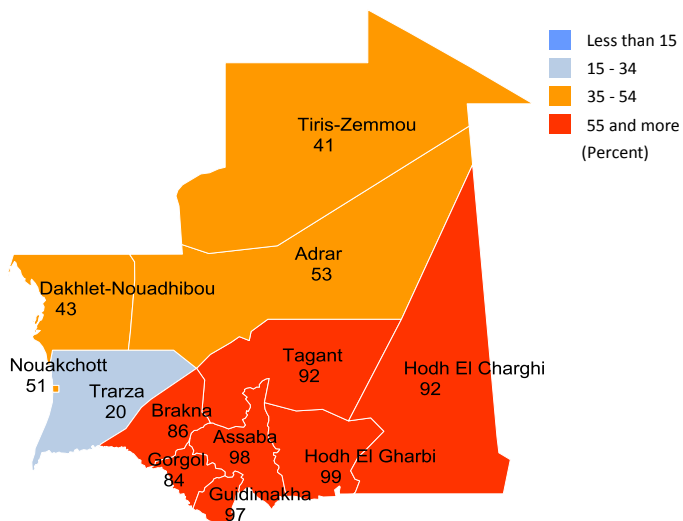
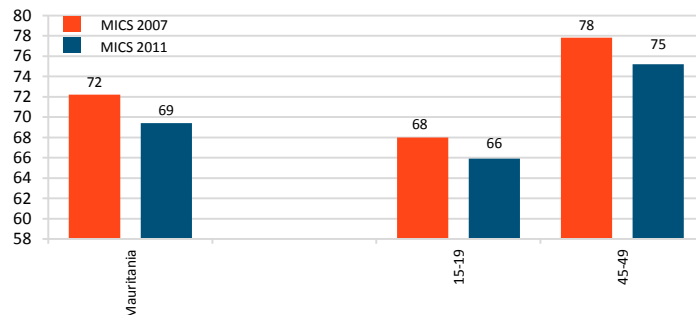


### Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) among Women Aged 15-49

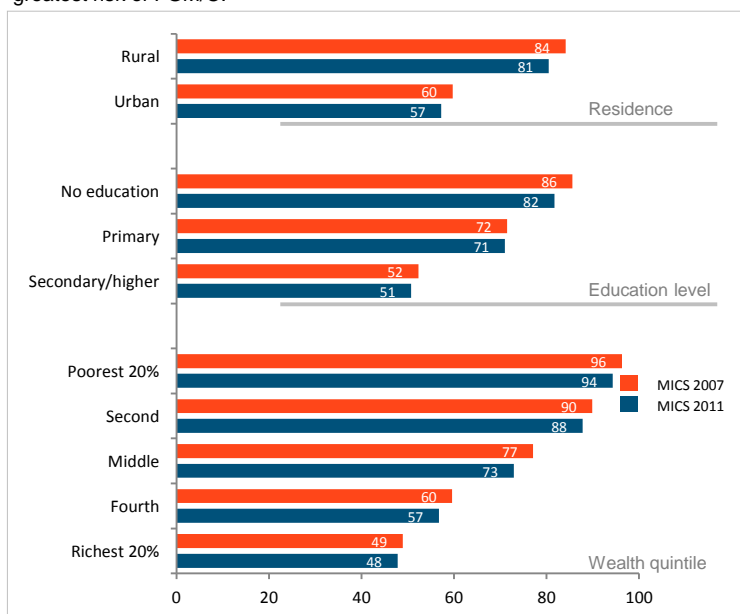


**Levels:** currently, **69%** of women aged 15-49 in Mauritania have undergone some form of FGM/C

**Trends:** prevalence of FGM/C has decreased by **4%** between 2007 and 2011; FGM/C is less common among girls 15-19 than women 45-49

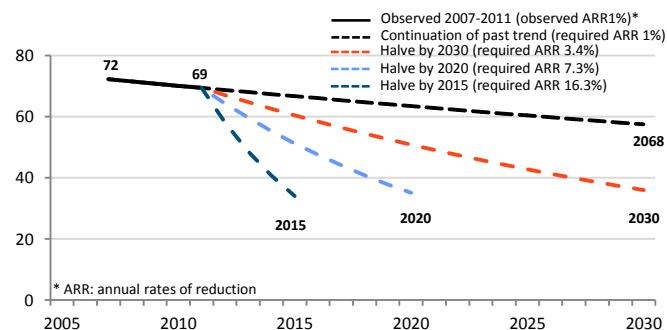


**Inequalities:** Human rights violations affect women and girls differently. Girls who are the least educated, poorest and living in rural areas, are at the greatest risk of FGM/C.

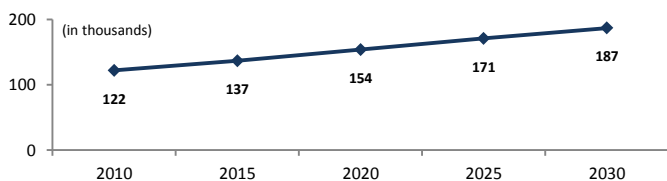


### Projections

To meet the target of reducing the FGM/C rate by half, more intensive interventions and resources are needed

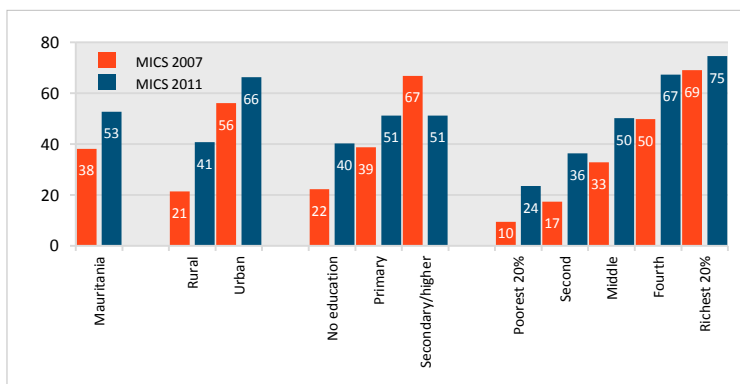


If present trends continue, 187,000 girls born between 2010-2015 will experience FGM/C by 2030



### Opposition to FGM/C

About 53 percent of women believe FGM/C should be discontinued



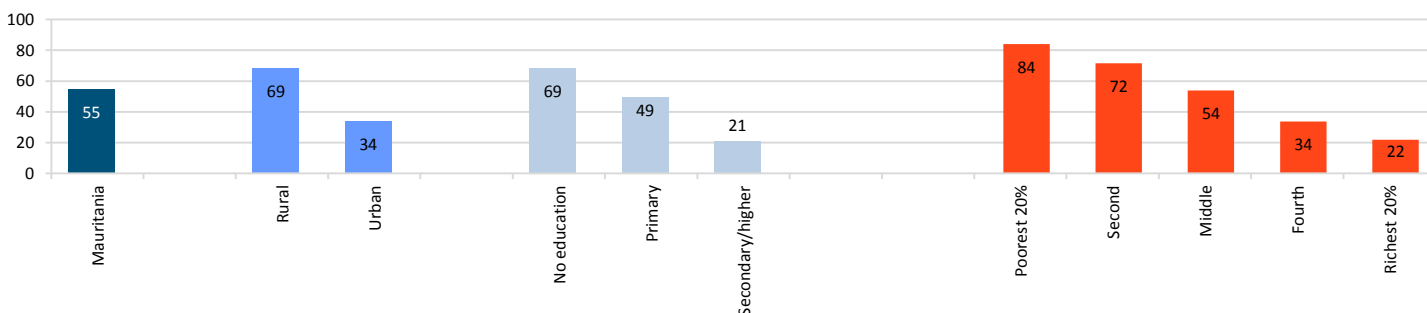
### Key Indicators

|  |                 |                                 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Population size, female age 15-49 (in thousands), 2010             | 874             | World Population Prospects 2012 |
| Prevalence of FGM/C among women 15-49 (%)                          | 69              | MICS 2011                       |
| Prevalence of FGM/C among girls 15-19 (%)                          | 66              | MICS 2011                       |
| Ethnic group with the highest prevalence in the country (%)        | -               | -                               |
| Existence of national policies and laws banning FGM/C; Year passed | Making progress | FGM/C programme data            |

## FGM/C among Young Girls

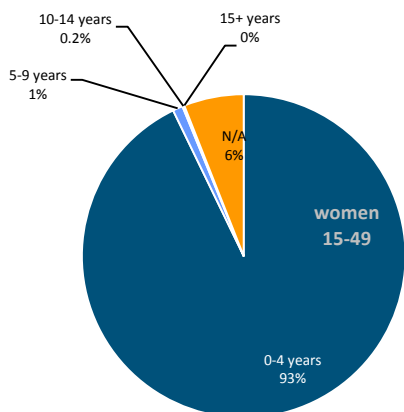
**55%** of daughters aged 0-14 in Mauritania have undergone some form of FGM/C

Indicator captures a certain point in time and not an eternal truth, as these young girls might be cut at a later stage in their lives



## Age at FGM/C

More than **three quarters** of the women who have undergone FGM/C were cut before age 5

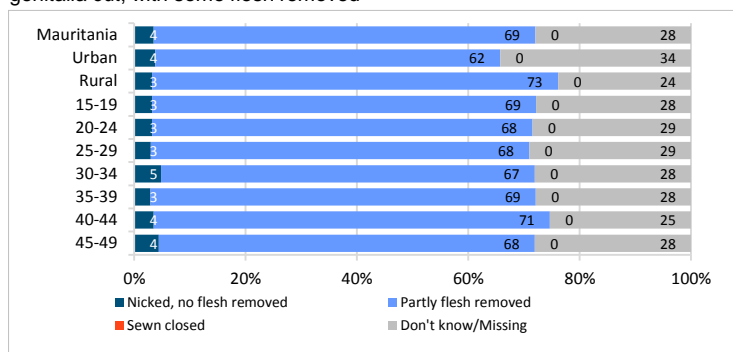


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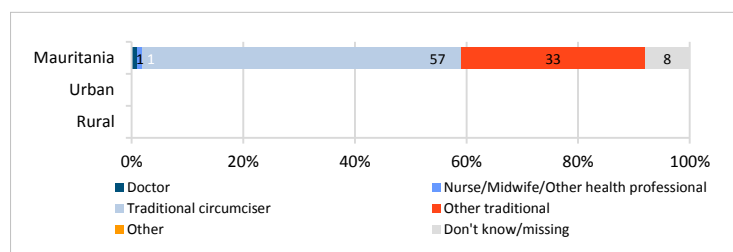
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## Type of FGM/C and Performers of FGM/C

About 69% of girls and women who have undergone FGM/C have had their genitalia cut, with some flesh removed



FGM/C is essentially performed by traditional circumcisers (more than 50%)



## Monitoring the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on FGM/C

**Community leaders and stakeholders** committed to FGM/C abandonment

**Religious leaders** that make public declarations delinking FGM/C from religion

**Cumulative number of villages** declaring the abandonment of FGM/C

**Health facilities** integrating FGM/C prevention in their antenatal and postnatal care

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