



Title: Knowledge and attitude of secondary school students toward Female Genital Mutilation in Khartoum state

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FGM/C is a well-recognized harmful practice that is deeply rooted in Sudan. This study aim to assess the knowledge and attitude of secondary school students toward Female Genital Mutilation. It is a school based descriptive cross sectional study was conducted in Karary Locality, Khartoum State, Sudan. Four Secondary Schools for girls were involved in the study. From each school, two second grade classes were selected randomly and data was collected from all the students (292) in this two classes using author designed questionnaire. All the students were between 14 to 19 years old. Most of them (61.3%) were not circumcised. 23.6% of the student knew type 1 and 21.2% knew type 4. On the other hand, only 15.1 and 8.6 knew type 2 and 3 respectively. The majority of the students knew that bleeding, delivery problems and Recurrent Infections are possible FGM/C complications. 78.8% of the student think that FGM should be stopped and 70.9% of them would disagree if one of the family want to circumcise a girl. Furthermore, 74.3% would advise their family members not to practice FGM/C and 68.8% agree to join activities that aim to stop FGM. In addition, 68.8 % perceive FGM/C as violation to human rights and 76.0% encourage legislations that fight FGM/C. 79.8 will not circumcise their daughters. In summery,The majority of the students showed good knowledge about FGM/C complications. While, minority of students knew the types of FGM/C. Moreover, respondents showed a good attitude toward FGM/C.

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