGM
- Youth Engagement Manifesto



- 11th October: International Day of the Girl Child



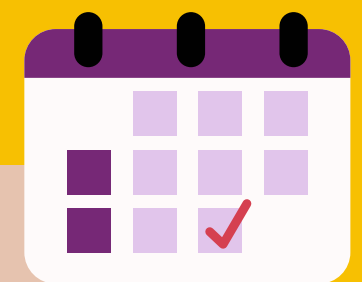
## NOVEMBER THEME

# FGM AND OTHER FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

A month to question the links between FGM and other forms of Gender-Based Violence and how to provide care for those who experience multiple forms of GBV.



- Infographic: Beijing+25: FGM as a Gender Equality issue
- Purple Chair Video: Domestic Violence



- 25th November: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

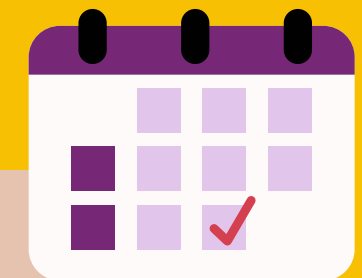
## DECEMBER THEME

# FGM AND DISABILITY

A month to hold space for FGM-Survivors who are also living with a disability, visible or invisible, which may or may not be linked to undergoing FGM.



- European Disability Forum Statement: No more violence against women with disabilities



- 3rd December: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Closing of the Campaign

# EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



A screenshot of a Twitter post. The profile picture is a yellow circle with a white dot. The name is 'SupportEndFGM' and the handle is 'Name1'. The text of the post reads: '#EndFGM4ALL means addressing the practice without causing additional harm to marginalized FGM-affected communities and FGM Survivors. Let's leave no one behind! Follow @ENDFGM\_Network for more information'. The timestamp is '12:17 PM. March 09, 2021'. At the bottom, it shows '123 Retweets' and '164 Likes'.

SupportEndFGM  
Name1

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Let's leave no one behind!

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You can use these as inspiration for your posts supporting our campaign and sharing our messages. Don't forget to tag us!



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Liked by end\_fgm\_european\_network and 120 others  
**Name** On International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM, @end\_fgm\_european\_network reflects on what it means to fight FGM while leaving no one behind.

Check out their 2021 Annual Campaign focused on strategies to #EndFGM4All ... more

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FGM-affected communities are not a homogenous group. The diversity of those affected has to be acknowledged if we truly want to #EndFGM4ALL!

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YOU CAN PRINT THE TWO NEXT PAGES AND USE THEM IN YOUR PICTURES TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN. DON'T FORGET TO TAG US!



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Yesterday at 4:45am • 🌐

Did you know FGM is not prescribed by any religion?

The fight against FGM should not be polluted by anti-religious hatred.

For example, advocating against FGM while feeding Islamophobia does nothing to help Muslim FGM-affected communities and FGM Survivors.

We can only end FGM if we [#EndFGM4All](#)

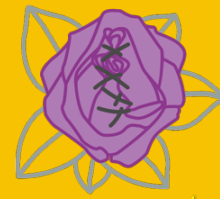
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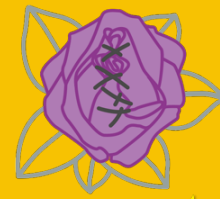
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