

Kenya

2024 SNAPSHOT

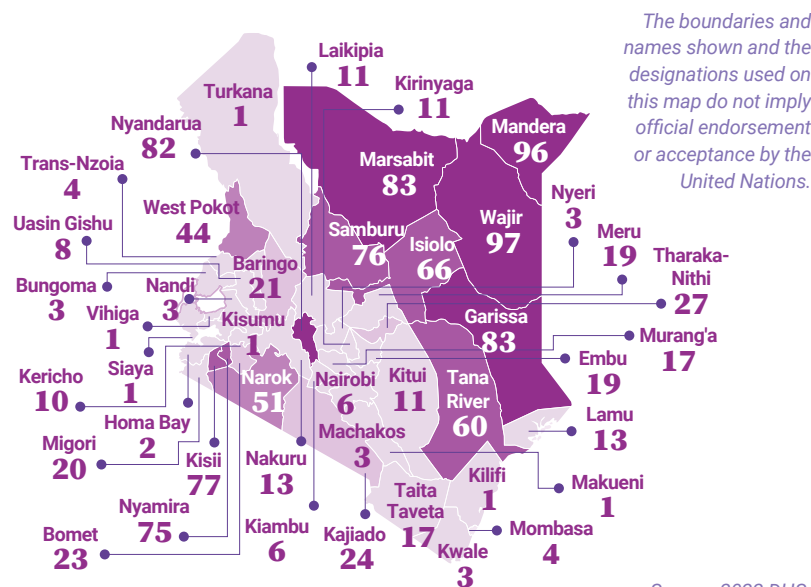
Sociopolitical context

Kenya experienced severe El Niño-induced flooding in late 2023 and early 2024, resulting in 186 deaths and displacing nearly 545,600 people. This also severely impacted agriculture, health infrastructure and the economy.

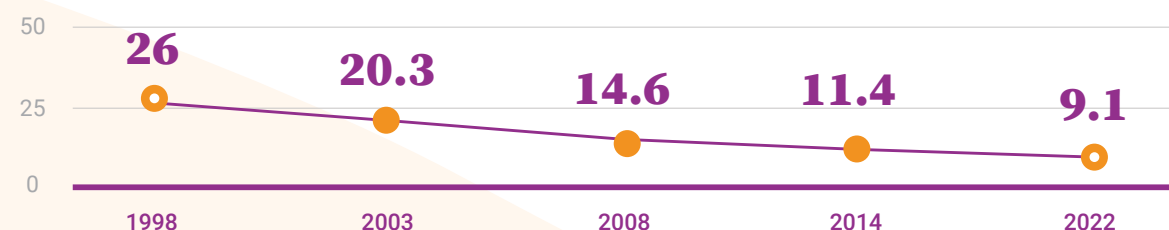
FGM Context

Kenya has made significant progress in reducing female genital mutilation due to sustained national efforts and a supportive legal framework. However, the north-eastern region and pockets within some counties still have high prevalence rates, requiring targeted interventions to achieve the national elimination goal by 2030.

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



FGM prevalence (percentage) among females aged 15–19 years from 1998 to 2022



Social norms (2023 data)¹

Descriptive norm:

74.5%

in Kuria West believe there is change in communities rejecting FGM.

49.8%

in Kuria East believe there is moderate change.

37.3%

in Samburu East believe there is some change.

Injunctive norm:

Proportion of respondents who thought that social norms in their community discouraged the practice of FGM

3.4%

Samburu East

33.3%

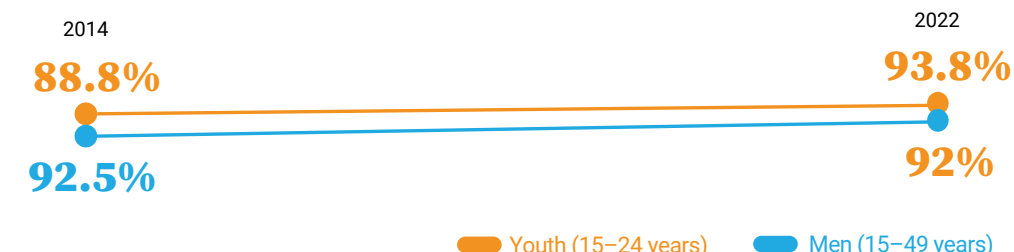
Kuria East

62.7%

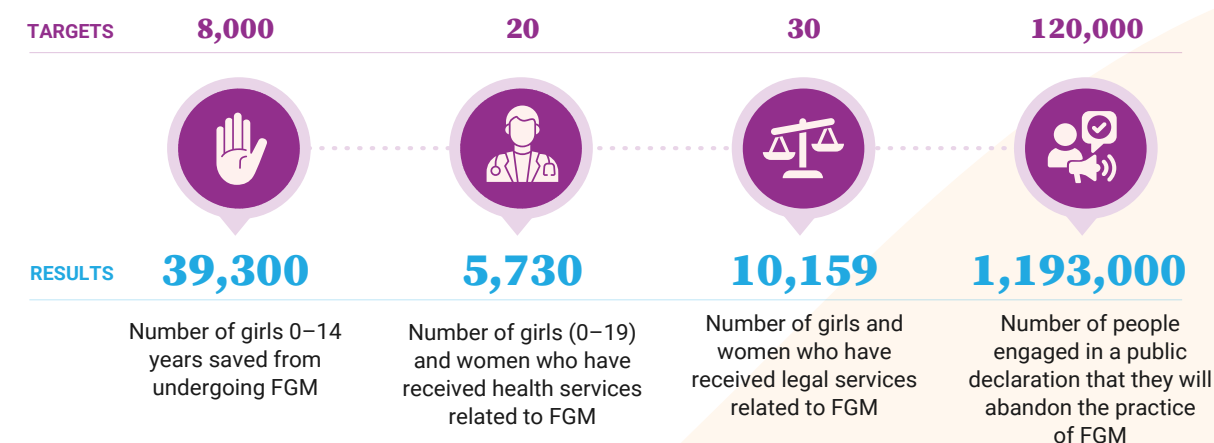
Kuria West

Outcome expectancies: No data available.

Proportion of individuals who believe FGM should be stopped



Highlights of 2024 programme results



Spotlighted interventions

Promoting girls' agency

→ The Joint Programme supported mentorship programmes, life skills training and community dialogues to equip 16,453 girls with knowledge of their rights and the dangers of FGM. The establishment of 15 social support groups in high-prevalence counties has provided safe spaces for girls to discuss their challenges, share experiences and collectively resist harmful practices. In addition, survivor-led movements have played crucial roles in amplifying girls' voices, particularly through the "FGM MUST END with us; Dear Daughter Campaign", which mobilized over 1,600 survivors to protect younger generations from FGM.

Movement-building

→ A survivor-led movement comprising women from northern Kenya formed and brought together 1,600 FGM survivors in the "FGM MUST END with us; Dear Daughter Campaign", led by the Anti-FGM Board. This movement played an instrumental role in reducing new cases of FGM, especially within the Somali community, where prevalence tops 90 per cent.² The Joint Programme will continue supporting the campaign in 2025 to maintain momentum in northern Kenya.

¹ Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli and UNICEF (2023). Social and behaviour change baseline on child marriage and FGM in selected counties in Kenya – Survey findings Samburu East County and Kuria District. Unpublished manuscript

² Kenya DHS 2022.



IN-COUNTRY PARTNERS

Number	List of partners*
18	Africa Coordinating Centre for Abandonment of FGM (ACCAF), Anti FGM Board, Brighter Society Initiative, Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance, Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW), County Governments (Kisii, Migori, Wajir, T. River, West Pokot, Samburu, Marsabit), Directorate of Public Prosecution, Division of Reproductive Health Ministry of Health, Habiba International Women and Youth Affairs, Illaramatak Community Concerns, Kenya National Human Rights Commission, Marsabit Women Advocacy and Development Organization, Men End FGM Foundation, Network of Adolescents and Youth of Africa, Pastoralist Women for Health and Education, Umoja Development Organization, World Vision Kenya, Youth for a Sustainable World (YSW)

* List is a mix of implementing and strategic partners