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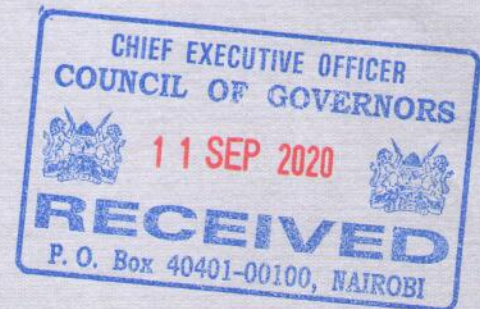
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All County Executive Committee Members of Health
All County Directors of Health
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Thro' The Chief Executive Officer
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RE: KENYA COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Kenya, through H.E. The President committed to eliminate Gender Based Violence and harmful practices including elimination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) by 2022.

Female Genital Mutilation carries severe psychosocial, anatomical and functional morbidity to the victim and often acts as an entry point for premature sexual debut with its attendant adverse health consequences.

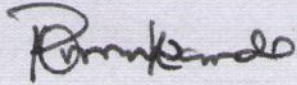
In Kenya, up to 23% of FGM is abetted or facilitated by Health Care Providers in an emerging trend of medicalizing and institutionalizing FGM. It is for this reason that the Ministry of Health is alarmed and re-committing to eliminate the practice of medicalizing FGM, including reprimanding support of whatever form by any Health Care Worker within or without health facilities in Kenya and across its borders.

Please find enclosed a statement emphasizing the Ministry's position, as aligned to the National Reproductive Health Policy 2020-2030, **to be displayed within all health facilities in the country.**



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Thank you for your continued support.



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