



The Coptic Orthodox Church's position on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”
(3 John 1:2)

The Coptic Orthodox Church (COC) does not approve, at all, female genital mutilation “FGM”, but rather resists its practice as one of the worst harmful practices against women. The Coptic Church believes that FGM is a crime and a grave sin that has no religious basis in Christianity.

There is no verse, in the Bible in its Old and New Testaments, urging FGM. The church, also, considers that female genital mutilation “FGM” of girls, is an evident violation of human rights. FGM, also, represents a major threat to the health of women and girls, with serious and long-term physical, health, psychological and social consequences.

The Coptic Orthodox Church has defined its position against the crime of FGM and calls for an immediate end to this harmful practice. Eliminating FGM will have a positive impact on the health, education and economic progress of women and girls. The Church encourages the Christian Religious Leaders and its congregation to embrace their daughters and children, to give them positive loving care, that keeps them away from negative practices that may harm them or their future life.

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