

# Sexual violence and female genital mutilation


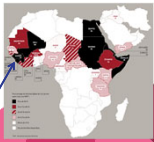
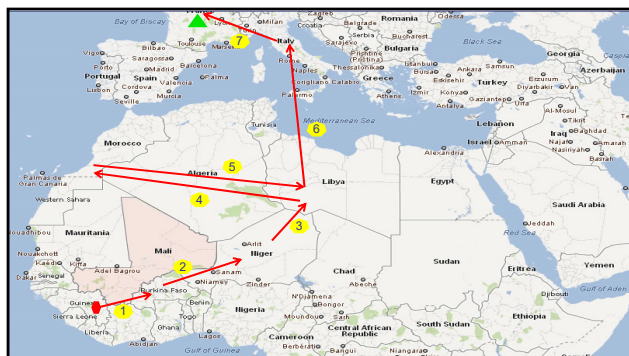
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## A French clinical case

### Miss Fatima S.

- Thirty-year-old woman from Guinée Conakry
- Female genital mutilation at 5 and 11 years old
- Child marriage at 15 with a friend of her father
- During second pregnancy, diagnosis of HIV
- Discovered by her mother-in-law
- Left her country by herself

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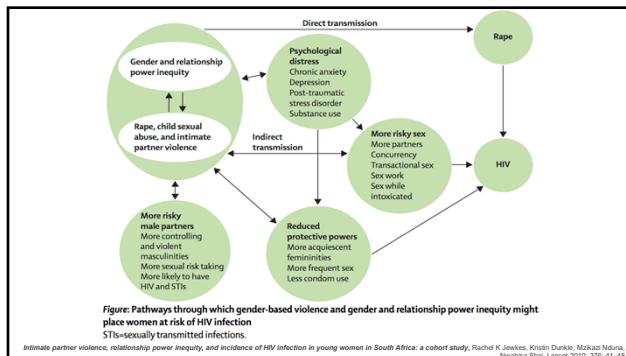



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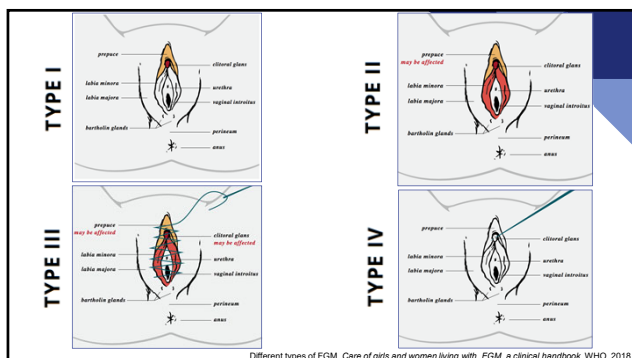
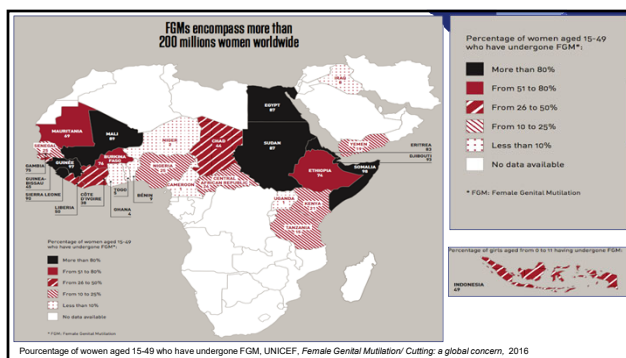
### Cumulation of violences

- Original country**
  - Female genital mutilation
  - Child marriage
  - Discrimination around HIV
  - Physical violence
- During migratory route**
  - Rape
  - Torture
- Country of asylum**
  - Transactional sex
  - Domestic work (human traffic)

## Sexual violences and HIV



## Female genital mutilation



### Somatic complications

<p><b>Acute complications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lesion of adjacent structures</li> <li>Transmission of infectious agent</li> <li>Urinary retention</li> <li>Pain</li> <li>Haemorrhage</li> <li>Death</li> </ul>	<p><b>Long term complications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urinary complications: stenosis of the urethra</li> <li>Pathological scar: fibrosis, cheloids</li> <li>Fistula and prolapses</li> <li>Chronic pain, clitoral neuroinoma</li> <li>Repeated urinary infections, vaginal infections</li> </ul>
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Increase with the extent and severity of the practice and degree of cutting performed

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### Obstetric and pediatric complications

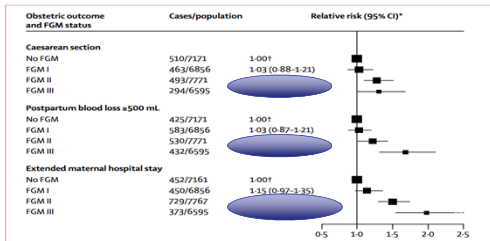


Figure 1: Relative risk of adverse maternal outcomes in women with FGM I, II, or III compared with women without FGM. Female genital mutilation and obstetric outcome: WHO collaborative prospective study in six African countries. Lancet 2006; 367: 1835-41

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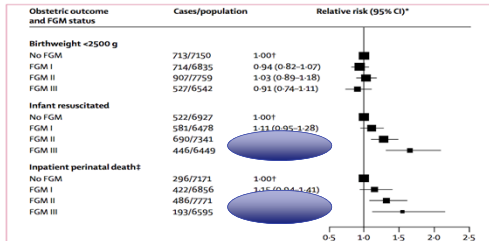


Figure 2: Relative risk of adverse infant outcomes in women with FGM I, II, or III compared with women without FGM. Female genital mutilation and obstetric outcome: WHO collaborative prospective study in six African countries. Lancet 2006; 367: 1835-41

### Psychological and sexological complications

**Psychological:**

- Post traumatic stress disorder
- Anxiety disorder
- Depressive syndrom

**Sexological:**

- Anorgasmia
- Absence of libido
- Dyspareunia

**Identity disorder**

Do not depend on the extent of the mutilation

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### Law throughout the world

- **In Africa:** 36 countries in Africa punish FGM by a national decree or law
- **At the international level:** violence against women, violations of human and children's rights
- In Europe, FGM is a crime

### Prevention and screening during consultation of travel medicine

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- Prevent and inform parents, children during travel consultations
- Propose health care for women with FGM
- Training on FGM in vaccination centers and for practitioners working with migrant people

