

## FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION



FGM, Female Genital Mutilation or “excision” of the little girls in Sierra Leone is done between age 3 and 5, every year from February to April.

This ancestral and barbaric practice is considered as an initiation for the little girls and has been propagated through the influence of the women elders in each village. Men are not involved at all in this practice. The excision is done by the cutting of the clitoris and the small labia with no anesthetic, using a razor blade. If the girl survives, which is not always the case, she will suffer the rest of her life, sexually impaired and with serious risk to complicated pregnancies and labors... Horrified by this ritual Michele decided to become a friend rather than an enemy to the women elders and was finally accepted into the Bondo Society. The ceremony is now going on year after year without the excision.

She successfully traded Excision for Education. A school was built by the men and children of Masanga, free for the parents who signed a contract against mutilating their daughters. More than seven hundred girls have been saved, 500 in school so far and Michele is in the process of adding more class rooms to the School.

Thanks  
for your  
financial  
aid ...



These little  
girls and  
many others  
can be  
saved

## MASANGA EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE



**To save these little girls I have created a preparatory school. The condition for free admission is dependent on trading education for excision.**

**The parents promise not to perform this practice anymore**



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