Fighting Female Genital Mutilation with Maps
The cutting of female genitalia for cultural or religious reasons:

Type 1: partial or total removal of the clitoris

Type 2: as Type 1 with additional removal of the labia minora and often the labia majora

Type 3: re-arrangement of the genitals to narrow the vaginal opening

Type 4: all other procedures (pricking, piercing, incising, scraping and cauterizing)
Girls are rounded up during the ‘Cutting Season’ when they are on school holidays.

FGM Prevalence in Tanzanian Women and Girls 2016

Data source DHS 2015-16 © 2B Too Many
The Tanzania Development Trust supports:

- Local Activists
- Outreach work
- Safe Houses

Local FGM survivor and activist Rhobi Samwelly
But girls cannot find the safehouses:

And safehouse staff cannot find them:
This is rural Tanzania:

This is Dar es Salaam:
Girls in rural Tanzania need MAPS!
We are making them!

CROWD2MAP TANZANIA
Mapping rural Tanzania since 2015

UNITING OVER 7500 GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS TO MAP RURAL TANZANIA TO HELP END FGM AND AID COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Will you help us?
Where we’ve mapped so far:

How we map

1. Set up a task on MapSwipe app to determine where the buildings are in the area to be mapped – remote volunteers RV
2. Create a task on HOTOSM Task Manager to map the areas with buildings – RV
3. Add names of buildings, villages etc using Maps.Me app – local volunteers
4. Validate and add any new buildings, names of roads, land use etc using printed FieldPapers – local volunteers – email to RV
5. Create PDFs of village maps using QGIS and email to RV – Remote volunteers

RV = Remote volunteers
LV = Local volunteers
REMOTE MAPPERS VS COMMUNITY MAPPERS

Highly educated to degree level or beyond
Many did not complete secondary school

Have used maps in their daily life since childhood
Had never seen a map of their local area

Own and can skilfully use a large range of technology
Had never used a smartphone, or laptop or been online.
Better maps have:

- helped 3000+ girls to find safehouses and avoid being cut
- coincided with a reduced FGM death rate of 75%
We have trained over 600 local mappers around 40% female
Mapping is a tool towards greater gender equality in Tanzania and we should support the disadvantaged and courageous community of rural female Tanzanian mappers.
OpenStreetMap

Please join us!

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