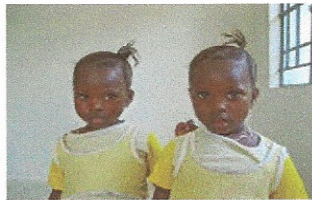


FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

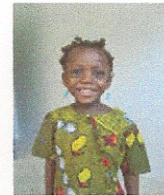


Female genital mutilation or "excision" of the little girls in Sierra Leone is done between age 3 and 5, every year from February to April.

This ancestral and barbaric practice is considered as an initiation for the little girls and has been propagated through the influence of the women elders in each village. Most men are not aware of the practice. They don't even realize that excision is the cutting of the clitoris and the small labia. (This is done with no anesthetic, using a razor blade...) Men think this mutilated anatomy of their spouse is natural since they have never seen a complete woman.



Thanks to financial aid, these little girls and many others can be saved.



To save these little girls I have created a preparatory school. The condition for admission is dependent on trading education for excision. The parents promise not to perform this practice anymore.



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