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Topic: Female Genital Mutilation

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| **Category** | **Facts/Ideas** |
| Define FGM | * cutting off outer female genitals (clitoris, labia)
* Goal: no female sexual pleasure
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| Facts | * between 100 and 140 million girls and women have experienced some form of FGM
* Most younger than 12 years old
* occurs in many countries in Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, Yemen, Oman, United Arab Emirates, India, and Pakistan.
* Somalia = 98%
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| Why? | * **Sociological** - right of passage into womanhood, to “fit in”
* **Hygienic** - belief female genitalia are dirty
* **Sexual** - stops female sexuality
* **Health** - belief it helps child survival and fertility
* **Religious** - Some think that FGM is a religious requirement
* **Socio-economic** – needed for marriage (bride is worth more $)
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| Effects on Girls | * problems with urination and menstruation leading to infections
* chronic pain
* scarred tissues
* infertility
* painful complications with childbirth.
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| Solutions | * change laws
* education on danger
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