

ANALYSIS REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE IN OYO STATE

Introduction

From the 10th to 11th of January 2019, In line towards achieving the Strengthening, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Outcomes for accelerated effort to EndFGM, YNAFGM used the developed electronic Community Data Collection tool which was develop by YNAFGM to be able to capture the responses of stakeholders and other community members in the states of project implementation on questions relating or that are related to the practice of FGM and other social norm in their communities. In the course of the exercise 97 community stakeholders were randomly selected in 2 communities in Oyo State Nigeria, Akeetan Bale and Ladidin were interviewed using the data collection tool.

Analysing the questionnaires completed by the stakeholders from the data collection exercise conducted in Oyo State, the following were pointed out.

LOCATION		Oyo				
RESPONSES : 97		MALE : 59.8%			FEMALE : 40.2%	
AGE		9-15	16-25	26-35	36-45	46 and above
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Do you believe FGM is a Harmful Practice		53 (54.6)	13(13.4)	5(5.2)	18(18.6)	8(8.2)
Do you think FGM is a Necessary Practice		23(23.7)	13(13.4)	6(6.2)	30(30.9)	25(25.8)
Are you willing to advocate ending FGM		53(54.6)	13(13.4)	9(9.3)	17(17.5)	5(5.2)
Do people face condemnation for not undergoing FGM		20(20.6)	0(0)	0(0)	40(41.2)	25(25.8)
Do you think FGM Practice should be made punishable by law		35(36.1)	11(11.3)	5(5.2)	33(34)	13(13.4)
Do people still undergo the process of FGM in your Community		34(35.1)	19(19.6)	3(3.1)	23(23.7)	18(18.6)
Do you think FGM is a religious Practice		18(18.6)	10(10.3)	5(5.2)	39(40.2)	25(25.8)
Do you think Community leaders can stop FGM		44(45.4)	12(12.4)	5(5.2)	31(32)	5(5.2)
Would you like FGM to continue		28(28.9)	14(14.4)	2(2.1)	28(28.9)	25(25.8)
Can Government laws stop FGM		45(46.4)	21(21.6)	3(3.1)	20(20.6)	8(8.2)
Do you think that FGM should be a condition for Marriage		22(22.7)	15(15.5)	10(10.3)	25(25.8)	25(25.8)
Do you think communities should		37(38.1)	19(19.6)	3(3.1)	29(29.9)	9(9.3)

abandon the practice of FGM					
Do you think Religious leaders can help stop FGM	38(39.2)	25(25.8)	0(0)	23(23.7)	0(0)
Can Media enlightenment help stop FGM	45(46.4)	26(26.8)	2(2.1)	15(15.5)	9(9.3)
Are ongoing media campaigns effective in ending FGM	36(37.1)	22(22.7)	4(4.1)	24(24.7)	11(11.3)
Do you think that other harmful social norms can be stopped	46(47.4)	18(18.6)	3(3.1)	22(22.7)	8(8.2)

NOTE: All figures in bracket in the table above are Percentages (%).

FINDINGS

- ✓ 59.8% of the respondents were male while 40.2% were female
- ✓ 54.6% of the respondent Strongly agreed the FGM is a harmful practice
- ✓ 41.2% of the respondent didn't think people faced condemnation as a result of not undergoing FGM
- ✓ 54.7% of respondent agreed that they still practice FGM while 3.1% were indifferent on whether it is practiced or not 42.3% said that the practice is no longer in existence this goes a long way to show that the practice is still on going in the communities though might not be compulsory to all.
- ✓ 54.7% disagreed with the idea of FGM continuing while 43.3% agreed to the continuation of FGM.
- ✓ 59.8% agreed that media campaigns are effective in ending FGM.

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Individual meeting of the stakeholders was more expensive
- ✓ Difficulties to gather the community members for the exercise
- ✓ The communities were far apart and not easy to access

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ The Questions should be read and interpreted to stakeholders who cannot read or write and also the grading properly interpreted to all participants.
- ✓ There should be more FGM awareness programs and projects in these communities to reduce the number of people who do not want to speak about FGM
- ✓ Media enlightenments and Campaigns in these communities should be done in their local languages.
- ✓ Government intervention in the campaign to end FGM will be very important.

CONCLUSION

Having accessed the responses from the questionnaires sent back by the stakeholders and having looked at their merits and demerits, the following conclusions suffix.

- ✦ Since most individual have accepted that FGM is a harmful practice and that no religion supports it, therefore advocating to community and religious leaders with the backing of the relevant government laws will help EndFGM as also shown in their responses.