



Slight decrease in FGM in Egypt proof of little success

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Years of campaigning against FGM (Female Genital Mutilation, female circumcision) in Egypt have so far produced little results. The 'Egypt Health Issues Survey 2015' (EHIS) shows that the total amount of FGM -cases among Egyptian women age 15-49, with 87% in 2015 compared to 91% in 2008, has decreased slightly with just 4%.

The report, which was recently published and conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Population in cooperation with UNICEF and UNFPA, states that in the coming 15 years more than half of Egyptian girls age 1-14 will be circumcised, unless effective education convinces their parents/caretakers to refrain from the intention to circumcise their daughter(s).

Raise awareness

The international Christian organisation Arab Vision has campaigned for many years against the practice of FGM by raising awareness about its harmful effects.

"The difference of 4% is unfortunately too small that we can really speak about success. That is why we will certainly continue our efforts to inform people about the practice of FGM, until we can see a real breakthrough! In the past years we produced several documentaries which were used by grassroots organisations, convincing people that FGM should no longer be practiced," says Arab Vision in response to the report.

Life-threatening operation

FGM has been practiced since Pharaonic times and although it has been banned by the Egyptian government since 2008, the practice is still widespread. 9 in 10 women age 15-49 are circumcised, according to the report.

Of the interviewed Egyptian men and women 50% of the men and 46% of the women believe that female circumcision is required by religion. Thereby they overlook the fact that it's a life-threatening operation for a girl and that she can suffer from permanent medical and psychological problems as a result.

Watch a short video clip about FGM with English subtitles [here](#)



About Arab Vision

Arab Vision was founded in 1997 and is a community of Christians in the Arab World committed to spreading the Gospel and working to obtain a just society in accordance with the Gospel.

Main goals of the organisation are producing and distributing of Christian TV programmes via (satellite)TV and Internet.

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