

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

International Stakeholder Dialogue

“Preventing and Responding to Female Genital Mutilation in Emergency and Humanitarian Contexts”

When: From October to November 2020.

Where: The international stakeholder dialogue will be held online.

Organizers of the dialogue: This international stakeholder dialogue is organized by AIDOS, GAMS Belgium and the END FGM European Network. It is held in the framework of the project “Building bridges between Africa and Europe to tackle FGM”, supported by the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.

What it is about?

The theme chosen for the meeting is **“Preventing and Responding to Female Genital Mutilation in Emergency and Humanitarian Contexts”**. The dialogue will gather stakeholders from the public, private and CSO sector, in Africa, Europe and beyond, working towards the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.

The aim is to provide a concrete set of recommendations for donors and key actors in the field. The conclusions and recommendations will be presented during a **final webinar** organised back to back with the Donors Working Group on Female Genital Mutilation meeting (16-17th of November). In order to gather these recommendations, two working groups will hold a series of 3 meetings of about 2 hours each on two sub-themes:

- WG 1: Female Genital Mutilation awareness-raising, prevention and communication in emergency and humanitarian contexts
- WG 2: Provision of services for Female Genital Mutilation survivors in emergency and humanitarian contexts

The working group meetings are expected to be held once every second week, starting the week 5/9th of October.

A final common meeting will be organised at the end of the working groups process to present, share and validate the recommendations.

Why a meeting on Female Genital Mutilation in Emergency and Humanitarian contexts?

Recent UNFPA data suggests that if current trends continue, 68 million girls will face Female Genital Mutilation between 2015 and 2030. Moreover, the current global COVID-19 pandemic is impacting efforts to end Female Genital Mutilation and an estimated two million additional cases caused by disruption of interventions in this crisis period will need to be averted.

Given this situation, the international community must urgently scale up efforts and ensure effective work towards both the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation and the provision of adequate services for women and girls affected by this practice in different contexts, including emergency and humanitarian ones. In particular, ensuring a more holistic and coordinated approach to the humanitarian-development nexus is of crucial importance.

The **international stakeholder dialogue** will gather recommendations based on concrete experience from actors facing multiple types of emergency situations in different contexts, in Africa, Europe and other regions affected by the practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

The online dialogue builds on the work of the [Community of practise on Female Genital Mutilation \(CoP FGM\)](#) which provides virtual spaces for collective discussion, ideas and information-sharing on Female Genital Mutilation, whilst applying a Building Bridges perspective.

Why should you participate in this online dialogue?

The international stakeholder dialogue provides an opportunity for participants to :

- Engage with policy- and decision-makers from different countries and regions on:
 - Addressing Female Genital Mutilation within actions on sexual and gender-based violence and all forms of gender-based violence in emergencies ;
 - Incorporating anti-FGM programming into all areas of emergency – preparedness, response and recovery;
 - Focusing on programmes guaranteeing the empowerment of all women and girls in those settings.
- Foster working partnerships and alliances in order to enhance efforts in policies and practice to end Female Genital Mutilation in humanitarian and emergency situations and provide adequate care for survivors.
- Participate in the engagement of donors towards a more holistic and coordinated approach regarding the humanitarian-development nexus.
- Highlight their promising practices and interventions tackling Female Genital Mutilation in emergency and humanitarian contexts, and learn from other stakeholders.
- Bring forward the main challenges and obstacles faced, which hinder the effectiveness of such practices and interventions and suggest solutions to overcome them.

What is expected from participants?

- Participate in **3 online working group sessions** (2 hours/session) on one of the two themes:
 - WG 1: Female Genital Mutilation awareness-raising, prevention and communication in emergency and humanitarian contexts.
 - WG 2: Provision of services for Female Genital Mutilation survivors in emergency and humanitarian contexts.
- Share experiences, expertise, challenges and solutions with other participants.
- Give input on the conclusions recommendations drafted by the moderators.

Who can apply?

- Anyone who has experience from field work or research in the field of Female Genital Mutilation, humanitarian/emergency contexts, or both.

Please note that a **selection** will be made from the applications received in order to ensure the **diversity of the group** (in terms of geography, expertise and experience) as well as a **reasonable size of the working groups**, allowing for active participation of each person.

Dialogues attendance is free. Participants will not receive any form of payment for their attendance in the working groups.

How to apply

If you want to participate please fill in this **registration form**: <https://forms.gle/LdNoqBY8HiyiEQtD9>

Deadline for application: **Thursday 24th September EOB**

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