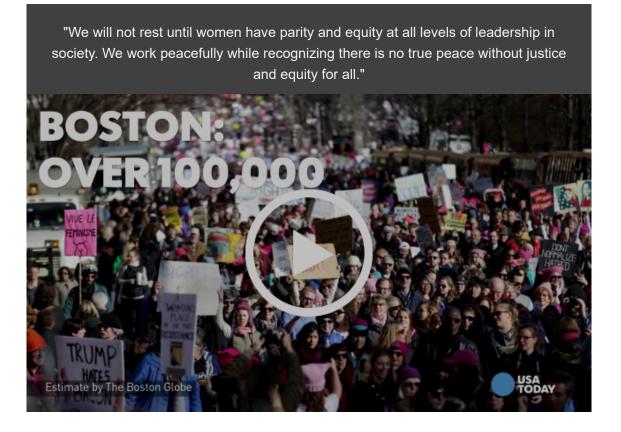
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Nigeria: 68 % Of Imo Women Have Childbirth Complications—UNICEF

The United Nations International Children's Fund, UNICEF, has raised an alarm over the rising cases of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in Imo State saying 68 percent of women in the state are affected by the practice.

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Kenya: Home-Grown Kenyan Solar Energy Protects Girls

The community is buzzing with solar and wind energy, which powers everything from the dispensary and church to shops, homes and even a rescue centre for girls fleeing child marriage and the threat of female genital mutilation.

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Georgia: Georgia Ushers in Bill to Criminalize FGM

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The government in the former Soviet republic of Georgia has proposed a bill which will make it a crime to carry out female genital mutilation. The bill comes after a journalist revealed last fall that the practice was still in use in a few villages in the east of the country. Read More

Cyprus: European Knowledge Platform for Professionals

The project aims to design and develop a web-based knowledge platform on female genital mutilation (FGM) that will gather easily accessible information and support to professionals, to deliver victim support more effectively, help prevent FGM and protect women and girls living with or at risk of FGM and serve as a resource and education center.

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UK: London FGM Clinic to Close After Funding Cut

A London clinic for women who have undergone female genital mutilation is being forced to close after the local council withdrew funding from March 2017.

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Ireland: Launch of the 'AFTER' Project

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US: "FGM is a Global Probem"

In 2016, the United Nations named <u>gender equality</u> as one of their Sustainable Development Goals. We cannot achieve this goal without definitively ending female genital mutilation.

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