

TRACKING AND PROMOTING PROGRESS ON COMMITMENTS



The global process for tracking progress on commitments made during and after the Girl Summit 2014 will:

- promote country ownership and mutual accountability
- recognise and promote progress
- be integrated into existing mechanisms on FGM/C and CEFM

STRUCTURE

A dedicated virtual team will track and report on Girl Summit commitments.

The individual members of this Task Team will be drawn from:

- the multi-stakeholder global advisory team to be established under a new global programme on accelerating action to end CEFM (currently under development); and
- the Donors Working Group on FGM/C that has existed since 2000.

Specifically, the Task Team will comprise of 2-3 representatives from each of the following: regional inter-governmental bodies, UN agencies, and NGO partnerships or consortia. Indicatively (TBC) these would be: the African Union, the European Union, the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children, South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, Girls Not Brides, the End FGM/C Social Change Campaign and youth representatives.

The Task Team will be operational for a short period each year in order to produce a web-based annual update on progress.

PROCESS

- The Task Team will be responsible for the collation of data and the production of a regular web-based annual update on progress against Girl Summit commitments.
- Reporting will be on progress on actions, not on prevalence of FGM/C and CEFM, which is monitored elsewhere by UNICEF.
- The representatives of regional bodies will be well-placed to play a major role in the collection of this country-level data from their respective regions.
- The main source of information at country-level will be national coordinating structures on CEFM/FGM/VAWG/gender. Many countries already have these in place. In the few cases where these do not exist or are not planned through new initiatives, UN country offices will be best placed to assist in the collection of information.
- Foundations and civil society organisations not covered by national co-ordinating mechanisms will be approached directly by the Task Team to report on progress. Girls Not Brides and the End FGM/C Social Change Campaign will be best placed to seek the views of civil society.
- The process will be designed and operated to be very low-cost and will be funded through UN global programmes on FGM/C and CEFM.
- In the UK specifically, the Inter-ministerial group on VAWG serves as the national coordinating committee on these issues and will provide national-level accountability on both the UK's domestic and international Girl Summit commitments as well as providing information to the European regional body tasked with collecting the global information on progress.

TIMEFRAME

Commitments at the Girl Summit will be time-bound and tracking will be continued on an annual basis for the length of the timeframe of the commitments. The first web-based annual update will be published in July 2015.

The process outlined above will serve in the short to mid-term and will be reassessed in the post-2015 context. The monitoring of the Girl Summit commitments could be absorbed, as appropriate, into post-2015 monitoring mechanisms, thereby placing Girl Summit commitments on FGM/C and CEFM within the wider agenda on girls and women.