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## Gender and Behaviour - Curbing female genital mutilation : the role of information and libraries

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The study examined the role of libraries and information in curbing the practice of female genital mutilation. Specific objectives of the study include: to examine the concept and origin of female genital mutilation, highlight various types and consequences of female genital mutilation, state the justification for the practice, investigate if there are existing legislations against this practice and to identify roles of the library and information in curbing female genital mutilation. Popularizing the danger of female genital mutilation, partnering with NGOs, media campaign, organizing workshops & seminars, briefing & debriefing and mounting billboards were identified as some of the roles libraries and information can play in eradicating this injustice against women. The paper concluded by charging NGOs, human rights

organizations, government at all levels and other stakeholders to rise up to this challenge and ensure total eradication of female genital mutilation.

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