



*The Launch of the*



**MOVEMENT  
FOR GOOD  
TO END FGM**

**#ACT2ENDFGM**

**Date:  
Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Time:  
9:00am Prompt**

**Venue:  
Congress Hall,  
Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.**



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PROGRAMME AGENDA







## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Arise, O Compatriots  
Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past,  
shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might,  
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

Oh God of creation,  
Direct our noble cause  
Guide our leaders right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign

## **NATIONAL PLEDGE**

I pledge to Nigeria my country  
To be faithful, loyal and honest  
To serve Nigeria with all my strength  
To defend her unity and uphold her honour and glory  
So help me God.

## WOMEN'S ANTHEM

All Across the Nations,  
All Around the World  
Women Are Longing to Be free,  
No Longer in The Shadows  
Forced to Stay Behind,  
But Side by Side  
In True Equality (Refrain)

So Sing A Song (2x) For Women Everywhere,  
Let It Ring Around  
The World and Never Cease,  
So Sing a Song for Women Everywhere  
Equality Development and Peace.

Women Can't Be Silent,  
When All Around the World  
People Hurt and Hunger Children Cry,  
We Will Sing out Now for Justice and Development  
And Hold the Right, of All the people High (Refrain)

Women Now Are Working  
To Build A Better World,  
Where the Love of Peace  
Can Rest on Every Shore,  
Where Men Lay Down Their Weapons  
And Learn to Love and Share, and People Work  
To Bring an End To War (Refrain)





His Excellency  
**Muhammadu Buhari GCFR**

President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Her Excellency  
**Dr (Mrs) Aisha Buhari**

First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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His Excellency  
**Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON**  
Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Her Excellency  
**Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo**

The Wife of the Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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## **Dame Pauline K. Tallen OFR, KSG**

Honourable Minister for Women Affairs

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## **Dr Osagie Ehanire**

Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Health

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His Excellency  
**Dr. Olukayode Fayemi**  
Executive Governor of Ekiti State.

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Her Excellency

# Erelu Bisi Adeyemi-Fayemi

First Lady of Ekiti State.

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His Excellency

## **Engr. Oluseyi Abiodun Makinde**

Executive Governor of Oyo State.

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Her Excellency

## **Tamunominini Makinde**

First Lady of Oyo State

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His Excellency

# Alhaji Gboyega Oyetola

Executive Governor of Osun State

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Her Excellency

## **Mrs. Kafayat Oyetola**

First Lady of the State of Osun/Chairperson of the Southern  
Governors Wives Forum (SGWF)

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His Excellency  
**Senator Hope Uzodinma**  
Executive Governor of Imo State

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Her Excellency  
**Barrister Mrs. Chioma Ikeaka- Uzodinma**  
First Lady of Imo State

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His Excellency  
**Engr. Dr. David Nweze Umahi**  
Executive Governor of Ebonyi State

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Her Excellency  
**Chief Mrs. Rachel Umahi**  
First Lady of Ebonyi State

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## **Dr. Costly Aderibigbe**

Executive Secretary, Global Youth Consortium Against FGM

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## BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Over 200 million girls and women have been subjected to the harmful practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) in 30 countries.



**With an estimated 19.9 million survivors, Nigeria accounts for 10 percent of the 200 million FGM survivors worldwide.**



In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the first-ever resolution against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), calling for intensified global efforts to eliminate the practice. In 2015, FGM was included in the Sustainable Development Goals under target 5.3 which calls for the elimination of all harmful practices.

In Nigeria, as well as globally, interventions over the years have yielded positive changes in the field of eliminating FGM. Action by the Government, Civil Society Organization (CSOs), International Agencies, Donors and communities have resulted in a growing opposition to FGM, a change in attitudes towards the practice and a downward trend in the practice, among women and girls aged 15-49 years. Today, a girl is about one-third less likely to undergo FGM than 30 years ago in the world.

Yet, without concerted and accelerated actions, another 68 million girls are likely to be cut by 2030 due to population growth. This is coupled with ongoing insecurity, the COVID-19 global pandemic, medicalization of FGM as well as the declining age of cutting. In Nigeria, the prevalence among girls aged 0-14 years is worryingly on the increase from 16.9% (NDHS 2013) to 19.2% (NDHS 2018). These negative results threaten to roll back progress made in previous years.



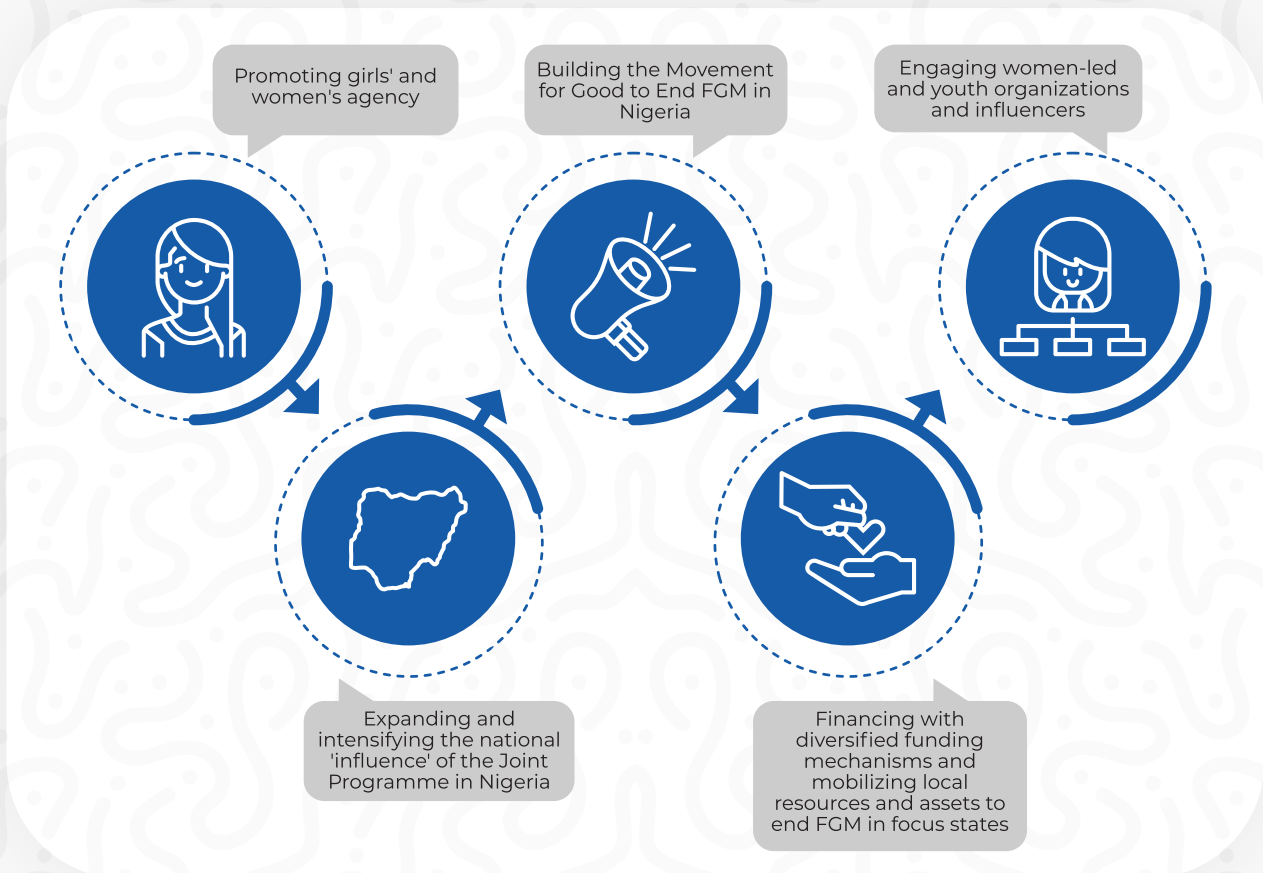


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Since 2014, UNICEF and UNFPA, in partnership with Government and other partners, implemented the Joint Programme on the Elimination of FGM in five states namely, Osun State, Ebonyi State, Ekiti State, Imo State and Oyo State, with the aim to strengthen legal and policy development and implementation, improve access to quality health care, protection, legal and social services, support the education of girls, and to mobilize communities on the need to eliminate FGM.

As the Joint programme moves into the new phase IV (2022-2030), there is an acknowledgement of the urgent need to re-strategize and to mitigate the impact of the global crisis on efforts to eliminate FGM through concerted and

expanded action, both in speed and in scale. It prioritizes global movement building of allies from national governments, regional authorities, the private sector, civil society organizations, traditional and religious leaders, faith groups and leaders, development partners, youth groups, women-led movements, the media and community actors working towards eliminating the practice. This will include identifying new entities and generally mobilizing a broad spectrum of actors, including non-traditional partners, such as artists, and harnessing youth capabilities, innovations and advantages to drive the anti-FGM campaign.



# THE MOVEMENT FOR GOOD TO END FGM IN NIGERIA

The Federal Government of Nigeria through the Ministries of Women Affairs and Health is leading the initiation of and support to the Movement for Good to End FGM in Nigeria in collaboration with UNICEF and UNFPA. The Movement is a whole-of-society and community-led undertaking to drive, accelerate and scale up grassroots initiatives and



efforts that have been helpful in eliminating FGM in five (5) states in Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Osun and Oyo.

The Movement will initially target five (5) million (adolescent girls and boys, women - especially women at risk of FGM, pregnant and lactating mothers, men, grand-parents, traditional birth attendants, traditional excisors, community health workers (CHEWS), health workers, civil society organizations, faith-based groups, traditional and community leaders, development partners, youth groups, women-led groups, the media, government and justice sector actors) working towards eliminating the practice and mobilise local action using the pledge #Act2endFGM.

## OUTCOMES

- 1.** Increased state and local government capacity for the enactment and implementation of existing laws and policies to eradicate FGM.
- 2.** Improved community and interpersonal engagement to address discriminatory norms and practices that promote FGM practice using the movement as a platform.
- 3.** Girls and women survivors and at risk of FGM receive appropriate, quality and systematic services on FGM prevention, protection and care.





## OBJECTIVES

**1.** Strengthen strategic partnerships with local population and influencers, and build a movement of allies working towards the global promise of ending FGM by 2030.

**2.** Build girls' and women's agency to support innovative and safe platforms and spaces, both offline and online, to lead, influence change and voice their opinions on issues related to FGM.

**3.** Scale up and sustain awareness among local community champions and actors on the risks and harmful consequences of FGM on girls and women, its legal prohibition and the consequences of violating the laws



**4.** Strengthen service provision to protect girls and women at risk and survivors of FGM including enhancing their access to health, psycho-social support and justice services.

**5.** Support the launch the Movement for Good to End FGM in Nigeria to accelerate the abandonment and elimination of FGM with sustained actions by 2030





# CALL TO ACTION

**1.** Mobilise an initial 5 million people in Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Osun and Oyo states to pledge using the hashtag #Act2endFGM, through social media, SMS, U-Report, YOMA and a dedicated campaign website and community outreach activities.

**2.** Organize forums for the dissemination of and discussion on trends, prevalence rates, patterns, prosecution of FGM cases and knowledge sharing sessions on lessons learnt and best practices on the elimination of FGM.



**3.** Mobilise community actors to identify and report incidences that may potentially lead to FGM being carried out on women and girls to the relevant authorities and refer survivors to access services.

**4.** Develop state-led action plans that promote the elimination of FGM through concerted action and support.

**5.** Harness youth capabilities and use innovative platforms to scale-up the campaign to end FGM in the 5 focus states, (Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Osun and Oyo).



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0800 008 8888.

📞 OSUN TOLL FREE  
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📞 NHRC EBONYI  
0800 647 2428  
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# PROGRAMME AGENDA

9:00am – 9:30am

## **Arrival and Registration**

9.30am – 9:40am

## **National Anthem, National Prayer and Women's Anthem**

Police Band

9:40am – 10:00am

## **Welcome Remarks**

**Engr. Adebisi O. Olunfunso, FNSE,**

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs

10:00am – 10:15am

## **Spoken Word**

**Hafsat K Abdullahi** (Artist and Anti-SGBV Ambassador) and

**Foluke Sarah Adewale** (Adolescent girl)

A poetry recital and performance with a strong narrative on the consequences of FGM on the well-being of adolescent girls in Nigeria.

10:15am – 11:30am

## **Goodwill Messages**

Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA)s of Government, International Partners, Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders and Civil Society Organisations.

11:30am – 11:45am

## **Cultural Performance by the FCT Unity Troupe**

A cultural portrayal and celebration of positive traditional values and practices that promote women's and girl's rights to life, health, sexual well-being, education and to live free from torture, inhumane, degrading and treatment.

11:45am -12:30pm

## **Special Remarks**

**His Royal Majesty, Eze Charles Mkpuma,** Chairman, Ebonyi State Council of Traditional Rulers

**His Royal Majesty, Eze (Dr.) Emmanuel C. Okeke, (Eze Imo),** Chairman, Imo State Council of Traditional Institutions & Community Policing

**His Royal Majesty, Oba Adedire Adewole Solomon** Onifegunwa of Ifegunwa Ile-Ife

**His Royal Majesty, Oba Ayodele Adejuwon,** Chairman, Ekiti State Council of Obas

**Mr. Matthias Schmale,** UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria

**Dr. Costly Aderibigbe,** Founder of Value Female Network and Executive Secretary of Global Youth Consortium Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



12:30pm – 1:00pm

**Keynote Address and Launch of the “Movement for Good to End FGM in Nigeria”**

**Dame Pauline K. Tallen, OFR, KSG**, Honourable Minister for Women Affairs

**Dr. Osagie Emmanuel Ehanire**, Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Health

1:00pm - 1:15pm

**Dance Drama by The FCT Unity Troupe**

**Opening by: Ifeanyi Ofofu Raymond**, Youth Representative.

This dance drama will showcase adolescent girls and women championing the movement to accelerate actions to end FGM.

1:15pm - 1:30pm

**Unveiling of the “Movement for Good to End FGM in Nigeria” Blue Ribbon Logo.**

**Dame Pauline K. Tallen, OFR, KSG**, Honourable Minister for Women Affairs

**Dr. Osagie Emmanuel Ehanire**, Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Health

1:30pm - 1:40pm

**Social Advocacy Messages on the Elimination of FGM in Nigeria.**

**Mr. Cobhams Asuquo** (Musician, Producer & Song Writer)

**Ms. Kate Henshaw** (Actress)

1:40pm - 1:50pm

**Pledge Session and Distribution of the M4good Blue Ribbon Lapels**

All dignitaries and participants will be requested to make a pledge using the Hashtag **#Act2EndFGM**

1:50pm - 2:00pm

**Vote of Thanks**

**Mrs. Gertrude Orji**, Director, Child Department, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs

Refreshments and Lunch:

**All Participants**









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The UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) generously founded by the governments of:



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