# TAKE CARE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS AND DON'T HURT THEM !! SAYS THE PROPHET

# WHAT IS FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Sunna or Nyakaa is a cultural and social practice in which female genitalia are completely or partially removed.

#### WHERE IS IT PRACTISED?



## WHY IS IT PRACTISED? IT IS BELIEVED THAT...

It's a religious obligation

It's cleaner

These are customs and traditions

A clitoris can grow to be like a penis

It protects virginity-----

You can have more children

#### BUT.

- The Qur'an makes no reference to female genital mutilation. The Prophet says: "Take care of your daughters and don't hurt them".
- Genital cutting may cause urinary and gynecological infections, tetanus, hepatitis, AIDS, severe anemia and death.
- Genital cutting causes pain, fear and suffering.
- Traditions can change when they endanger people's human rights.
- A woman's clitoris does not grow.
- Girls do not need to be mutilated in order to protect their virginity.
- Genital cutting may prevent a woman from having more children, and may cause problems during childbirth as well as the baby and mother's death.

### WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY IN SPAIN?

Female genital mutilation is a crime (Article 143.2 of the Penal Code):

- · Parents may be imprisoned from 6 to 12 years.
- · Parents may lose custody of their daughters.
- Girls may be sent to a children's home from 4 to 6 years.
- · People who practise FGM or collaborate in the practice or allow it may be imprisoned.

...even when it is practised out of Spain (LOPJ/05)

# DON'T GENITALLY MUTILATED YOUR DAUGHTERS, BECAUSE:

- It's very painful.
- They may suffer severe bleeding.
- They may suffer infections and might be unable to have anymore children.
- They may suffer from problems arising during childbirth and both the mother and baby may die as a result.
- AIDS, hepatitis and tetanus may be transmitted.
- Female circumcision is not a religious obligation.
- In Spanish law, FGM is considered a crime, even when it is practised in another country.

Remember the Prophet's words: Take care of your daughters and don't hurt them".



