



## Welcome To INTACT E-newsletter

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### English News

#### Outlaw 'designer vagina' surgery, say MPs

Genital surgery to create so-called "designer vaginas" should be outlawed under legislation designed to prevent female genital mutilation, according to a group of MPs. [More...](#)

#### This male rapper in Burkina Faso is trying to help stop female genital mutilation

Many of us can be squeamish when it comes to discussions about women's sexual health. There's one topic I always have trouble talking about: The practice of FGM, female genital mutilation, or excision. [More...](#)

#### Anti-FGM campaigners urge focus on girls at risk in remote areas

Campaigners against female genital mutilation (FGM) called for renewed action to reach the girls most at risk from the practice. [More...](#)

#### FGM survivor praises FGM documentary

A survivor of female genital mutilation (FGM) has lauded a documentary that she helped make. Leyla Hussein, a psychotherapist and activist, described Stop Cutting Our Girls as "essential viewing". [More...](#)

#### Western girls holiday in Kenya to undergo FGM in secret

NAIROBI (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Somali families living in Britain and the United States are bringing their daughters to Kenya to secretly undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) as their home countries crack down on the internationally condemned practice. [More...](#)

#### Meet the Iraqi Kurdish village ending FGM: 'If they mutilate my granddaughter? I'll kill them'

TUTAKAL, Kurdistan region 'Iraq',— Amirah vividly recalls the day she was taken into a bathroom by the village midwife and forced to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM). [More...](#)

#### UN, Malaysia Groups Seek to Repeal Fatwa Requiring FGM

BANGKOK— In 2009, Malaysia's National Fatwa Committee, the nation's top Islamic council, required all Muslim women in the country to undergo female genital mutilation, otherwise known as female circumcision. [More...](#)

#### Tanzania: Anti-FGM Initiative Frustrated By Lack of Will

Moshi — MAASAI women take part in a traditional event. Often they are forced to undergo FGM. MS Honorata Raymond is a Programme Manager for the Network Against Female Genital Mutilation (NAFGEM). She says they are aware of new methods initiated by the perpetrators who want to stick to the outdated FGM practices, but NAFGEM is all out to weigh a total crusade against all of them. [More...](#)

The International Network to Analyze, Communicate and Transform the Campaign against FGM/C (INTACT), is an international group of researchers, scholars, and activists committed to bringing scientific evidence to bear on the campaign to end FGM/C. INTACT serves as a forum for FGM/C debate and helps bridge gaps in knowledge and information relevant to FGM/C on the local and the international levels. INTACT helps communicate lessons learned, disseminate research, and promotes the utilization of research findings to assist in the campaign against FGM/C. INTACT is managed by the Population

Council.

