

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- 1) FGM is categorized into four different types by the World Health Organisation, match-up the type and its definition:

Type 1

Known as excision, the clitoris and labia minora are partially or totally removed with or without excision of the labia majora.

Type 2

Consists of all other harmful procedures to female genitalia for non-medical purposes. Such as pricking, piercing, incising, scraping or cauterization.

Type 3

Known as clitoridectomy, consists of partial or total removal of the clitoris and / or its prepuce.

Type 4

Most severe, known as infibulation or pharaonic type. Procedure consists of narrowing the vaginal orifice with creation of a covering seal by cutting and apositioning the labia minora and /or labia majora, with or without removal or clitoris.