



Call for participants Training workshop on storytelling on FGM in Egypt

When: from the 22nd to the 26th of March 2020

Where: Cairo, Egypt

Who is holding the workshop: UNFPA Egypt in the framework of the project "Building Bridges between Africa and Europe to Tackle FGM" supported by the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation: Accelerating Change

What is it about?

The training will focus on changing the narrative about female genital mutilation (FGM), using a respectful approach with regard to affected communities; portraying people, particularly girls/women, who abandoned the practice without losing their identity; telling positive stories to promote FGM abandonment. Participants will be encouraged to mainstream FGM plots in already established shows and programs, including soap-operas, radio shows, social networks, theatre plays, etc.

The training will be held by international and Egyptian experts in storytelling and video production with proven experience in the field of social communication, supported by an expert on FGM.

The training will be delivered with a learning-by-doing approach, and during its implementation participants will be challenged with practical exercises both on an individual and group level. As a group they will write the script for a video telling a story about FGM abandonment in the Egyptian context. Professional filmmakers will then produce a short fictional video (around 5/10 minutes) based on this script created by the participants.

After the end of the training, the trainers will be available for remote technical assistance to the trainees, providing feedbacks and inputs on the development of their own personal projects through emails, Skype calls, etc.

The training will be held in Arabic.

To whom is it addressed?

Egyptian people (living in Egypt or in Europe) with experience in communication/media and/or social work: journalists, communication officers, radio/tv/cinema/theatre screenwriters and directors, bloggers, etc.





If you wish to express your interest, you must be sure that:

- You are over 18 years old;
- You are Egyptian;
- You are a “media worker/student” such as a video maker or editor, video journalist, communication officer working with videos, web editor, etc.

OR

You are a “social worker/student” working towards the abandonment of FGM such as a community agent of change, a cultural/linguistic moderator, a community facilitator or any related position;

- You are willing and in the position to expose your own life and experiences in the public domain without the risk of retaliation;
- You are able to travel to Cairo in March (your expenses will be covered by the project);
- You are very fluent in oral and written Egyptian Arabic.

Logistics: Workshop attendance is free. Expenses such as flights, transfers, accommodation and meals will be covered by the projects. Participants will not receive any form of payment for their attendance at the workshop.





How to apply

Send an email to ghafir@unfpa.org and v.fanelli@aidos.it, specifying in the subject line “Storytelling on FGM application”, with the following documents in attachment:

- **Your CV** (max. 2 pages; add links of your previous works if relevant);
- **The form herewith attached** duly filled.

Application's deadline: the 9th of February 2020. Only those candidates that are short-listed will be notified. Notifications will be sent by the 20th of February 2020.

Qualified **female candidates** are strongly encouraged to apply.

