Amref Health Africa envisions a continent free of Female Genital Cutting (FGC), where girls are empowered to continue their education and become the women of their dreams.

Our achievements

+17,000 girls transitioned to womanhood through ARP*, without the cut

Legislation to end FGC
Ban of FGC and early marriage in the new Maa constitution; anti-FGC bylaws approved in Kilindi (TZ); anti-FGC act approved in Kajiado (KE)

5.4 million people in Kenya and Northern Tanzania were reached through a local FM radio programme

+400 traditional birth attendants trained on the health risks of FGC

90,000 girls, boys, morans, parents, cultural elders and other community members educated on the effects of FGC and importance of education

+30 ARP ceremonies

+850 peer educators trained

More girls are staying in school

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As a result

FGC prevalence dropped from 45% to 14% of unmarried girls between the ages of 10 and 24

14%

47.9% of the Morans see their ideal marriage partner as educated, up from 20.9%

94.9% of uncircumcised girls want FGC to stop

Only 10% of the population in the communities is in favour of FGC continuing

* Alternative Rite of Passage (ARP) is one of Amref Health Africa’s innovative community-driven approaches to eliminate FGC and celebrates the cultural transition from girl into womanhood - through education, not the cut.
End FGC by 2030

Amref Health Africa wants to eradicate FGC in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. This will have direct positive effects on issues related to FGC, including:

- Ending child marriage
- Education for girls
- Access to sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Maternal health
- Gender equality

Our strategy

- Continue and expand alternative rites of passage (ARP)*
- Promote education and curriculum adaptation
- Build capacity for all (from all sectors)
- Raise awareness through strategic media partnerships
- Use mobile technology to follow up and reach more communities

Communities promoting ARPs

- Samburu (Kenya)
- Loitokitok (Kenya)
- Kilindi (Tanzania)
- Magadi (Kenya)

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And the countless number of heroes, men and women, who day in and day out push for full elimination of FGC in their communities.