

TEENAGE GIRLS CREATE AN APP TO PROTECT GIRLS FROM FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

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Sub-Saharan Africa: Kenya

In Kenya, a group of girls created an app to eliminate female genital mutilation (FGM). The app assists girls affected by FGM by connecting them to medical and legal aid. It includes a panic button where local authorities can be immediately informed if a girl is being forced or about to undergo FGM. Additionally to allowing users to call for help or rescue, the app can also be used to report FGM or find out information on this illegal and harmful practice.

The girls, ages 15 to 17, call themselves, “The Restorers” because they are bringing hope back to the one in four girls in their community who is a victim of FGM. They created the prototype for the app for Technovation’s World Pitch Summit, an international competition for girls who develop apps that solve problems in their communities related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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