

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Oxford Against Cutting
Date of TFN event which you pitched at?	17/05/18
Name of the project TFN funded:	Men Against FGM #wetalkedFGM
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	<p>Yes, the aim was to support men and boys to talk about FGM and form a network of anti-FGM champions. Social change was to be supported by men and boys making a pledge to have one conversation about FGM.</p> <p>Additionally, the project also now includes a new report, Engaging Men in the Campaign Against FGM: Successes and Challenges, to be released in April 2019</p>
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>The #wetalkedFGM campaign for men consisted of a range of work that included men's discussion groups, case studies and a social media campaign. The project encouraged men and men's groups to 'pledge' to talk about FGM to other men, having a conversation with another man about FGM and asking him to speak to another man, and so on. To date, organisations that have pledged include NASUWT Milton Keynes Local Members Association, Milton Keynes Somali Outreach Project and East Oxford United.</p> <p>OAC worked with small groups and individuals to capture Case Studies for learning and these activities have contributed to a range of learning, detailed in our report. The small groups were facilitated by two facilitators, one from an FGM-affected community and included "men only" discussion time, led by male group leaders. The project has enabled OAC to consolidate and build relationships with male champions, as well as identify gaps in local regular "ground up" support for men.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	20
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	40
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide	We are delighted to welcome a new trustee, Liz Parry, to our board as

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details of the support you received?	a result of our participation in TFN.
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	<p>OAC is growing! We have recently extended our work to support schools training on honour-based abuse and forced marriage and new facilitators from South Asian communities will join our team. We have also led a successful collaborative project to create a toolkit to support girls and women from BAMER (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee) communities to reach sexual violence services.</p> <p>In addition, we recently successfully developed and piloted our body image workshops, including learning on FGM, FCGS (Female Cosmetic Genital Surgery) and body image. We continue to provide anti-FGM safeguarding training for schools across the Thames Valley.</p>
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	Thank you to all of our supporters at TFN!