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STOP! FGM!

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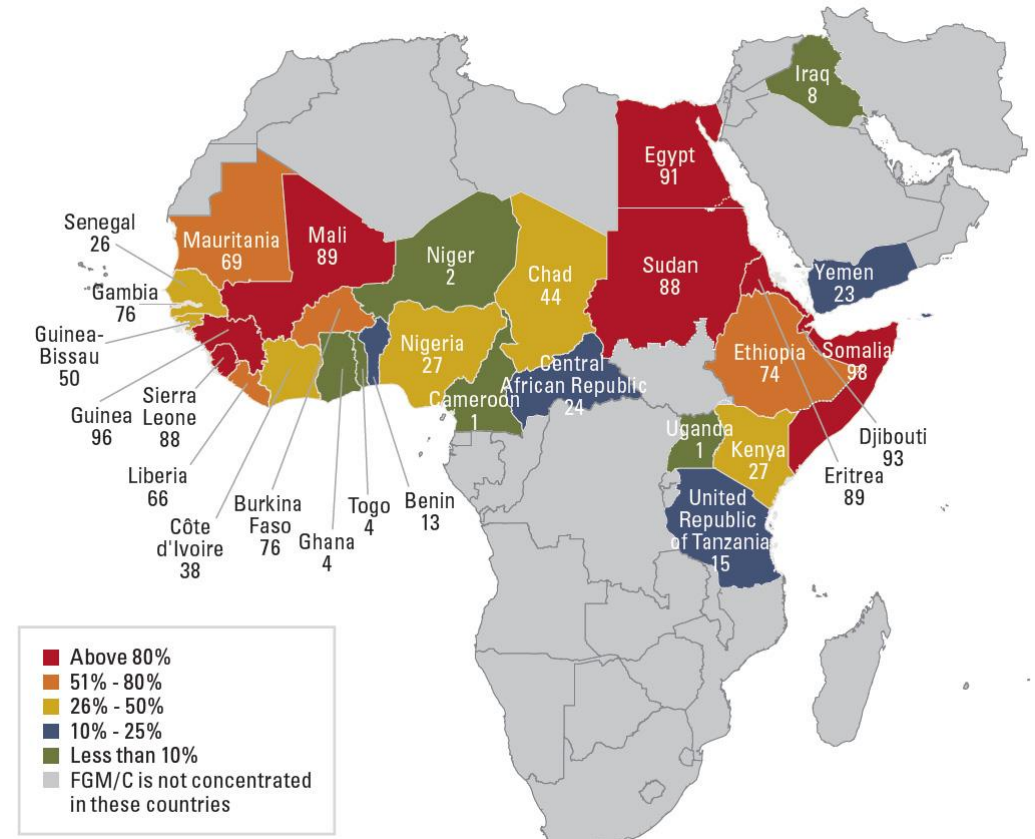
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- What situation is this story describing?
- If you were the narrator in the story, how would you feel?
- Do you know anything about the practice this story is describing?
- Have you ever heard of female genital mutilation (FGM)?

Prevalence of FGM

- What do the countries in the map have in common?
- What do the numbers on the map mean?
- Which country has the highest percentage?
Have you ever heard of this country?



1. What is Female Genital Mutilation?



- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Various unhygienic procedures that involves severe pain and bleeding
- "The practice (of FGM) also violates a person's rights to health, security and physical integrity, the right to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and the right to life when the procedure results in death" – World Health Organization (WHO)

2. How did FGM begin?



- 4,000-year-old tradition
- Many conjectures about its origin
 - ① Prevention of disease, healthy sex life, and hygienic purposes
 - ② Sacrifice to fertility god
 - ③ Right of passage to become an adult

3. Why is FGM being performed?

- Right of passage to become an adult
- Mechanism to keep premarital purity
- Way to strengthen polygamic system



4. How is FGM carried out?



- Performed by the village midwife
- Target is girls from ages 4 to 15
- Tools used include razor knife, scissors, broken piece of glass, and sharp knives
- Village festival after the procedure is carried out

5. How prevalent is FGM worldwide?

- **250 million** women worldwide
- One case every 11 seconds, **7850 cases** per day
- Carried out in more than **30 countries** in Africa, Middle East, Asia
- By 2050..



6. How are women's lives affected by FGM?



- Physical side effects and complications that last a lifetime
- Psychological effects

7. Women who become refugees to escape FGM

- Women who flee to escape FGM
- Can FGM be a reason for refugee application?



8. Efforts to eliminate FGM: Increasing awareness



- Is FGM a beautiful tradition?
- Education to change the women's perception of FGM
- Education to change the community's perception of FGM

8. Efforts to eliminate FGM: Human rights organizations

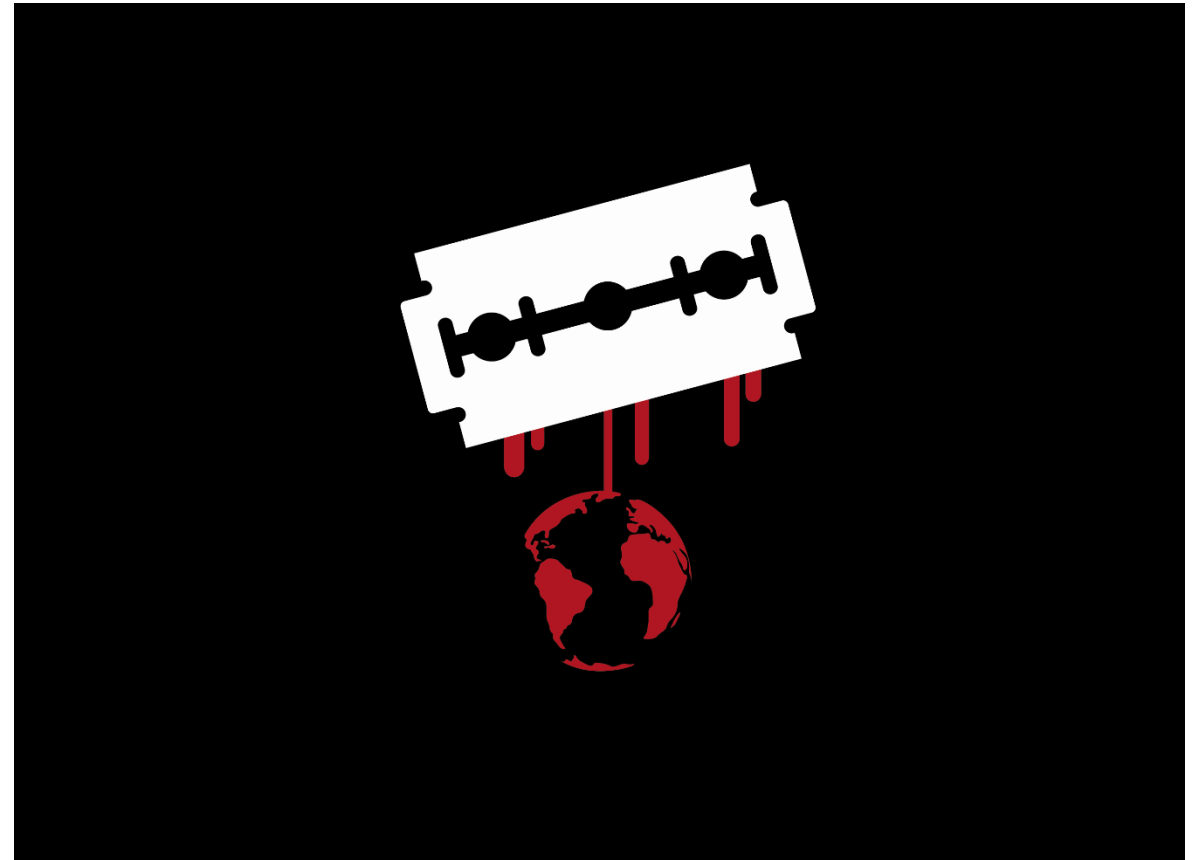
- Violence of FGM became known worldwide in the 1990s
- Global campaign for the elimination of FGM



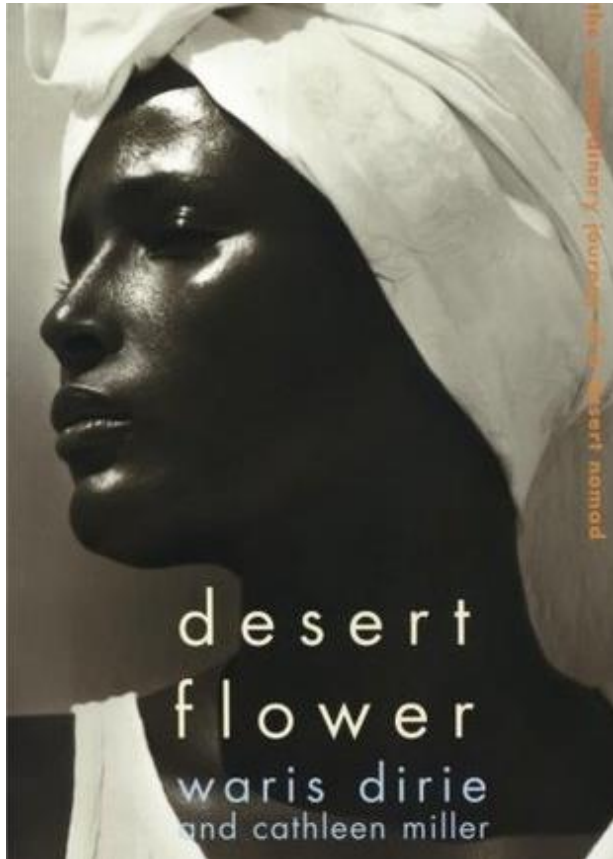
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8. Efforts to eliminate FGM: International community

- February 6th – International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- Legal ban on all forms of FGM by the African Union
- UN's Sustainable Development Goal 5.3



9. People who are fighting to eradicate FGM



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Waris Dirie (b. 1965)

Supermodel from Somalia, UN Goodwill Ambassador for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation

Spoke out about her experience of FGM. Led movement to eradicate FGM and efforts to enact international laws to ban FGM. Received the 2019 Sunhak Peace Prize.



9. People who are fighting to eradicate FGM



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Molly Melching (b. 1949)

American human rights activist working for African women's rights

Founded Tostan, an NGO, in Senegal, West Africa to carry out education and campaigns to change the perception of FGM and eradicate the practice.

Persuaded many villages in Senegal and its surrounding countries to declare the banning of FGM.

10. What can we do to eliminate FGM?



- Everyone needs to take interest
- Taking action to eliminate FGM



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