

AN ANALYSIS OF FEMALE CIRCUMCISION IN AFRICA

This report explores female genital mutilation (FGM) practices, evaluates approaches to abandoning the practice, describes the roles of various stakeholders in.

To visualize country collaboration and co-authorships, VOSviewer was used [22]. Furthermore, medical and public health professionals in western Africa can use these results to identify patient subpopulations with whom they may need to address FGC practices and beliefs. Smaller values of DIC indicate a better trade-off between complexity and fit of the model. First, we used only sample characteristics that were available in all countries and those that were largely consistent across countries, limiting our ability to describe practicing communities further. This is a midline incision of the vulval scar, made on its anterior part. Fact sheet. The immediate complications include excruciating pain when anaesthetic agents are not used , haemorrhage, shock, acute urinary retention, injury to adjacent tissues and death 9 , Brian has served as a Guest Editor for the Journal of Medical Ethics, editing a special issue on the topic of childhood circumcision, and has published widely in the leading journals in his field. Associated Data All data present in this article can be retrieved from Scopus using keywords listed in the methodology. The question cannot be left unanswered. But this is bound to fail. Of those million girls and women, more than half were in Indonesia, Egypt and Ethiopia [4]. Accessed on: July 27, Urethral catheterization with adequate analgesics will be helpful in the control of pain and acute urinary retention. This is not limited to the monetary value since the psychosocial and emotional effects and their consequences on the family might be unquantifiable. For the babies conceived by such women, there is increased risk of stillbirth, early neonatal death or babies with neurologic deficits from severe birth asphyxia It can cause prolonged obstructed labour which predispose to obstetric fistulae 45 , Recently in Egypt Modrek and Liu and in Kenya Achia it was demonstrated that women empowerment, particularly education, significantly affects the likelihood of the daughter becoming circumcised 64 , For example, the dramatic increase in the number of publications on carbapenem resistance in certain types of bacteria was an alarming signal for those in the field of microbiology. Numerous other reasons have been adduced for the sustenance of the practice spanning tradition, religion and politics. What about more mild forms of FGA? Some countries have enacted laws against the practice but these laws are usually not enforced With respect to neonatal or childhood circumcision, by contrast, the primary health benefit that has been attributed to this version of the surgery is a slight reduction in the absolute risk of urinary tract infections. Keywords used to retrieve data included all terms used in literature to describe female genital mutilation. Bivariate data analysis In order to ensure that estimates derived in this study are representative at the national level, survey weights that were provided as part of the KDHS data set were accounted for in the statistical analysis. Footnotes Conflicts of Interest: The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare. References 1. As an alternative, I propose an ethical framework for evaluating such alterations that is based upon considerations of bodily autonomy and informed consent, rather than sex or gender. It is quite possible that those women who approve of FGA in their societies possess a comparatively narrow degree of awareness of the key issues, such as the relevant genital anatomy, the ethical controversies surrounding the practice, the way it is perceived in other societies, and so on. Fistula could occur during FGM procedures or defibulation. With respect to causal plausibility, it is often argued that the biological mechanism through which the foreskin in males becomes a vector for HIV transmission although the details are somewhat contentious , is the presence of Langerhans cells in the inner mucosa of the foreskin. Therefore, its prevention and eradication are mandatory for human rights and socioeconomic reasons. Teixeira AL, Lisboa M. Also, emphasis should be placed on religious leaders advocating against the practice since it is associated with religious beliefs and they are well respected and have a great influence on their constituents Books, book chapters, and errata documents were all excluded. However, prosecution is rare. Single country publications SCP are articles in which all authors have the same country affiliation and such publications represent intra-country collaboration. Reprod Health ; Female Genital Mutilation. The point here is not to suggest that there is in fact good evidence that certain forms of FGA could definitely reduce the risk of male-to-female transmission of HIV; as it stands, that is not the case. Female Circumcision in Africa: An Overview. Quotation marks were used to increase accuracy of search query. Methodological details are described in detail elsewhere and are briefly outlined in the

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Appendix. This can be seen in the fact that sexual assault, in Western societies, is typically regarded as a more severe and more personal violation than other kinds of bodily assault. For a hint of my views, however, see the essay by Carmack, Notini, and Earp in press.