

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

MEDICALIZATION OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Realizing that Kenya is behind schedule in her commitment to promote gender equity, address Female Genital Fistula (FGF), eliminate Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) by 2022, eradicate all forms of Gender Based Violence [GBV], and harmful reproductive health practices by 2030.

The Ministry of Health [MOH], through and including all Health Facilities, commits to accelerate the implementation of the existing laws and policies to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation by 2022.

The Ministry upholds the “*do no harm*” principle, and emphasizes provision of quality prevention and care services in a manner guaranteeing the highest quality of health care to all who seek health care services within the Republic.

The Ministry directs all Health Care Service Providers in the country to lead in offering prevention of Female Genital Mutilation and appropriate care of its complications.

Further, any healthcare provider who practices Female Genital Mutilation, within or without a health facility, or facilitates cross-border practice of Female Genital Mutilation, is liable to severe deterrent disciplinary and regulatory measures.

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