

As the #YouthForChange youth panel, we represent the vision and voices of young people from across the world. FGM/C and CEFM are violations of human rights and they affect everyone. But as those most severely affected we offer unique insights and innovative solutions.

As young people we are committed to eradicating these harmful traditional practices and believe that this is within our grasp. This is why we are striving for a global movement to end FGM/C and CEFM around the world in a generation. We understand that each country and community is unique and must initiate positive change in its own way, as young people we will continue to take action in our communities and raise awareness across nations. National and global media must also commit to joining the fight against FGM/C and CEFM in order to make the necessary change possible.

FGM/C and CEFM are not issues that we should have to solve alone. This is everybody's business. We are determined that young people's voices heard at Girl Summit and the #YouthForChange event will spark an international youth movement for girls and women's rights. A movement strong enough to hold everyone to account for their commitments to end FGM/C and CEFM in a generation.

We believe **you** can create change today by acting on our recommendations below:

— **Education** increases understanding and helps create new opportunities.

- ◆ All governments must make it compulsory to educate young people on FGM/C and CEFM. Schools are the perfect environment for working together with all young people to prevent these practices.
- ◆ Non-governmental organisations must broaden and increase their education campaigns on CEFM and FGM/C, working with young people to have maximum impact.
- ◆ As young people we will continue to educate each other, to enable and encourage girls, boys, young men and young women to speak out.

— **Laws** that protect human rights and challenge FGM/C and CEFM are critical.

- ◆ Governments must uphold international human rights laws and ban these practices, as well as raise awareness of and enforce existing laws.
- ◆ Governments and non-governmental organisations should train people that work directly with those affected, giving them the skills to know when to act what to do and how to reach those affected.
- ◆ As young people we will continue to break the silence on FGM/C and CEFM and campaign for laws and their enforcement to protect us and others from harm.

— **Empowering** girls, boys, young women and young men individually and collectively is critical in building a successful movement to end FGM/C and CEFM.

- ◆ Governments must ensure that education is free, available to all and gives all young people the confidence to speak out on these issues, and that they work with young people to know what works.