

Uplifting Societal Awareness on Adverse Effects of FGM and Early Marriage

Date: 25th February 2024

Welcoming and Opening Remarks:
This session sets the tone and objectives for the event. Keynote speeches by NGOs, officials, and community leaders will introduce the event's purpose and urge action against harmful practices like FGM and early marriage. Speakers may share personal stories, data, and policy insights to raise awareness.
Session 1: Expert Presentation:
An expert will deliver a comprehensive presentation on FGM and early marriage. The segment will explore historical, cultural, and health-related aspects of these practices, shedding light on their negative effects. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding laying the groundwork for informed discussions and action.
Session 2: Poetic Expression:
An emotional and artistic poetry segment will be performed by a talented poetess at the event. The poem will be specifically crafted for the theme, aiming to evoke empathy, compassion, and reflection from the audience. The powerful imagery and lyrical prose will amplify the voices of survivors and highlight the harm caused by FGM and early marriage. The goal is to connect with attendees on a deeper emotional level and promote solidarity among participants.
Session 3: Practitioner Insights:
Former FGM practitioners will provide insights into the risks and dynamics of the practice. Attendees will gain understanding and empathy, fostering a sense of urgency for collective action. This aims to encourage dialogue and support for efforts to end FGM.
Survivor Testimonials:
This segment will feature survivors and victims of FGM and early marriage sharing their experiences. Through brave testimonials, they will recount the hardships they have endured. Attendees will gain a deeper appreciation for the urgency of combatting FGM and early marriage.
Session 4: Awareness Clinic:
An interactive awareness clinic will aim to provide practical resources, guidance and support to attendees. The clinic will have healthcare professionals and counselors available to offer

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information on post-FGM care, maternal health, and reproductive rights. Attendees will also have access to free blood tests and receive personalized advice based on their needs. The goal of the clinic is to empower survivors, mothers, and community members with the knowledge and tools to prioritize their health and well-being.

Closing Session:

The final session is for reflecting on what was learned, identifying next steps, and outlining strategies for ongoing engagement and advocacy. Attendees will also share their reflections, insights, and commitments to combat FGM and early marriage. It's a catalyst for continued dialogue, collaboration, and action, inspiring participants to become agents of change within their communities and beyond.