



Rethinking the definition of Medicalized Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

| FGM/C | | | | |
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| 'Who' | | | | |
| 'How' | | | | |
| 'Where' | | | | |
| 'What' | | | | |

| | Scenario 1: Traditional FGM/C | Scenario 2: Pseudo-medicalized traditional FGM/C | Scenario 3: MEDICALIZED FGM/C as per WHO definition | Scenario 4: Clinicalized MEDICALIZED FGM/C as per WHO definition |
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| 'Who' | Traditional Practitioner | Non regulated health (associate) professionals or personal care workers Trained Traditional Birth Attendants Not medically trained health service personnel | Health (associate) professionals or personal care workers | Health (associate) professionals or personal care workers |
| 'How' | Traditional tools | Traditional tools and/or medical equipment | Traditional tools and/or medical equipment | Medical equipment |
| 'Where' | Bush or in family compound/home | Health facility setting (public or private), family compound/home or elsewhere | Health facility setting (public or private), family compound/home or elsewhere | Health facility setting (public or private) |
| 'What' | Types 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Types 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Types 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Types 1, 2, 3 & 4 |

Why is this important?

- Data collection
- More targeted policies and programmes
- Vocabulary to discuss FGM/C in its diversity

Thank you