

## Learning from other faith leaders:

### Meet the imams and matriarchs putting a stop to FGM/C and early marriage in Mali



Imam Mahamadou quoted in this [article](#): "The training session made me aware that the practices of FGM/C [and other forms of] violence against women had nothing to do with religion. Islam strictly forbids [inflicting] violence and torture on any human being or creature."... "I have now realized that I was a big sinner... I have harmed many girls and women in our community by obliging them to undergo FGM/C. I greatly regret what I have been doing. I changed my mind and would also urge other faith leaders to change theirs. I will no longer send any of my daughters to undergo this practice and I will preach publicly against it."



### UK & African evangelical churches appeal to David Cameron over FGM

Steve Clifford, the General Director of the Evangelical Alliance UK, quoted in this [press release here](#): "As evangelical Christians, we believe in the inherent dignity of every human being -whether male or female and no matter where they are from. That's why we have rallied our council members and leaders from across our member churches to lend their voice to ending this horrific, unjust practice. We hope and pray that through a clear, united voice we might be able to make FGM a thing of the past."

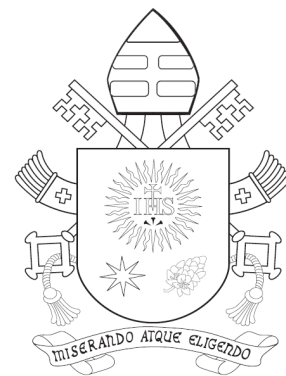
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### Imam Magid discusses how FGM/C has no place in Islam



Imam Magid quoted on this panel discussion for the International Day for Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: "If the Prophet has not done [FGM/C] for his own daughters, who am I or anyone else to say do it to your children. You cannot be more religious than the Prophet himself."

### AMORIS LAETITIA FRANCIS



Pope Francis writes in Amoris Laetitia/Joy of Love regarding violence against women: "Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages con-contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union. I think of the reprehensible genital mutilation of women practiced in some cultures, but also of their lack of equal access to dignified work and roles of decision-making."

Please feel free to share these resources and the overall toolkit with your network.