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As the world leaders come together for the Summit of the Future to accelerate international commitments, they must prioritise action to end FGM/C and the negotiated Pact of the Future must move from rhetoric to practice and investment towards end FGM/C efforts.

According to the UN Joint Programme on the Elimination of FGM, an estimated 49 million women and girls alive today have experienced FGM/C and an estimated 68 million will have experienced FGM/C by 2030, in the absence of concerted action to end the practice. FGM/C is a form of gender-based violence, with lifelong physical and psychological consequences. In July 2023, hundreds of activists, grassroots organisations, and academics gathered in Kigali and signed the Kigali Declaration to end FGM/C.

1. The Declaration lays out five clear priorities for concerted global action on FGM/C, which are essential for progress against SDG target 5.3.2. Draft zero of the Pact for the future must include them as follows:

1. Working with communities to challenge and change cross-border practices and lowering the age at which the practice is carried out
5. Increasing resources to fill the global funding gap, in order to meet global goals on ending the practice

¹ <https://actiontoendfgmc.org/2023-kigali-declaration/>

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

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Gender-based violence is one of the worst forms of discrimination and remains the most widespread and pervasive human rights violation in the world. Concerted action by public and private sector actors, civil society, and intergovernmental and international organisations is critical for better outcomes in the journey towards gender equality. The UNFPA estimated the cost and impacts of programmes to end FGM/C to calculate costs for scaling up prevention in 31 countries with high rates of the practice². From 2022 to 2030, it is estimated that these countries will need to spend an additional \$2.751 billion to end FGM, while about \$300 million is available.

This is in effect a funding gap, which requires collaboration from all those with the power to make a difference, from multilateral institutions to bilateral donors, philanthropic foundations, non-profit and private sectors and national governments in practicing countries.

We therefore call on all stakeholders to significantly increase funding towards the end FGM/C sector and prioritise allocating resources towards grassroots and community-led programmes. This will require remodelling traditional funding practices and ensuring that funds

to happen, it is necessary to integrate FGM/C in Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness, Resilience and Response Plans. ADD Covid

Draft zero of the Pact for the Future must explicitly lay out this requirement.

Draft zero of the Pact for the Future must recognise the need and lay out pathways for such inter-generational initiatives to be embedded into future policy and programming.