

Chad

38.4%¹



Key Findings

The prevalence of FGM in women aged 15–49 is 38.4%.
45.1% of women aged 15–49 believe that FGM should not continue.²

Geography:

The regions with the highest prevalence are in the south-east; the regions with the lowest in the north-west³

Age:

46.7% of women aged 15–49 who have undergone FGM were cut between the ages of 5 and 9⁴

Type:

'The types of FGM 'cut, no flesh removed' and 'cut, flesh removed' are practised in almost equal measures⁵

Agent:

Almost all FGM is carried out by traditional cutters⁶

Development Indicators

HDI Rank: 186 out of 189 countries (2015)⁷

SDG Gender Index Rating: 129 out of 129 countries (2019)⁸

Population: 14,938,838 (as at 9 June 2017), with a 1.88% growth rate (2016 est.)⁹

Infant Mortality Rate: 85 deaths per 1,000 live births (2015)¹⁰

Maternal Mortality Ratio: 858 deaths per 100,000 live births (2015)¹¹

Literacy: 40.2% of the total population aged 15 and over can read/write French or Arabic¹²

'Most often just the clitoris is removed, but the remaining scar tissue is so thick it requires significant incisions to deliver the baby.'
~ Chantelle, Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders)¹³

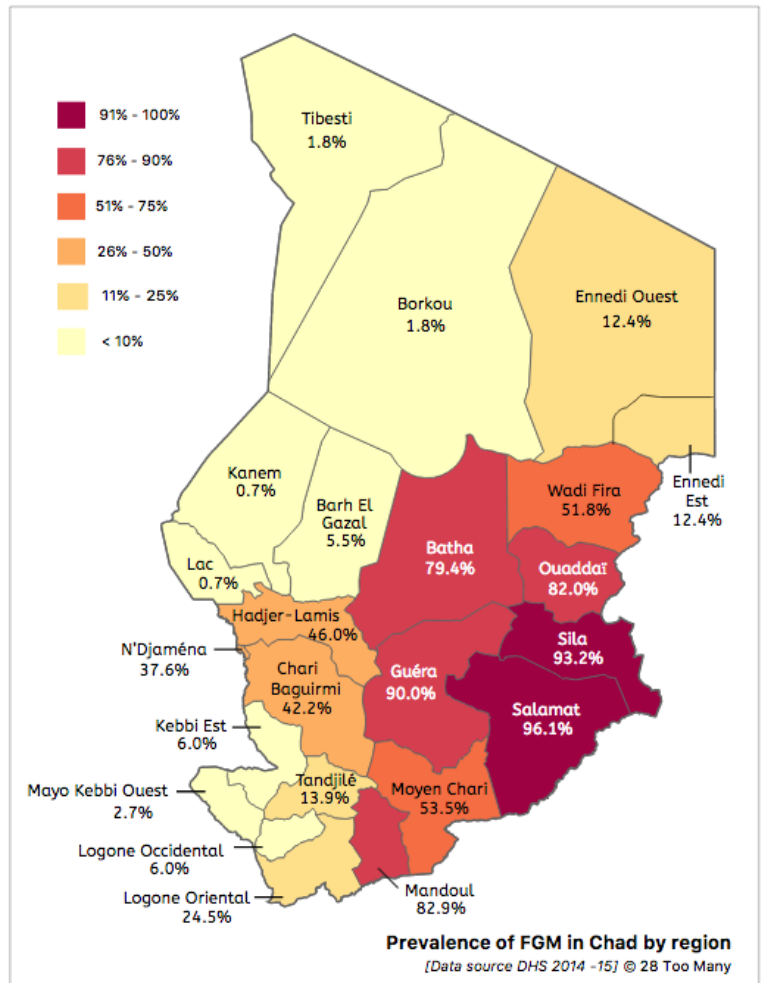
Prevalence

FGM prevalence varies widely across Chad. The regions with the highest prevalence are in the south-east: Salamat (96.1% of women aged 15–49), Sila (93.2%) and Guéra (90%). The regions with the lowest prevalence are in the north-west: Lac (0.7%), Kanem (0.7%) and Bourkou/Tibesti (1.8%). Unusually, women aged 15–49 who live in urban areas are more likely to undergo FGM (40.1%) than those who live in rural areas (37.9%). Prevalence in the capital city of N'Djaména is 37.6% of women aged 15–49.

The prevalence of FGM among Muslim women aged 15–49 is 50.4%, compared to 40.1% for Catholics and 14.9% for Protestants.

The ethnic group with the highest prevalence among women aged 15–49 is the Dadajo/Kibet/Mouro, at 92.4%, followed by the Arabe (85.4%) and the Bidio/Migami/Kenga/ Dangleat (83%). The ethnic group with the lowest prevalence is the Marba/Lélé/Mesmé, at 0.4%, followed by the Massa/Mousseye/ Mousgoume (2.1%) and the Moundang and Karo/Zimé/Pévé (both 2.4%), although the extremely low sample size for all four of these ethnic groups makes these figures unreliable.¹⁴

Between 2004 and 2014/15, the overall prevalence for women aged 15–49 fell from 44.9% to 38.4%. In 2004 it was reported that 34% of women who know about FGM believe it is required by their religion; by 2014/15, that figure was 30%. In 2004, 49.4% of women who know about FGM stated that it should continue; by 2014/15, that figure had fallen to 29.1%.¹⁵



Chadian Law

The main law relating to FGM in Chad – Law 006/PR/2002, The Reproductive Health Law, dated March 2002 – still requires an implementation decree to be passed before it becomes effective and enforceable. According to government ministries, no deadline has yet been set for the application of this law.

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