FGM/C is concentrated in a swath of countries from the Atlantic Coast to the Horn of Africa, with wide variations in the percentage of girls and women cut, both within and across countries.

In most countries where FGM/C is practised, the majority of girls and women think it should end now.

WHEN
In half of the countries, the majority of girls were cut before age 5. In the rest of the countries, most cutting occurs between 5 and 14 years of age. How
Across a majority of countries, most daughters have had their genitalia cut, with some flesh removed.

BY WHOM
In nearly all countries where FGM/C is concentrated, traditional practitioners perform most of the procedures.

WHY
Social acceptance is the most frequently cited reason for supporting the continuation of the practice.