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I ,Anita Panagakos, stand with UNICEF , WHO in the banning of FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. I am in Support of S.B. 505 session Year 2019.

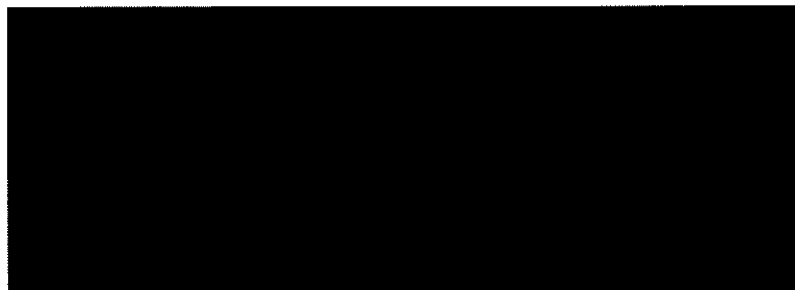
"Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) is a human rights issue that affects girls and women worldwide. As such, its elimination is a global concern. In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a milestone resolution calling on the international community to intensify efforts to end the practice. More recently, in September 2015, the global community agreed to a new set of development goals – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – which includes a target under Goal 5 to eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and FGM/C, by the year 2030. Both the resolution and the SDG framework signify the political will of the international community and national partners to work together to accelerate action towards a total, and final, end to the practice in all continents of the world. More and better data are needed to measure progress towards this common goal. " FROM THE UNICEF BROCHURE 2016 ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: A Global Concern  
UNICEF, New York, 2016.

"In 2008, the World Health Assembly passed resolution WHA61.16 on the elimination of FGM, emphasizing the need for concerted action in all sectors - health, education, finance, justice and women's affairs.

WHO efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation focus on:

- 1.strengthening the health sector response: guidelines, tools, training and policy to ensure that health professionals can provide medical care and counselling to girls and women living with FGM;
- 2.building evidence: generating knowledge about the causes and consequences of the practice, including why health care professionals carry out procedures, how to eliminate it, and how to care for those who have experienced FGM;
- 3.increasing advocacy: developing publications and advocacy tools for international, regional and local efforts to end FGM within a generation. "
- excerpt from JANUARY 31,2018 WHO NEWS REPORT
- Female genital mutilation



## **Female genital mutilation**

Female genital mutilation (FGM) includes procedures that intentionally alter or cause injury to the female genital...

Respectfully Yours,

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