




FGM are a religious obligation

FALSE! : FGM is not supported in any major religious texts and moreover many religious leaders believe that this tradition should end




Only girls who undergo FGM can enter womanhood and be considered respectable

FALSE! : Cultural norms are changing and alternative rites of passage into womanhood that do not involve FGM are increasingly accepted




Men do not support the abandonment of FGM

FALSE! : In most countries where data exist, the majority of boys and men think FGM should end



FGM can negatively affect a relationship

TRUE! : Many women with FGM report adverse effects on sexual relations, which can negatively impact a relationship



If FGM is performed by a health-care professional, there is no risk of harm

FALSE! : FGM is a harmful practice and may lead to physical, mental and sexual health complications regardless of who performs it



FGM can improve fertility

FALSE! : there is no evidence that FGM improves fertility. In fact, complications of FGM can negatively impact fertility