

MEDICALISATION IS...

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FGM END IT. DON'T MEDICALISE IT



...A THREAT TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF WOMEN & GIRLS



...A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION



...A BREACH OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS



...ABSENT OF INFORMED CONSENT



...A FORM OF CHILD ABUSE

“FGM changes lives. It changed mine when I was six years old and causes lifelong pain and difficulty whether or not it is medicalised. We must end all FGM.”

Hibo Wardere
Author and FGM Survivor

“It has been recognized that stopping the medicalization of FGM is an essential component of the holistic, human-rights-based approach towards the elimination of the practice: when communities see that health-care providers have taken a stand in favour of the abandonment of the procedure and have refrained from performing it, this will foster local debate & questioning of the practice.”

World Health Organisation (2016)

UNDERSTANDING MEDICALISATION

Providing access to medical equipment or training



Healthcare providers performing FGM on girls or women



Girls or women having FGM performed in a healthcare facility



Replacing severe forms of FGM with more symbolic types of cutting



Transporting girls to health facilities overseas



Procedures to re-establish FGM after women have given birth (known as reinfibulation)



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