



Termination of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Project of Loreto Sisters, Eastern Africa Province



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*Beautiful
as
God made me*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings! Welcome to another Termination of Female Genital Mutilation Project's newsletter. As we are expected to adjust our lives in the new normal, we thank God that Loreto Abundant Life Centre remains free of the virus. We are excited to share with you activities that have recently occurred. There has been a significant decline in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Kenya; as a result, the government has eased the restrictions. However we still experience deaths due to COVID-19. May those who have passed away in our country and the world rest in peace with God. May their families be comforted.

REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Students in form four, class eight and grade four have gone back to school after six months of staying at home. The reopening of the schools started on Monday 12th October 2020. The government has given directives to the schools to ensure that the students continue to learn safely despite the existence of the pandemic. One of them is that

schools must ensure mandatory use of face masks, hand-washing stations, and monitoring of body temperatures of learners.



We hope that schools will officially be opened for all students because schools function as a strong safety net for the students.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AT TFGM

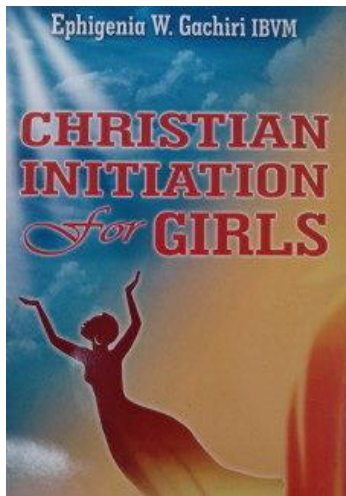
The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a global shift in meetings and events, from in-person gatherings to a more virtual implementation. The TFGM Project has embraced these changes and as a result, various virtual meetings and training sessions have taken place since the restrictions began. This has enabled the staff to go on with their administrative tasks to ensure that everything is running smoothly within the project.



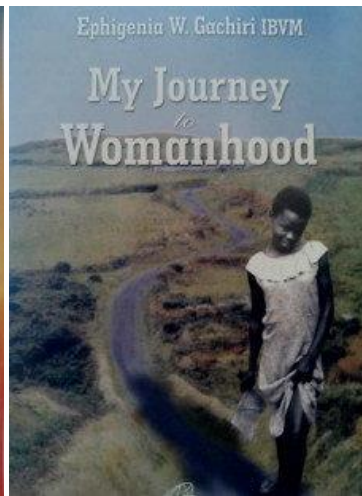
MY JOURNEY TO MANHOOD

Sr. Dr Ephigenia Gachiri has developed different educational tools that are used in the TFGM Project. These include the Christian Initiation for Girls, My Journey to Womanhood, Female Circumcision and the Rite of Passage for Christian Boys.

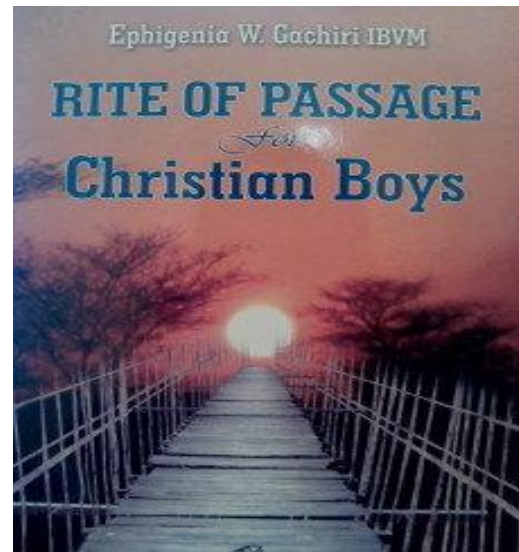
The Rite of Passage for Christian Boys manual is used during a week-long seminar for the boys. The manual is to offer young men a facilitated passage from childhood through adulthood and to assist them to become mature Christian African Men.



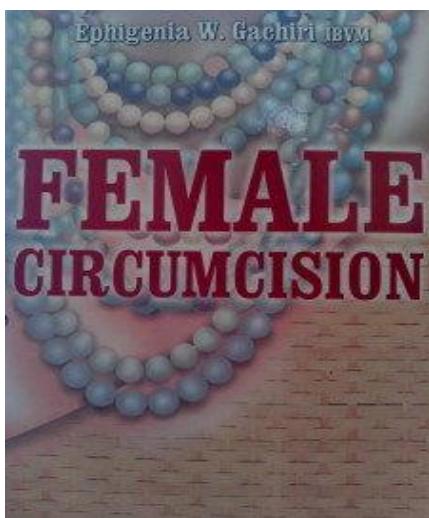
*Christian Initiation
for Girls*



*My Journey to
Womanhood*



Rite of Passage for Christian Boys



Female Circumcision

In the seminar, the boys are also taught about FGM and its impact. This year Sr. Ephigenia Gachiri embarked on a journey to develop a diary “My Journey to Manhood” for the boys. While they are taught using the manual, the young boys will use the diary to note down all they have learnt during the sessions of the day throughout the seminar. This Diary will be an important tool as it will be a reference in future for the lessons learnt during the seminar. They could also use it when sharing information with their peers and when guiding those who are younger than them.



*Young girls in fear of
FGM*

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EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW 2020

The review process took place in Nakuru and Kiingero (Kiambu County) on 29th September 2020 and 1st October 2020 respectively. All Government directives in regards to gatherings were adhered to and social distance was maintained. We are extremely grateful to all the TFGM facilitators who assisted the administration in planning for the event. We would also wish to thank all the stakeholders who participated. They included project facilitators, community members (Village elders, teachers, and parents), local government officials, and young men and women. All these have attended our seminars and workshops and are associated with the project. We are grateful to Miseen Cara for funding the review process and to all other donors for their continuous support towards the fight against Female Genital Mutilation.



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