

Female Genital Mutilation – A growing problem : Australia 2014

Executive Summary

1. Women born outside Australia

Australia has over **83,000** women and girls who have migrated to the country and who are likely to be survivors of FGM or be at risk of FGM.

This includes

- 5,640 girls under the age of 15 – **this group are at high risk of FGM**
- 36,236 women of childbearing age (between the ages of 15 – 49)

2. Girls born in Australia

Women born outside Australia who are likely to be survivors of FGM are estimated to give birth to around 1100 girls every year – that's around 3 per day. **These girls are at high risk of FGM.**

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1. Estimated number of girls born each day in Australia to mothers who are likely to be survivors of FGM

KEY POINTS:

- **1101 girls born in Australia at risk of FGM**
- **3 girls per day at risk of FGM**

Assumptions

- That average Australian birth rates apply per age group
- That as per Australian Bureau of Statistics stats, 48.6 of births are girls

Country of birth	Births per 1000 women by age							Expected Births per year	Prevalence %	Total number of children born every year
	16.1	53.3	103.1	126.9	71.6	15.2	1			
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49			
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0
Cameroon	10	10	20	20	20	10	10	7	1	0
Cent Africa Rep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0
Cote d'Ivoire	60	10	20	20	10	10	0	7	38	3
Djibouti	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	3	93	2
Egypt	380	580	1,000	940	730	1,040	1,420	329	91	299
Eritrea	60	70	130	200	300	240	180	69	89	61
Ethiopia	400	480	580	620	830	630	370	240	74	178
Gambia	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	2	76	2
Ghana	150	200	240	240	220	200	200	87	4	3
Guinea	60	10	20	10	10	0	0	6	98	5
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Indonesia	780	1650	2370	2470	1970	1470	1190	823	97.5	802
Iraq	1,960	3,070	2,780	2,910	2,710	2,570	2,270	1086	8	87
Kenya	660	660	750	810	580	510	550	276	27	74
Liberia	170	320	260	180	160	100	90	83	66	54
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	89	0
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	1	69	1
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nigeria	120	160	230	280	320	240	200	96	27	26
Senegal	10	10	20	10	10	10	20	5	26	1
Sierra Leone	270	240	240	170	180	130	100	78	88	69
Somalia	320	530	480	430	430	370	230	174	98	171
Sudan	1,340	1,430	1,300	1,200	1,080	810	590	474	88	417
Tanzania	80	60	90	90	100	110	140	34	15	5
Togo	10	30	20	10	20	20	20	7	4	0
Uganda	90	70	90	80	80	140	140	33	1	0
Yemen	20	20	10	10	10	20	50	5	23	1
									TOTAL	2264
								Girls	Per year	1101
									Per month	92
									Per week	21
									Per day	3

2. Number of girls under 15 who have migrated to Australia and are likely to be survivors of or at risk of FGM

KEY POINT: 5640 Girls under 15 likely to have been subjected to and/ or survived FGM

Country of birth	AGE			TOTAL	Prevalence (%)	Number of girls who are likely to be survivors of or at risk of FGM
	0-4	5-9	10-14			
Benin	10	10	10	30	13	4
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	76	0
Cameroon	10	10	10	30	1	0
Cent Africa Rep	0	0	0	0	24	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	44	0
Cote d'Ivoire	0	30	70	100	38	38
Djibouti	0	10	0	10	93	9
Egypt	180	700	430	1310	91	1192
Eritrea	30	50	70	150	89	134
Ethiopia	90	200	350	640	74	474
Gambia	0	0	0	0	76	0
Ghana	30	110	130	270	4	11
Guinea	30	110	100	240	98	235
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	50	0
Indonesia	120	260	340	720	97.5	702
Iraq	250	720	1230	2200	8	176
Kenya	170	510	680	1360	27	367
Liberia	0	50	130	180	66	119
Mali	0	0	0	0	89	0
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	69	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nigeria	40	120	140	300	27	81
Senegal	0	0	10	10	26	3
Sierra Leone	10	50	170	230	88	202
Somalia	30	50	140	220	98	216
Sudan	90	460	1230	1780	88	1566
Tanzania	70	320	240	630	15	95
Togo	0	10	0	10	4	0
Uganda	60	210	180	450	1	5
Yemen	10	10	30	50	23	12
				10920		5640

3. Number of women and girls who are likely to be survivors of or at risk of FGM

KEY POINT: 83,492 women in Australia who have possibly been subjected to FGM

Country	Prevalence of FGM in home country (%)	Total female migrants to Australia	# Females in Australia likely to be survivors or at risk of FGM
Benin	13	30	4
Burkina Faso	76	20	15
Cameroon	1	120	1
Cent Africa Rep	24	10	2
Chad	44	20	9
Cote d'Ivoire	38	230	87
Djibouti	93	70	65
Egypt	91	19950	18155
Eritrea	89	1640	1460
Ethiopia	74	4900	3626
Gambia	76	40	30
Ghana	4	2060	82
Guinea	98	350	343
Guinea-Bissau	50	0	0
Indonesia	97.5	40120	39117
Iraq	8	26250	2100
Kenya	27	7860	2122
Liberia	66	1600	1056
Mali	89	20	18
Mauritania	69	20	14
Niger	2	10	0
Nigeria	27	2090	564
Senegal	26	140	36
Sierra Leone	88	1720	1514
Somalia	98	3400	3332
Sudan	88	10660	9381
Tanzania	15	1850	278
Togo	4	150	6
Uganda	1	1510	15
Yemen	23	260	60
Total		127100	83492

4. Number of women of childbearing age who have migrated to Australia and are likely to be survivors of FGM

KEY POINT: 36236 women of childbearing age who are likely to be survivors of FGM

Country of birth	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	TOTAL	Prevalence (%)	Number of Women between 15 - 45 who are likely to be survivors of FGM
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0
Cameroon	10	10	20	20	20	10	10	100	1	1
Cent Africa Rep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0
Cote d'Ivoire	60	10	20	20	10	10	0	130	38	49
Djibouti	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	60	93	56
Egypt	380	580	1,000	940	730	1,040	1,420	6090	91	5542
Eritrea	60	70	130	200	300	240	180	1180	89	1050
Ethiopia	400	480	580	620	830	630	370	3910	74	2893
Gambia	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	20	76	15
Ghana	150	200	240	240	220	200	200	1450	4	58
Guinea	60	10	20	10	10	0	0	110	98	108
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Indonesia	780	1650	2370	2470	1970	1470	1190	11900	97.5	11603
Iraq	1,960	3,070	2,780	2,910	2,710	2,570	2,270	18270	8	1462
Kenya	660	660	750	810	580	510	550	4520	27	1220
Liberia	170	320	260	180	160	100	90	1280	66	845
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	89	9
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	20	69	14
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Nigeria	120	160	230	280	320	240	200	1550	27	419
Senegal	10	10	20	10	10	10	20	90	26	23
Sierra Leone	270	240	240	170	180	130	100	1330	88	1170
Somalia	320	530	480	430	430	370	230	2790	98	2734
Sudan	1,340	1,430	1,300	1,200	1,080	810	590	7750	88	6820
Tanzania	80	60	90	90	100	110	140	670	15	101
Togo	10	30	20	10	20	20	20	130	4	5
Uganda	90	70	90	80	80	140	140	690	1	7
Yemen	20	20	10	10	10	20	50	140	23	32
								64190		36236

5. Assumptions – how did we calculate these statistics?

1. Stats are taken from 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics showing how many women and girls from each of the countries where all types of FGM are known to be prevalent
2. UNICEF figures showing the prevalence of all types of FGM in most of the countries where all types of FGM are known to be prevalent have been applied to reach a number of women and girls who are likely to be survivors of or at risk of FGM in Australia. ¹
3. The prevalence of FGM in Indonesia was taken from a research report² published by the Population Council and with support from the Ministry for Women's Empowerment under USAID funding.
4. Australian birth figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics by age group for women within child-bearing age (15 – 49) have been applied to the figures above to estimate how many girls will be born in Australia every day to women who are likely to be survivors of FGM.

¹ UNICEF REPORT: http://www.unicef.org/media/files/FGCM_Lo_res.pdf

² http://www.popcouncil.org/uploads/pdfs/frontiers/reports/Indonesia_FGM.pdf