



THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

In September 2015, the United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which replaced the Millennium Development Goals. They are set out in a document entitled *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, which (as at the date of writing in November 2015) is available at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>.

The 17 SDGs and 169 targets are based on five 'areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet':

PEOPLE

We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

PLANET

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

PROSPERITY

We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.

PEACE

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.

PARTNERSHIP

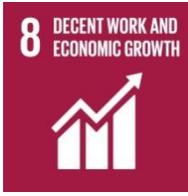
We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

The Goals and targets announced in the Agenda

seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what they did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.

The Goals and targets will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.

The Agenda summarises the SDGs as follows (the SDGs that are particularly pertinent to the elimination of female genital mutilation are highlighted):

 <p>1 NO POVERTY End poverty in all its forms everywhere</p>	 <p>2 ZERO HUNGER End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</p>
 <p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</p>	 <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>
 <p>5 GENDER EQUALITY Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p>	 <p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</p>
 <p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</p>	 <p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</p>
 <p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p>	 <p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES Reduce inequality within and among countries</p>
 <p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p>	 <p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p>
 <p>13 CLIMATE ACTION Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*</p>	 <p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</p>
 <p>15 LIFE ON LAND Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p>	 <p>16 PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</p>
 <p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development</p>	<p>* Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change</p>

Goal 5 makes explicit reference to FGM at 5.3:

Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations.