

Nigeria

2024 SNAPSHOT

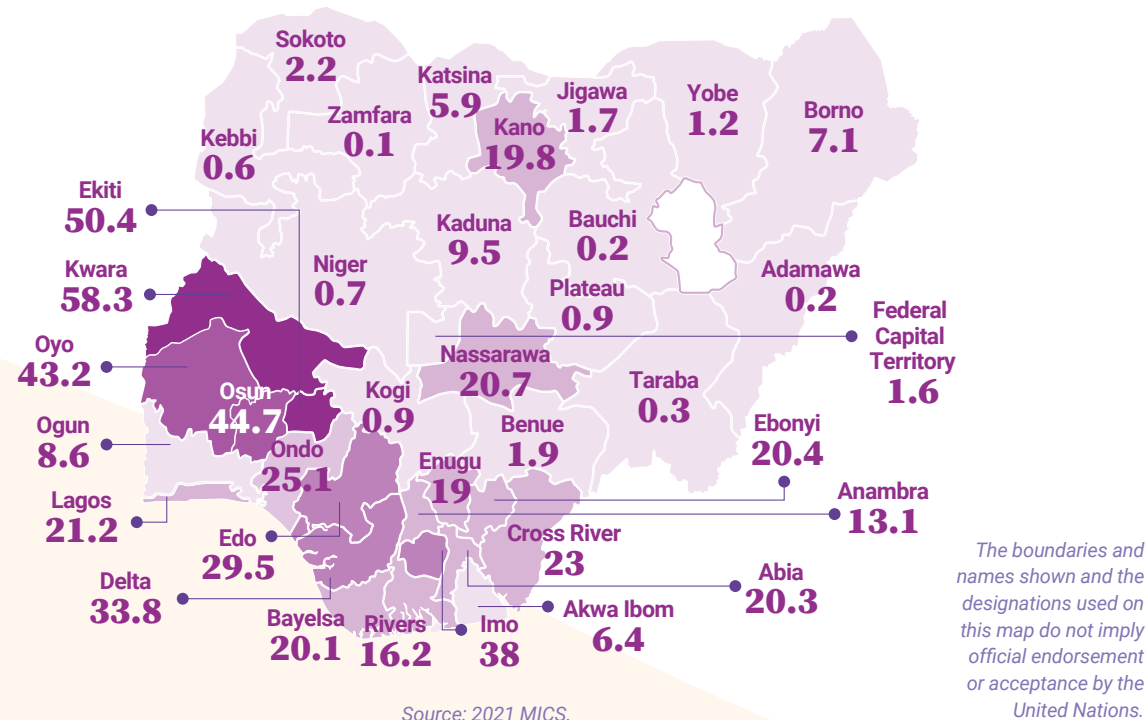
Sociopolitical context

North-east Nigeria faces a persistent humanitarian crisis due to 14 years of armed conflict in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. Over 2 million people are internally displaced, with women and girls at high risk of gender-based violence and children vulnerable to forced recruitment in armed factions. Agricultural disruption has worsened food insecurity, with 4.4 million reached with aid out of the 7.9 million in need in 2024.

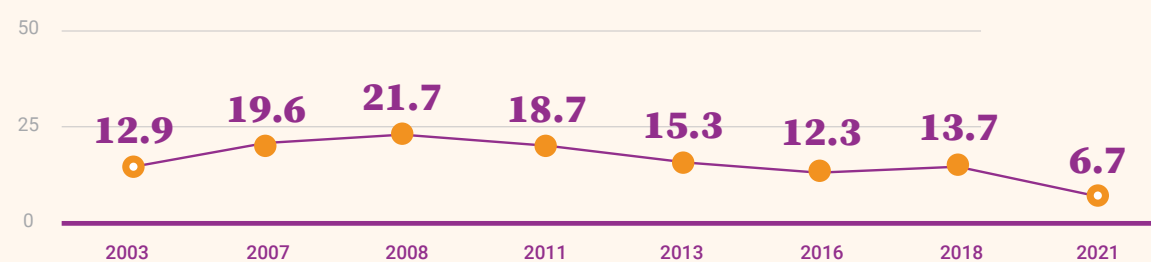
FGM context

Female genital mutilation drivers include cultural norms and perceived religious obligations. Nigeria's substantial progress in reducing FGM among girls aged 15–19 over the past three decades is a testament to the concerted efforts of the Government and various stakeholders, including CSOs and United Nations organizations, working towards elimination by 2030.

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



FGM prevalence (percentage) among females aged 15–19 years from 2003 to 2021



Source: DHS and MICS from 2003 - 2021.

Social norms (2024 data)

Descriptive norm:



of women 15–49 believe most girls aged 10–14 in their community have had a form of FGM.¹

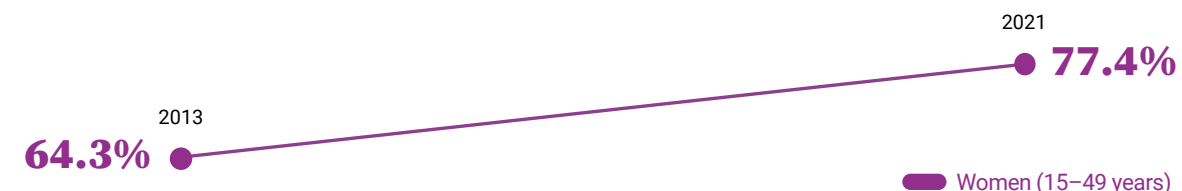
Injunctive norm:



of women 15–49 believe that their community expects them to continue to practise FGM.²

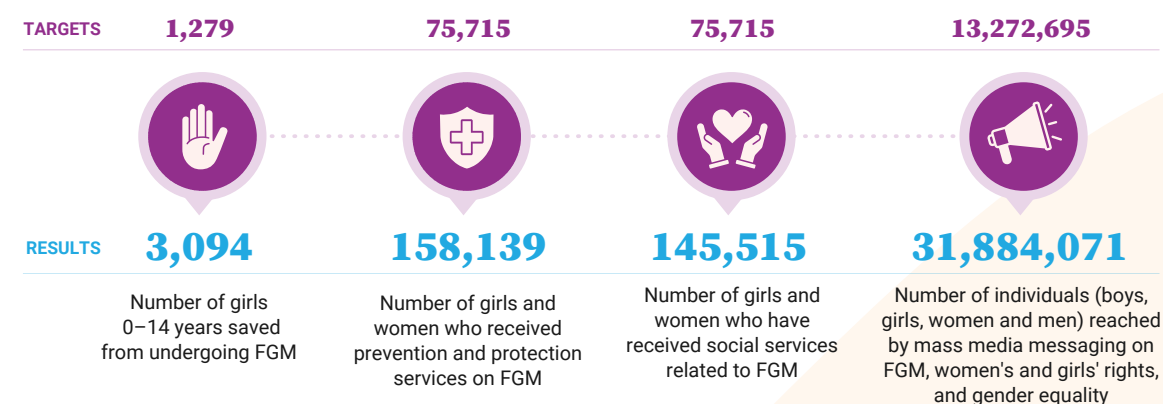
Outcome expectancies: No data available.

Proportion of individuals who believe FGM should be stopped



Source: DHS and MICS from 2013 - 2021.

Highlights of 2024 programme results



Spotlighted interventions

Engaging women-led and youth-led organizations

→ A total of 7,871 adolescent girls, including 135 with disabilities from 100 communities across five Nigerian states, received life skills, and sessions on advocacy, leadership and community engagement training to become influential advocates and community champions. These youth champions encouraged peers and 24,500 family members to reject FGM in Ebonyi State. Their efforts led to over 30,000 community pledges and 138 FGM case reports, and prevented FGM for approximately 114 newborns. The Joint Programme also supported activities to strengthen advocacy skills for 23 grassroots organizations in Oyo and Ekiti states.

Movement-building

→ Positive masculinity initiatives through male champions and the Male Engagement Alliance organized sports tournaments and community dialogues to redefine masculinity and promote men as allies in ending FGM. Male-led community-based organizations engaged 39,469 men and boys in sessions that addressed the effects of FGM and importance of gender equality. Nearly 458,000 individuals through the [Movement for Good to End FGM](#) denounced the practice and pledged to actively support elimination. The movement globally obtained more than 6.5 million individual pledges.

^{1,2} UNFPA, Population & Reproductive Health Institute at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (2024). Female Genital Mutilation Module Pilot Results. Unpublished manuscript.



IN-COUNTRY PARTNERS

Number	List of partners*
26	Action Health Incorporated, Balm in Gilead Foundation for Sustainable Development - Ekiti State, Centre for Comprehensive Promotion of Reproductive Health, Education as a Vaccine, Ekiti State Ministry of Health, Ekiti State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Gender Relevance Initiative Promotion, Ekiti State, Ministry of Women Affairs - Ebonyi State, Ministry of Women Affairs - Imo state, National Council on Women Society, One Life Initiative - Oyo state, Osun State Ministry of Health, Osun State Ministry of Women, Children and Social Affairs, Oyo State Ministry of Women Affairs, Oyo State Primary Health Care Board, Tomorrow is a girl initiative - Ebonyi State, The Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) - Ebonyi State, The New Generation Girls and Women Development Initiative, Trailblazer Initiative Nigeria - Oyo state, Virgin Heart Foundation - Imo State, Value Female Network - Osun State, Value Re-Orientation for Community Enhancement (VARCE) - Osun State, Youthub Africa

* List is a mix of implementing and strategic partners