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THE WOMEN AND GIRLS' REVOLUTION AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

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FEMALE PROTAGONISTS

Differenza Donna NGO (Italy), Non c'è Pace Senza Giustizia (Italy), Institut de Santé Génésique – ISG (France), La Palabre (Belgium), in collaboration with other partners and with the support of the European Union, have launched the **BEFORE Project in Italy, France and Belgium to promote a deep political and cultural change and to strengthen the role of women in the fight against FGM.**

For **200 million women**, in over 30 countries worldwide, the passage from infancy to adulthood is marked by the blood of genital mutilation. This practice is recognised internationally as **a grave violation of human rights** and a form of **gender-based violence** that dramatically harms the psychophysical health of millions of girls and women.

Despite the fact that, today, **FGM** is prohibited in a number of countries, including those that receive immigrants, it continues to be widespread and is practised because it is supported by a complex plurality of cultural factors that aim to control the freedom and the bodies of women.

With the growth of the migratory phenomenon, the practice of **FGM** has also spread to Europe. It is estimated that **500,000 women or girls** residing in this continent have undergone genital mutilation and that 150,000 are at risk of being subjected to the practice.

This highlights the necessity to implement **policies of prevention and support** to guarantee that women in Europe have access to health rights and justice to save themselves and their daughters from the practice or the risk of such.



OF CHANGE

All the project activities are aimed at enhancing the **capacity for the emergence of and response to the phenomenon** by institutional and local bodies, so that they can play a key role in prevention and protection, based on a shared political, legal and social strategy through:

- **the optimisation of laws**, recommendations, best practices and **advocacy** activities in national and European institutions;
- **appropriate care and refuge** for girls and their mothers who have fled from their countries of origin to save themselves from FGM;
- **empowering the women and making them aware of their rights and autonomy** to support their talents and aspirations;
- **training and capacity building of key professionals**, including activists in anti-violence centres and shelters, staff in hospitals, as well as workers in refuge/first aid centres, immigration offices and territorial commissions;
- **awareness** raising of stakeholders and civil society;
- **involvement of migrant communities and the diaspora** to raise awareness of the psychophysical traumas caused by a practice that harms a highly sensitive and healthy organ forever.

