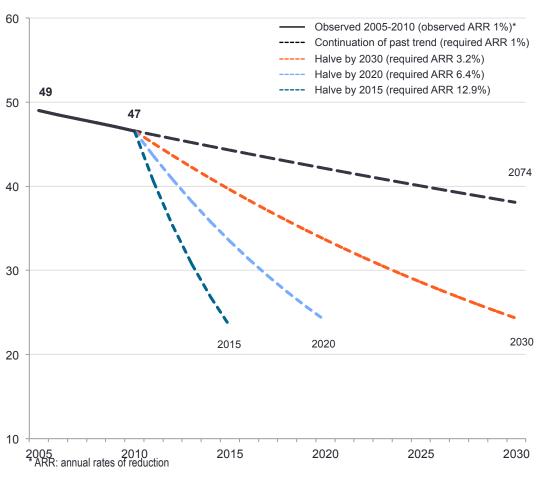
# PROJECTIONS OF NUMBER OF YOUNG GIRLS, AGES 15-19, WHO WILL EXPERIENCE FGM/C FROM 2010-2030

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## When will we achieve the goal of reducing FGM/C by half?

Projections of percentage of women and girls aged 15-49 experiencing some form of FGM/C and the target years which the rate will be reduced by half, weighted global estimates based on 22 countries, various scenarios 2005-2030



Globally, the prevalence of FGM/C declined by 5 percent between 2005 and 2010, from 49 percent to 47 percent

If the past trend continues (an annual rate of reduction of 1%), we won't be able to achieve the goal of reducing FGM/C by half until 2074

How the required acceleration compares to observed rates of progress in the past?

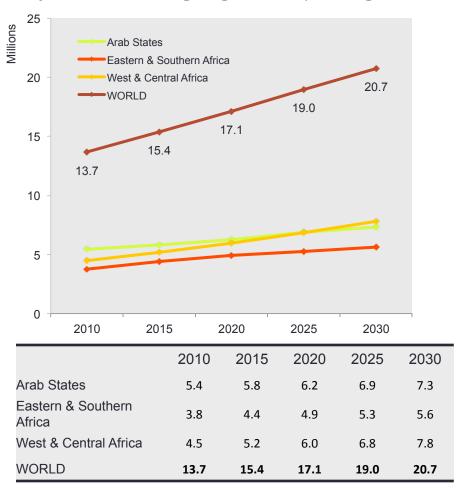
To achieve the goal by 2030, we will require an ARR of 3.2 percent

To achieve the goal by 2020, we will require an ARR of 6.4 percent

To achieve the goal by 2015, we will require an ARR of 12.9 percent

# How many more girls will experience FGM/C if current prevalence remains unchanged?

Projections of number of girls aged 15-19 experiencing some form of FGM/C, by region, 2010-2030\*



By the end of 2010, 13.7 million girls aged 15-19 have experienced some form of FGM/C

If current prevalence remains unchanged, in the year of 2030, 20.7 million girls aged 15-19 (born between 2010-2015) will have experienced some form of FGM/C – an increase of more than 50% from 2010

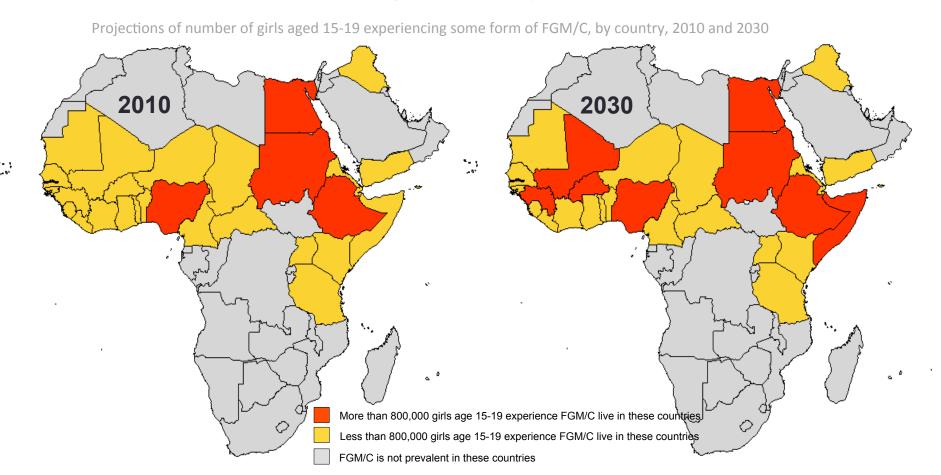
In West and Central Africa, the number of girls age 15-19 experience FGM/C will increase from 4.5 million in 2010 to 7.8 million in 2030, an increase of more than 70%

Over the next 20 years, worldwide, 86 million girls age 15-19 are likely to experience some form of FGM/C

Notes: The sum of the number of girls experience FGM/C by region may differ from the WORLD total due to rounding. The data on population used to calculate the number of girls experience FGM/C is from World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

<sup>\*</sup> The indicator of prevalence of FGM/C among girls age 15-19 only captures a certain point in time and these young girls might be cut at a later stage in their live. Estimates and projections of number of girls aged 15-19 experiencing FGM/C can be underestimated.

## Where are the girls that experience FGM/C?



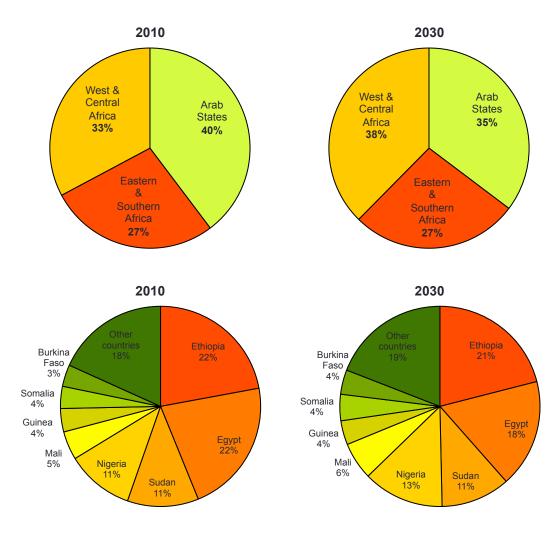
Notes: Data not available for South Sudan. The potential increase in the number of girls experiencing FGM/C is determined by population dynamics.

By the end of 2010, of the 29 countries where FGM/C is prevalent, 4 countries had more than 800,000 girls that have experienced some form of FGM/C

If current prevalence remains unchanged, in the year of 2030, 8 countries will have more than 800,000 girls that have experienced some form of FGM/C

#### Where are the girls that experience FGM/C?

Distribution of number of girls aged 15-19 experiencing some form of FGM/C, by region and country, 2010 and 2030



The practice of FGM/C is mainly performed in Africa (Eastern and Southern Africa (27%), West and Central Africa (33%)), and Arab States (40%)

Because of population growth, by the year 2030, the distribution of girls that will have experience some form of FGM/C in West and Central Africa will increase to 38% (from 33% in 2010)

More than 66% of FGM/C practice occur in just four countries – Ethiopia (22%), Egypt (22%), Sudan (11%) and Nigeria (11%)

Of the four countries, the distribution of Nigeria will increase from 11% to 13% by 2030

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