



# Engaging Men and Boys to end Female Genital Mutilation

## About MenEngage Uganda Network

MenEngage Uganda is a national network of civil society organisations involved in child rights and social mobilisation initiatives that engage men and boys in effective ways to reduce gender inequalities and promote the health of children, women as well as men and boys.

MenEngage Uganda Network aims to support men and boys who are committed to fight gender-based violence to contribute to women's empowerment and promote gender equality.

## About Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Uganda

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (aged 15-49 years) is 1.4% (DHS, 2011) Among the Pokot, FGM is near universal at 95% and the practice is estimated at approximately 50% among the Sabinu (UNFPA, 2011).

In all other regions, it is less than 2%. FGM among these ethnic groups is largely practiced as a rite of passage and to ensure marriage ability.

## What Men and Boys can do to end FGM

- Address the role of men as custodians of culture, religion and tradition thereby showing their great potential to change the practice.
- Participate in and support harmless rites of passage.
- Support activities and campaigns against FGM in their communities.
- Talk with young men on marrying uncut girls as a means of controlling the demand for FGM.

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