



# WemuFra Weg der mutigen Frau

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Project to protect against  
female genital mutilation /  
cutting FGM/C

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## FGM/C is a violation of human rights

The WHO (World Health Organization) distinguishes four kinds of FGM/C. All of them represent violations of human rights.

In particular, FGM/C violates three important international principles of human rights:

- The right to physical integrity
- The right to sexual self-determination
- A gender-specific equality of women

**In Germany, genital mutilation/cutting constitutes a criminal offence against physical integrity and Sect. 226 a StGB (German Penal Code) considers it to be a separate criminal offence.**

Genital mutilation/cutting is also considered to be a criminal offence if the girl concerned is cut abroad but has her domicile or usual place of residence in Germany (Sect. 5 no. 9a StGB).

## Consequences of FGM/C

The consequences of FGM/C are manifold and often accompany the girl all her life:

- Psychological traumata/sexual traumata
- Physical problems and impairments such as:
  - Difficulties during urination and menstruation
  - Cysts
  - Infections
  - Infertility
  - Limitation of sexual sensibility
  - Pain and problems during sexual intercourse
  - Complications when giving birth ...



## What is WemuFra?

WemuFra (**W**eg der **mutigen F**rau [Way of the brave woman]) is a project to protect against female mutilation/cutting (FGM/C).

WemuFra is the contact point for girls and women who are affected or threatened by female mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) and for professionals who work in the social, educational or medical field.

As a specialised office, we offer consultation and support in the following topics which are relevant to FGM/C:

- Organisation of and accompaniment to medical assistance services (e.g. female gynaecologist, female urologist ...)
- Pregnancy and birth (e.g. organisation of and accompaniment to midwives with specific knowledge regarding FGM/C)
- Asylum and residence permit
- Highlighting shelter opportunities for threatened minors (girls)
- Organisation of and accompaniment to specialist clinics and female and male specialist physicians

- Organisation of female and male multipliers with respective language skills, e.g. French, English, Arabic, Kurdish, Somali, Tigrinya, Swahili, Wolof, Farsi and a lot of other languages spoken in sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa
- Networking
- Prevention

Advice on other topics regarding FGM/C.  
Such as:

- Do you suffer psychologically from the consequences of FGM/C?
- Do the consequences have an influence on your partnership?
- Does your family want to get your daughter cut against your will?

***We will be pleased  
to advise you!***

## Raise awareness together

The prevention project is located at the Gleichstellungsstelle (equality office) of Landratsamt Neu-Ulm (administrative district office Neu-Ulm). It is offered in close cooperation with the expert consultation office "Frauenberatung und Notruf - Schwerpunkt Sexualisierte Gewalt" (Consultation centre for women and emergency hotline - focus on sexualised violence) of the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) Neu-Ulm.

*Would you like to help out at WemuFra?  
We look forward to hearing from you!*



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