



Voices to End FGM/C: Using Personal Storytelling for Social Norm Change

Call for Artist Participation

<u>StoryCenter</u>, a community-arts organization located in the San Francisco Bay Area, has for 20+ years been working with grassroots groups on participatory digital storytelling and media arts projects. Our <u>Silence Speaks initiative</u> supports individuals and groups in sharing personal stories as part of women's rights / human rights education and advocacy.

We are collaborating with <u>Sahiyo United Against Female Genital Cutting</u> on the Voices to End FGM Project, which will guide ten women who have experienced female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) through an online digital storytelling workshop and support them in sharing and audio recording their stories. The stories will be illustrated with a combination of personal images (photos and video clips) to be provided by the storytellers, and images contributed by participating women artists. We are seeking women artists to produce original visual art, as a way of preserving the privacy of those storytellers who desire to remain anonymous. The stories will be recorded in **June 2019**, and artists will work on illustrations in **July**, with the goal of completing the videos in August (all video editing will be done by StoryCenter staff).

If you or an artist who you know would like to get involved as an artist with this project, please contact Mariya Taher no later than June 1, 2019. Each artist will receive a stipend of \$200 U.S.

<u>View sample stories</u> from our previous work with survivors of FGM/C.

Questions? Please contact:

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