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Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations on **Innovative Financing** to achieve the elimination of **Female Genital Mutilation** 

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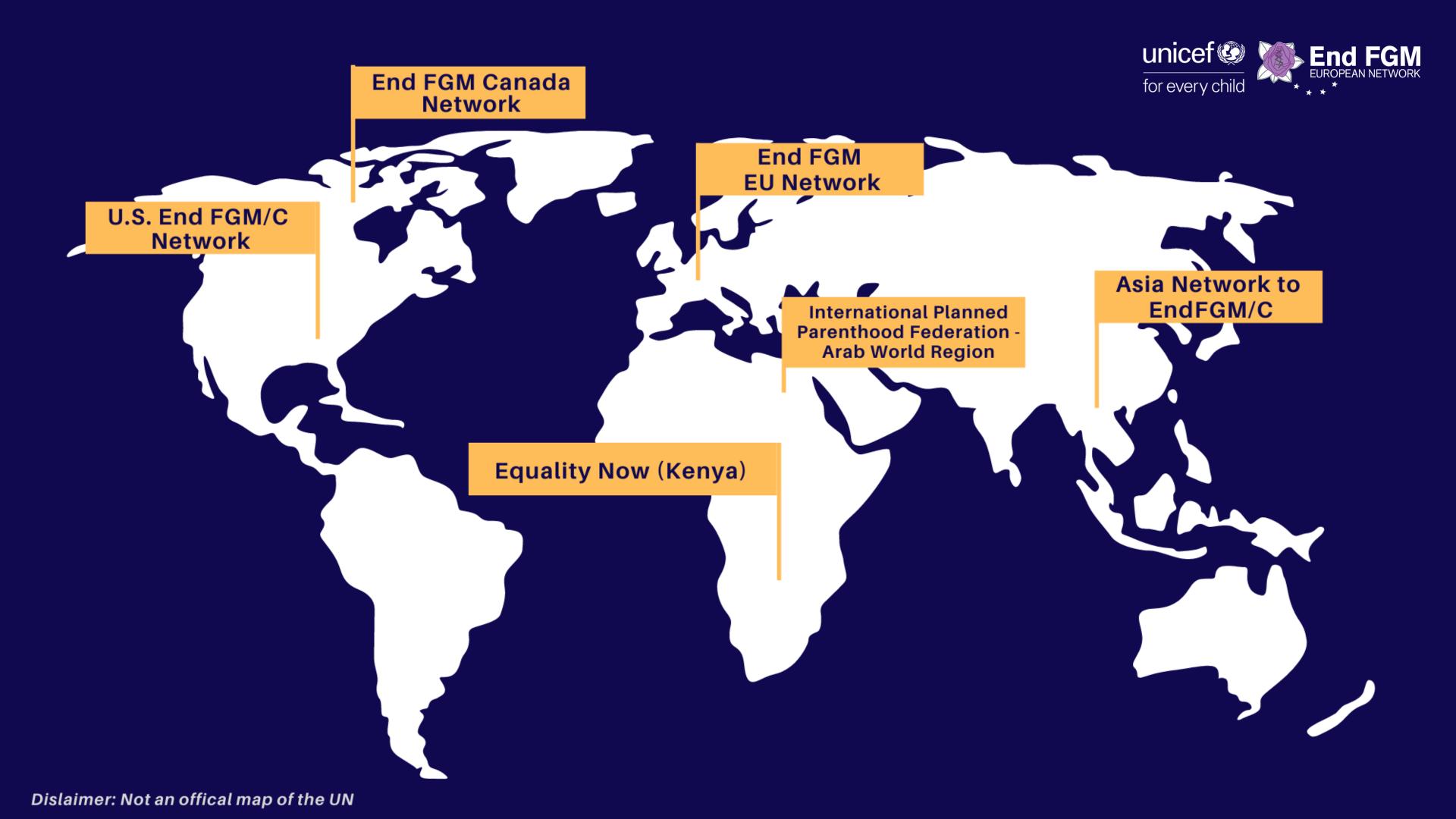




Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic: CSO experiences on FGM programming in Europe, US, Africa, Asia and the Middle East:

- Impact of COVID-19
- Adaptations implemented in the field
- Current challenges
- Q&A







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## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### **End FGM European Network**

Disconnection, demobilisation and disengagement

Use of alternate ways of communication including working online. Provision of psychological support to the target audience

Programmatic funding redirected due to Covid-19 = staff dismissals and inability to survive for some organisations

Advocating for flexibility in investments due to Covid-19 disruptions



Dr. Sadok Amine Ben Hassine,
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## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### **IPPF Arab World**

Non-profitable IGA of the former cutters

Customize the goods delivery method and change the production process and materials

Improved income and reinforced commitment to stop practicing FGM

FGM not considered as an urgent health matter

Take advantage of healthy lifestyle awareness and increase the advocacy efforts to fight FGM along with other SRH needs during the Pandemic

Advocacy wins such as stricter punishment measures against FGM in Egypt 2021. Stronger mobilization of stakeholders



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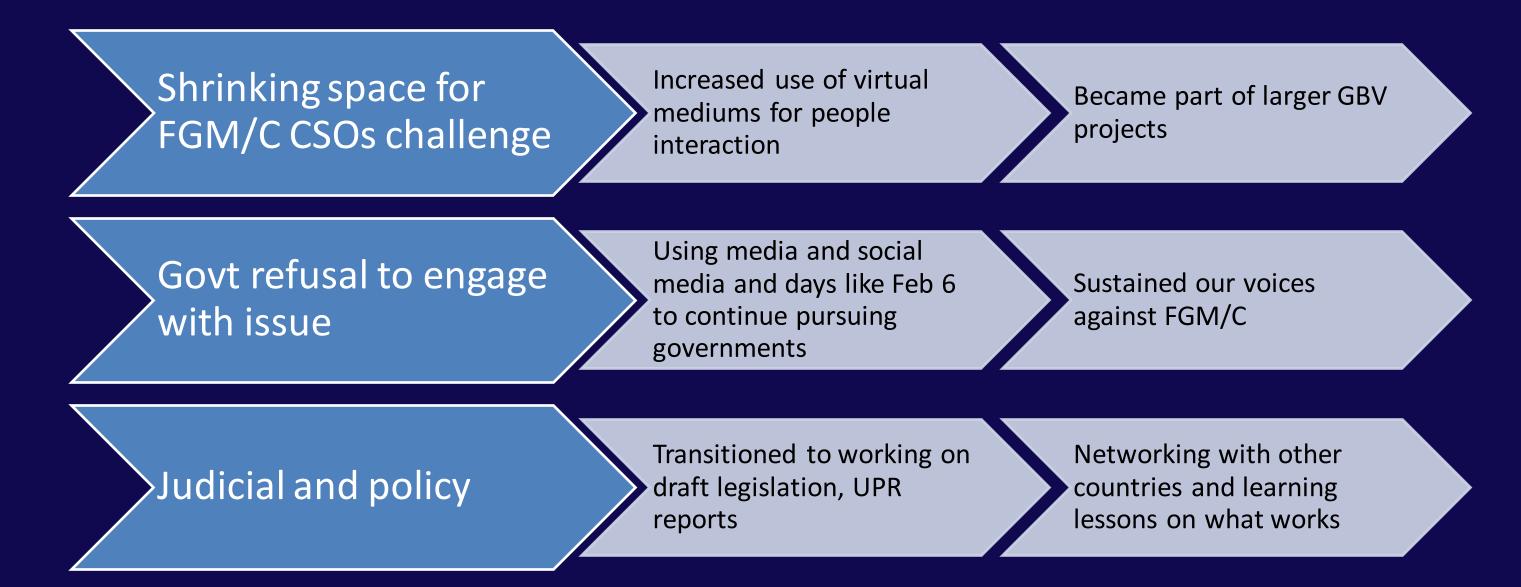
Founder of We Speak Out to end FGM in the Bohra Community, India





## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### Asia Network to End FGM/C





### **Caroline Lagat**

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## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### **Equality Now - Kenya**





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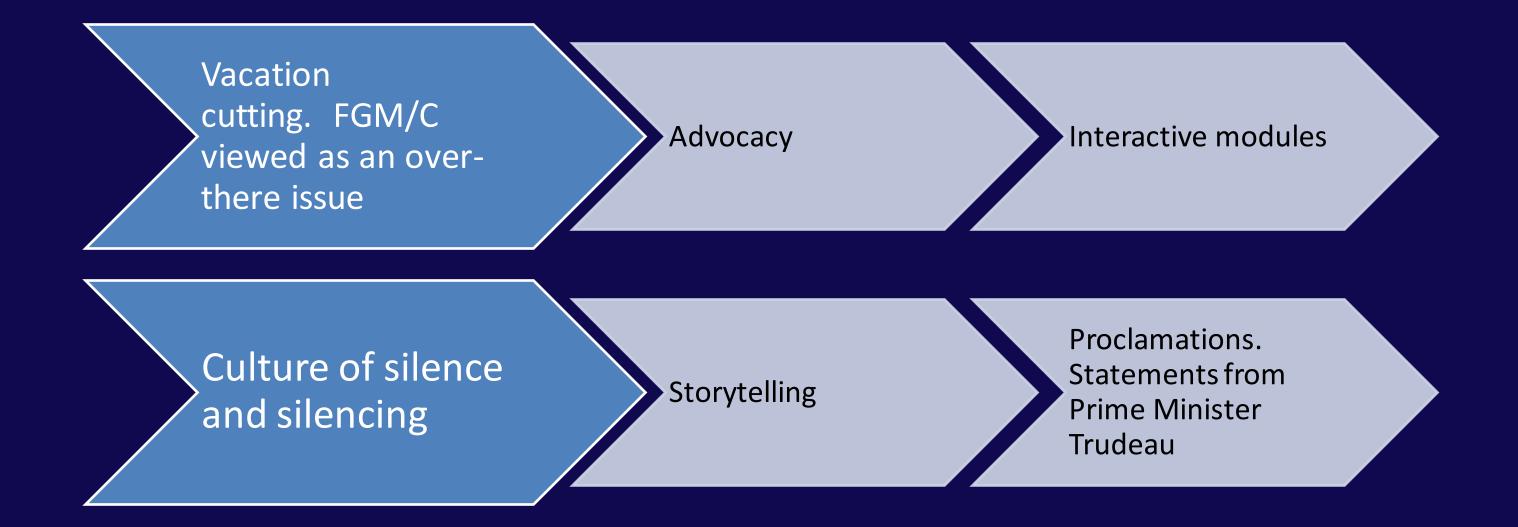
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## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### **End FGM Canada Network**





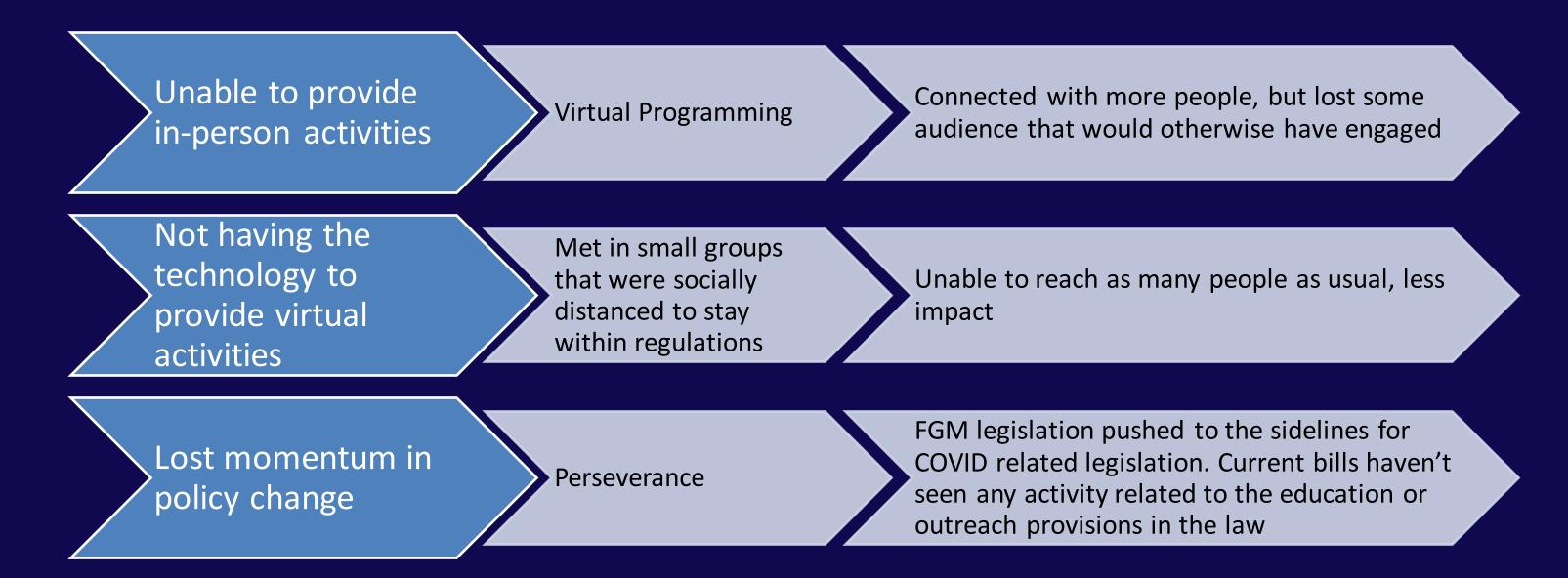
Caitlin Le May
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US End FGM/C Network





## Impact of COVID-19 & Adaptation Strategies

### **End FGM/C US Network**









## Break!

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## Innovative Finance for Ending Harmful Practices

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## FGM and Child Marriage in Numbers:

- Cost of child marriage USD 4 trillion by 2030
- Cost of treating FGM USD 1.4. billion annually
- Eliminating child marriage, Uganda would add USD 2.7 billion annually to its GDP
- Ethiopia would be 1/6 less dependent on ODA
- One underage girl marries every 3 seconds, 23 every minute and over 12 million a year
- At least 200 million girls and women alive today living in 30 countries have been subjected to FGM



#### **GENERAL CONTEXT**

- Delivering on SDG 5.3
- Understanding innovative and/or alternative finance in relation to the emerging *IF4C* concept

#### **CHALLENGES**

- SDG 5.3 progress data
- National SDG 5.3. targets and costing
- Refined global SDG 5.3 costing
- Prioritization of SDG5 implementation
- Contextualization vis-à-vis GBV



### **Harmful Practices Context:**

1 Humanitarian Issue

4 Economic Issue

2 Human Rights Issue

5 Social/Societal Issue

3 Public (Health) Issue



## Development Finance Taxonomy

- Domestic Public Finance
- International Private Finance
- Domestic Private Finance
- International Public Finance

### **Partnerships**

- Bilateral
- Mono-structural (single sector)
- Multi-structural (multi-sector)
- Networks



## Innovative Financing Mechanisms

- Advocacy targeting the National Governments
- Coproduction with the National Governments (National partnership for ending harmful practices (FGM and child marriage))
- Advocacy with the International and Regional Financial Institutions
- Debt Swap
- A 'Gender Levy'

- Development Impact Bond
- Co-funding
- Funding Pools
- (SS(T)C?)
- (Social Impact Bond?)



## **Innovative Financing Prerequisites**

1 National ownership

4 Clear treatment vis-à-vis ODA

Stakeholder Capacity development

5 Should be predictable

Complimentary to other interventions



### **Next Steps!**

Defining the position

Building the investment case(s)

Exploring the (small) set of IF mechanisms

Building a larger multistakeholder alliance

Mobilizing the grassroots

"Selling the case"







### A preliminary remark from the Donor Working Group

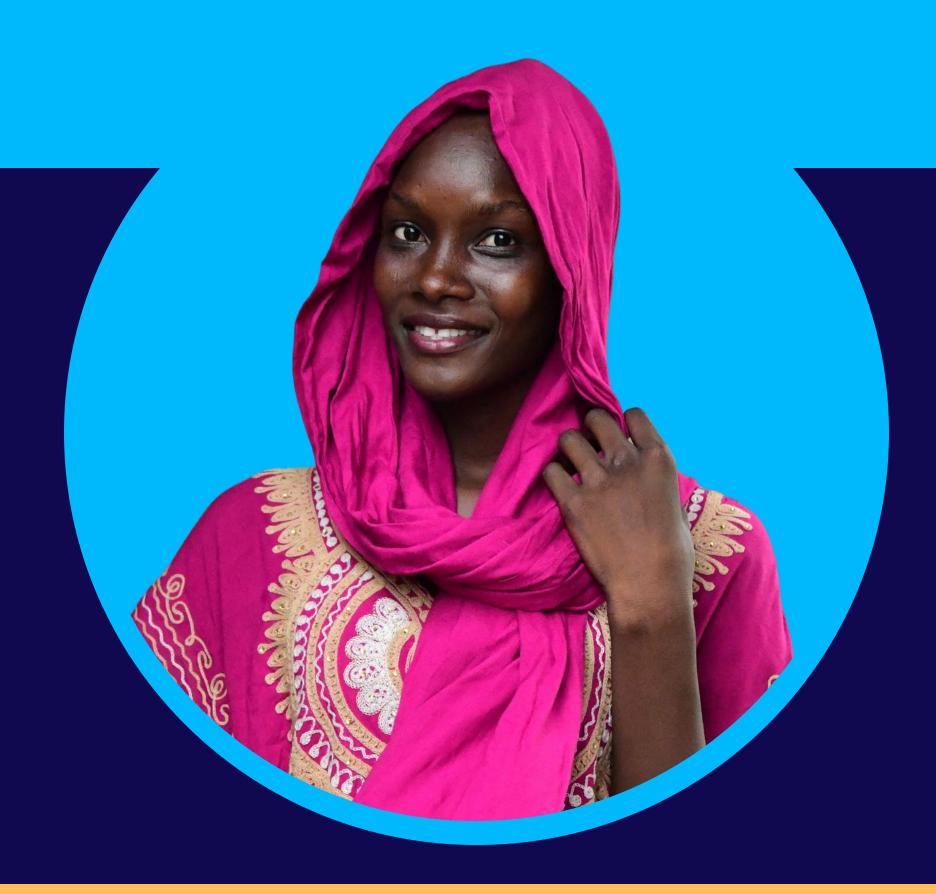
#### **Susan Gibbs**

Program Director, Women's Rights, Wallace Global Fund



## PANEL DISCUSSION

- What should be a promising innovative financing mechanism for FGM?
- What will be the opportunities of a new funding mechanism on the partnership between traditional donors, private sector, international organizations and CSOs?
- What will be the challenges of a new funding mechanism on the partnership between traditional donors, private sector, international organizations and CSOs?





## International Stakeholders Dialogues



International
Stakeholder Dialogue
2020 - Preventing and
Responding to FGM in
Emergency and
Humanitarian
Contexts

https://bit.ly/3L5GKMy



International Stakeholder Dialogue 2021 Gender Transformative Approaches to ending FGM

https://bit.ly/3rbtwa5



Preventing and responding to FGM is not part of the humanitarian aid cycle

Fund projects connecting humanitarian and development sectors, to ensure the humanitarian-development nexus becomes a reality

Support pilot projects and implement specific calls for proposals on integrating FGM prevention and response in humanitarian programming

Data collection challenges and low **reporting** exacerbated during crisis

Invest in the establishment of coordination platforms for all actors working on FGM in the field, and in databases for in-country cooperation

Fund community-led research and data collection in emergency settings

Sustainable behaviour change is key to eliminate FGM, but there is a lack of understanding/use of Gender Transformative Approaches

Fund organizations willing to pilot new and innovative approaches, including gender transformative approaches, to ending FGM. Promote collaborations between different types of grantees to build complex and comprehensive programmes addressing FGM alongside SRHR, GBV and other gender equality issues through a gender transformative approach at multiple levels



# Innovative Financing Opportunities

Corporate Social Responsibility

Medical insurance for support services

Creation of synergies/Strategic partnership



# Innovative Financing Challenges

Increased burden on CSOs – Short/medium term funding

Danger in framing social impact issues in competitive terms

Beyond alternative finance – commitments to achieve SDG 5.3 must be backed by increased funding



What should be a promising innovative financing mechanism for FGM?

A mechanism that allows long term interventions

A mechanism that allows flexibility

A mechanism that allows scale up of promising/successful intervention









## Closing Remarks

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