

Uganda

2024 SNAPSHOT

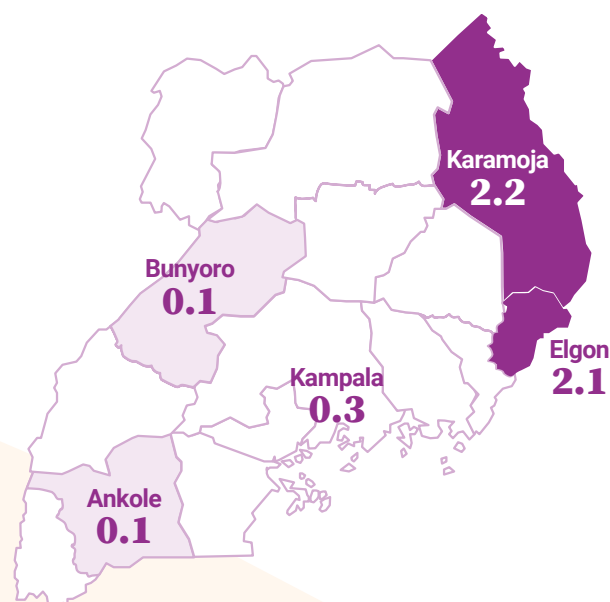
Sociopolitical context

Uganda continues to face an ongoing influx of refugees from neighbouring countries, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. These population movements have increased pressures on existing resources and public services. The country is grappling with food insecurity exacerbated by climate change, economic instability and infrastructural deficits. Various health concerns, including outbreaks of diseases and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, pose ongoing risks to the population.

FGM context

Female genital mutilation is practised mainly among the Pokot, Sabiny, Tepeth, and Kadam communities in eastern Uganda, specifically in the Bugisu and Karamoja regions bordering Kenya. There are reports of FGM in Kampala and some districts hosting refugees from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan.

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



Source: 2022 DHS.

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FGM prevalence (percentage) among females aged 15–19 years from 2006 to 2016



Source: DHS from 2006 - 2016.

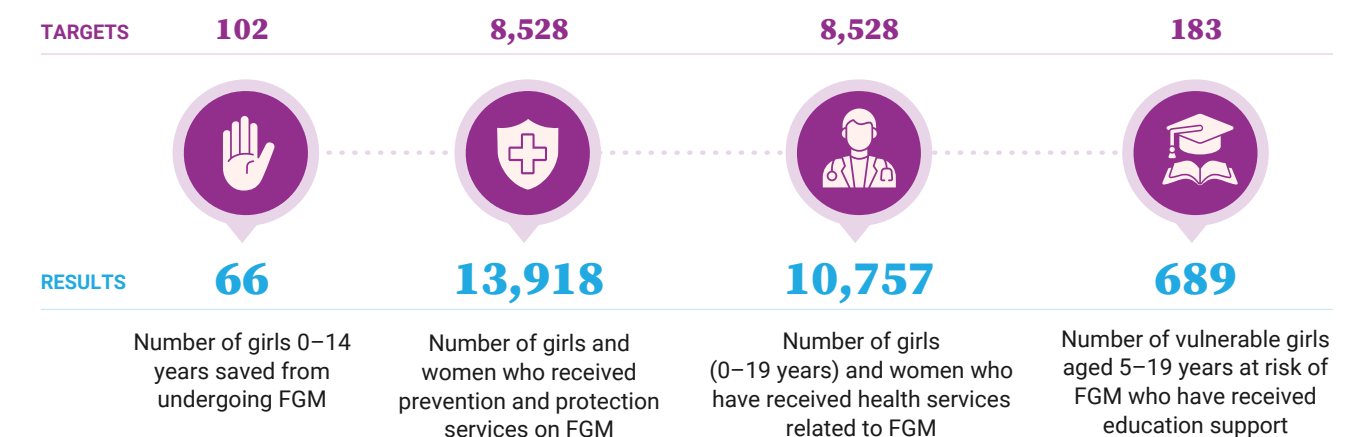
Social norms

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

Proportion of individuals who believe FGM should be stopped

82.8% of women believe that FGM should be stopped.¹

Highlights of 2024 programme results



Spotlighted interventions

Expanding and intensifying the global influence of the Joint Programme

→ Uganda's leadership and collaboration with the East African Community and East African Legislative Assembly shaped policies and legal frameworks for cross-border FGM elimination. High-profile events, including the Zero Tolerance Day Symposium and cultural festivals, have provided international platforms to showcase Uganda's progress and challenges, drawing attention and support. Strategic partnerships with development agencies such as the International Development Law Organization and the Austrian Embassy have bolstered the visibility and credibility of the Joint Programme, reinforcing its role as a key player in the global movement to end FGM.

Financing with diversified funding mechanisms

→ The Joint Programme partners with government initiatives, such as the Parish Development Model and financial inclusion programmes within community interventions, including adolescent clubs and community groups. This opens long-term economic alternatives for vulnerable girls and women, and strengthens the resilience of individuals and families. In 12 clubs in the districts of Amudat, Kween, Bukwo, Moroto, Nakapiripirit and Kapchorwa, 350 young women gained livelihood training and village savings and loan associations. An additional 350 trained adolescents started livelihood-generating activities (vegetable-growing, poultry-raising) to support education costs. Sanitary pads and scholastic materials were provided as well as peer support to mobilize girls to return to and stay in school.

¹ 2011 DHS.

END FGM



IN-COUNTRY PARTNERS

Number	List of partners*
50	Action Aid International Uganda, AfriYAN Uganda Chapter, Amudat District Local Government, Benet Women Association, Binyiny Church of Uganda, Binyiny Mosque, Body of Christ, Branch Women, BRAC, Bukwo Community Development Initiative, Bukwo District Local Government, Bukwo Gender-Based Champions, Cheberen Youth Mission, Community Action for Rural Development, Community Development Initiative, Creation Steppers, EASSI, Global Youth Consortium, Global Youth Consortium on Ending FGM, Integrated Community Network, Kamawo Women in Action, Kapchorwa Women in Development, Kapchorwa Women in Gender Transformation, Kapchorwa Women in Peace, Kapchorwa District Local Government, Kapnarango Chesorukel Women, Kapsinda Church of Uganda, Karamoja Women Umbrella (KAWUO), Kitawoi Joint Women, Kween District Local Government, Kwosir Youth in the Struggle, Light to Community, Masuru Noor Mosque, Mayendelewo, Mengya Youth Movement, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Health, Moroto District Local Government, Musopisiek Empowerment Foundation, Nakapiripirit District Local Government, National Youth Council, Ngagata Catholic Church, Ngeenge Church of Uganda, Nyalil Youth in Development, Sat Kaa Survivors, She Impact Makers, Soy Youth Development Network, Taqwa Mosque, Taragon Lower Women in Development, Toswo Persons with Disability Organization

* List is a mix of implementing and strategic partners