

Egypt

2024 SNAPSHOT

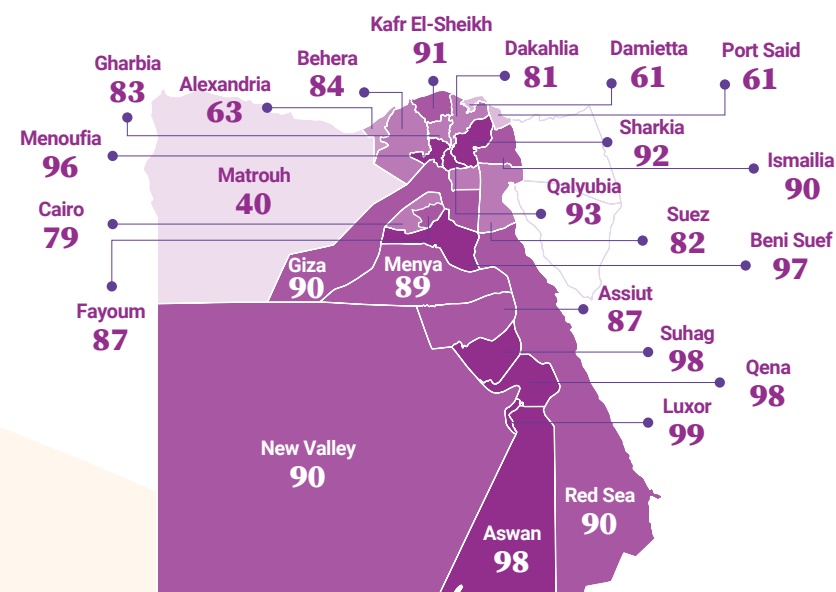
Sociopolitical context

Egypt currently hosts nearly 9 million refugees, asylum seekers and individuals in irregular situations. These populations represent about 9 per cent of its total population. Following the recent conflict in Sudan, the number of Sudanese refugees surged by 218 per cent to an estimated 1.5 million.

FGM context

Female genital mutilation medicalization prevalence in Egypt remains the highest globally. President el-Sisi has highlighted the health and child protection implications of FGM, stressing the need for health sector investment to stop the involvement of health workers. There is also a need to expand multisectoral responses (social, religious, educational and legal) and improve coordination among all sectors.

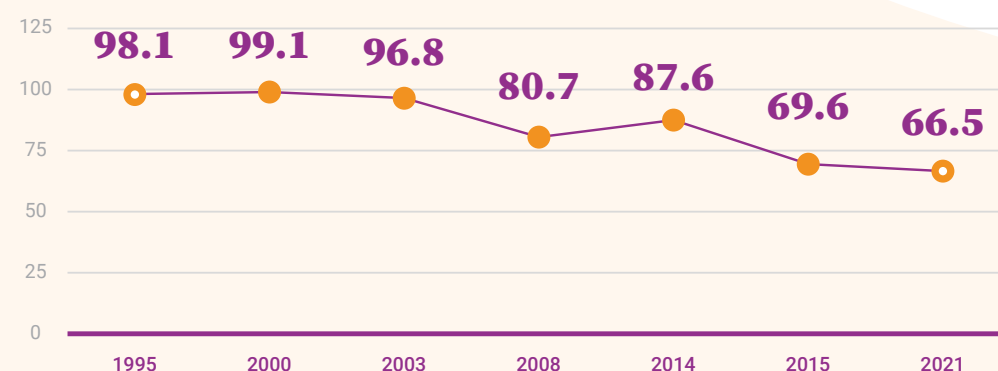
Latest subnational FGM prevalence (percentage) among females aged 15–49 years



Source: 2021 EFHS.

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FGM prevalence (percentage) among females aged 15–19 years from 1995 to 2021

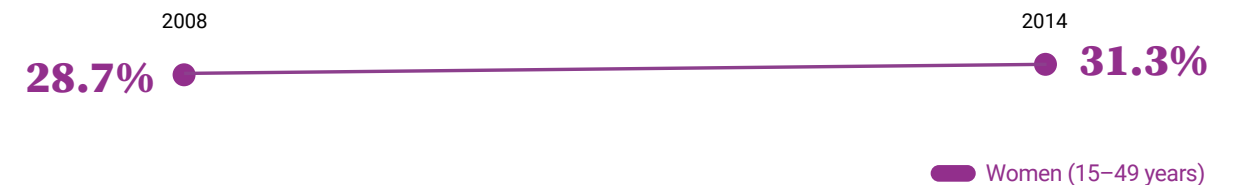


Source: DHS and other national sources from 1995 - 2021.

Social norms

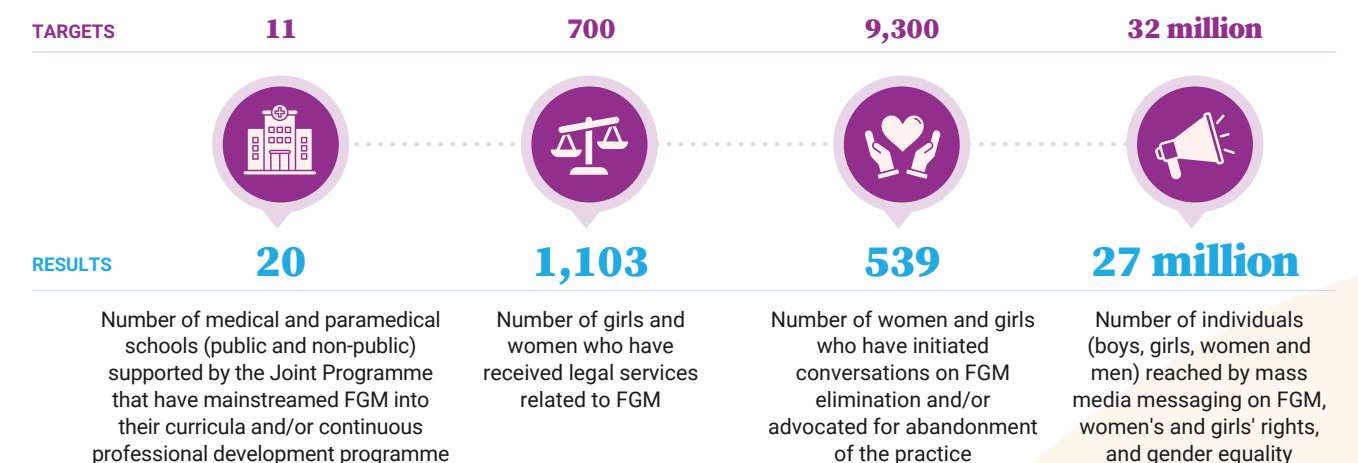
No data available for descriptive and injunctive norms or for outcome expectancies.

Proportion of individuals who believe FGM should be stopped



Source: DHS and other national sources from 2008 - 2021.

Highlights of 2024 programme results



Spotlighted interventions

Expanding and intensifying the global influence of the Joint Programme

→ In 2024, the Joint Programme, in collaboration with the Government of Egypt and the Ministry of Health and Population, integrated FGM education into the medical curricula of 20 out of 49 universities (41 per cent), facilitating sustained, large-scale training for medical professionals. Furthermore, the national "White Coat" initiative, supported by the Joint Programme, provided in-depth and comprehensive training for 2,736 medical service providers and 148 medical students from 15 governorates. Each trained health worker continues to train others or implement interventions to reach a wider population. "White Coat" trainees conducted 430 mini-awareness campaigns in their respective villages, for example.

Promoting girls' agency

→ The Joint Programme works closely with the Government of Egypt to support two key girls' empowerment programmes that include FGM awareness-raising and safe spaces for dialogue, "Dawwie" and "Noura". These two programmes are part of the presidential National Project for the Development of the Egyptian Family, the "Hayah Karima" (Decent Life) initiative and "Bedaya" (Beginning) initiatives. In 2024, Dawwie reached 1.8 million people, including 110,000 girls across 27 governorates. Of those who participated in the digital literacy programme, nearly a third (29 per cent) reported an increased sense of self-awareness and 45 per cent more confidence in using digital platforms; 43 per cent gained greater confidence in both online and offline interactions. Noura trained 491 new mentors comprising women aged 18–24 years, bringing the total number of mentors to 948. The mentors are considered the most important programme investment, given their central role in implementing activities.



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* List is a mix of implementing and strategic partners