Due to COVID-19 and social insecurity in certain regions, Burkina Faso in 2021 recorded 1,579,976 internally displaced people, mainly women (22 per cent) and children (62 per cent), which has led to a resurgence of harmful practices such as FGM in host areas. Faced with the persistence of FGM, the Government has adopted legal instruments and included FGM in various policy documents. One instrument that specifically addresses FGM is Law No. 025-2018/AN of 31 May 2018, on the penal code for punishing FGM.

68% of girls and women aged 15-49 years have undergone FGM

42% of girls aged 15-19 years have undergone FGM

85% of girls and women think FGM should stop

Since 2018, law enforcement has resulted in:

42 arrests
41 cases brought to court
45 convictions and sanctions

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Overall performance on outcome indicators in Phase III

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**Context**

3 out of 4 girls experience FGM by age 6

**Sources:** Enquête Multisectorielle Continue 2015, UNFPA estimates for 2018 based on EMC 2015, Data-for-All, UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation: Accelerating Change
A total of 653,673 vulnerable adolescent girls registered in adolescent clubs, safe spaces and vocational training centres. The training helped these girls equip themselves with everyday life skills and empowered them to make informed decisions to become change agents in their communities. In 2021, 133,634 girls successfully graduated from capacity development packages.

To promote a better understanding of the issues related to FGM, community communication and social media dialogues took place in 1,300 intervention villages in seven Joint Programme targeted areas. Through a television programme, the “Fitini” show, more than 30,000 children (including 3,750 displaced children) attended awareness-raising sessions, sketches, playbacks and choreographies on FGM. Published videos reached more than 67,100 people through social media networks.

Awareness-raising sessions on FGM were organized through the Faso Jeunes caravan, which mobilized more than 62,500 adolescents and young people in eight regions.