

# Female genital mutilation: How many girls are at risk in Greece?



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It is estimated that **25% to 42% of girls are at risk** of female genital mutilation (FGM or FGM-like) in Greece, out of a total population of 1.767 girls aged 15-18 originating from countries where female genital mutilation is practiced.

Girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Greece mainly originate from Egypt, Ethiopia and Nigeria.

These findings are from the latest research conducted by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on female genital mutilation in the EU (7).

**Female genital mutilation** is a serious form of gender-based violence, involving removal of all or part of female genital organs on the basis of harmful, unproven or outdated beliefs. It is a violent form of subordination of women and girls and is linked to gross discrimination on the grounds of gender identity.

According to the World Health Organization, female genital mutilation refers to all procedures involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons (7).

**About the study and the European Institute for Gender Equality**

The latest estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union – Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta was conducted by 2017-2018. It supports the EU institutions and EU Member States in providing more accurate information on female genital mutilation and its risks among girls in the European Union.

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**What are the results, seen first?** The percentage of girls at risk in the highest at-risk countries increased from 14% in 2013 to 42% in 2018. The absolute number of girls at risk has also increased. The total population of migrant girls from EU28 accession countries living in Greece has slightly decreased from 1.686 to 1.767 over the same time frame.

7. World Health Organization, 'Female genital mutilation: A global public health challenge', 2012. <http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/female-genital-mutilation>

This factsheet presents the results of the study 'Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union – Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta' for Greece.

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