



# **MEN END FGM FOUNDATION**



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**NEWSLETTER**



Welcome to the fourth edition of the Men End FGM Newsletter.

The **fourth issue** takes a closer look at the notable events of the **final quarter** of 2022. We report on the expansion of our programs, partnerships and quotes from our activities



We hope that the news and stories in this newsletter will inform, inspire and motivate you to support our work.

Thank you for staying connected!

## CAMPUS DIALOGUE

On September 30th, Men End FGM convened the opening session of the Campus Dialogues at the University of Embu. This was part of the maiden “Tubonge Na Comrades” campaign, which was done in collaboration with the Kenya Anti-Female Genital Mutilation Board, the University of Embu, UNICEF, UNFPA, Wallace Global Fund, the Global Media Campaign to End FGM, Too Young to Wed, the Power2Youth program under AMREF Health Africa, the National Aids Council, and King of Condoms, among other partners.

The second edition of the campus dialogue took place on November 26th and 27th at Garissa University to commemorate the 16Days of Activism against gender-based violence.



Our goal is to engage students from higher education institutions on a variety of issues such as mental health, leadership, sexual and gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation, child marriage, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS, and drug and substance abuse.

Through these dialogues, Men End FGM hopes to create awareness and also equip participants with knowledge, skills, and tools to drive positive social change.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### Hooyo Haigoynin

The Somali ethnic group predominates in Nairobi's Eastleigh district. As a result, the FGM rate among the affected girls and women aged 15 to 49 is 94%. Nairobi County has largely gone unnoticed as a FGM hotspot in Kenya.

Men End FGM, in collaboration with Zinduka and NALA, has launched their urban End FGM project, "Mum Don't Cut Me." It started with training for the Eastleigh community team, which will be implementing awareness and education campaigns in Eastleigh next year under the program name "Hooyo Haigoynin," which translates as "Mom, don't circumcise me."



Eastleigh community team training

This project focuses on tackling the practice of female genital mutilation in Eastleigh, a suburb of Nairobi, Kenya.



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## Cash Transfers

Gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, and child marriage have all increased as a result of the drought as families marry off their daughters to pay for food or livestock.



We engaged residents of Kilitimany village, Samburu East, with our consortium partner, the Pastoralist Child Foundation (PCF), on child protection issues during the emergency, even as we responded to a severe drought in the area with direct cash transfers to 150 households with UNICEF's aid.

# Ending FGM : Time to Shift the Power Retreat



*“For a long time INGOs have been using reports from local CSOs without giving credit to who actually has worked. It is time for INGOs to ShiftThePower to the frontline campaigners”*  
- Rugiatsu (Sierra Leone).

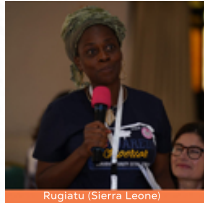
Men End FGM led by ED Tony Mwebia participated in an intimate gathering of



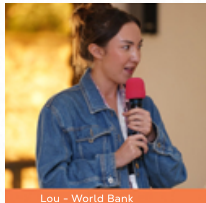
Tony Mwebia - Men End FGM



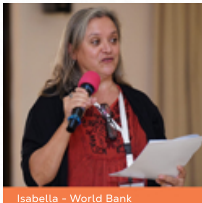
Peter Kemei - Men End FGM



Rugiatsu (Sierra Leone)



Lou - World Bank



Isabella - World Bank



Jeremiah - GMC

frontline FGM activists from across Africa, philanthropists and key leaders from bilateral and multilateral organizations.



Henriette Geiger - EU Ambassador to Kenya



Anders - UNFPA Kenya



Chantal Donahue - Amplify Change



Fatuma Kuno - UNFPA Somalia



Susan Gibbs - Wallace Global Fund



Cathy - USAID New York

Among them were Susan Gibbs of Wallace Global Fund, EU Ambassador to Kenya Henriette Geiger, Chantal Donahue from AmplifyChange, Lou and Isabella from World Bank New York, Cathy of USAID New York, Maggie, Naimah and Jeremiah of GMC and Anders of UNFPA Kenya to discuss and develop a radical new approach to ending FGM by 2030.



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