

**Background and Brief Description**

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) is a practice common in many countries in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East that can have severe, deleterious health consequences for women and girls. Recent studies suggest that more than 500,000 women and girls in the United States may have been cut or be at risk for FGM/C based on whether women or their mothers are from countries with high prevalence of FGM/C. However, this estimate was derived using indirect techniques that do not account for the differing characteristics of women in the country of origin versus those who have migrated to the United States, or any other factors that are likely to affect the prevalence of FGM/C. Additional major knowledge gaps regarding FGM/C in the United States include: The prevalence of FGM/C in selected communities in

the United States with high concentrations of residents from countries where FGM/C is prevalent; women’s attitudes about continuance of the practice; and the health characteristics and needs of women living in the United States who have experienced FGM/C or are at risk for FGM/C.

This study aims to capture information on women’s history of FGM/C, their experiences with health care services, and their attitudes about continuation of the FGM/C practice. Findings from this study will be used to identify public health needs of women and communities in the United States that are affected by FGM/C, to formulate public health strategies to meet identified needs, and to inform prevention efforts.

The proposed information collection will include piloting and conducting a

full-scale survey of the health experiences and needs of women who live in selected communities in the United States with high concentrations of residents from countries where FGM/C is widely practiced. The pilot study will be conducted during the first year of this project and will be used to assess the feasibility of sampling and recruiting methods for a hard-to-reach population on a sensitive topic. Based on findings from the pilot, a change request, including necessary translations, will be submitted to conduct the full study during the second and third year of this project. The full study is planned to be implemented in up to five community sites in the United States. The estimated annualized burden over the three years of this project is 311 hours.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

| Type of respondents  | Form name                  | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden (in hours) |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Women age 18 to 49 who were born in, or whose mother was born in, an FGM/C practicing country. | WHNS Eligibility Screener. | 667                   | 1                                  | 1/60                                   | 11                      |
| Women age 18–49 who were born in, or whose mother was born in, an FGM/C practicing country.    | WHNS Questionnaire ...     | 400                   | 1                                  | 45/60                                  | 300                     |
| Total .....  | .....                      | .....                 | .....                              | .....                                  | 311                     |

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Title:* Evaluation of Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program  
*OMB No.:* 0970–0487.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is proposing data collection as part of the study, “Evaluation of the Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking (DVHT) Program.” This Notice addresses the cross-site

process evaluation to be conducted with the 13 FY 2016 DVHT projects that were awarded 3-year cooperative agreements by the Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP). The intent of the DVHT Program is to build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver trauma-informed, strength-based, and victim-centered services for domestic victims of severe forms of human trafficking through coordinated case management, a system of referrals and the formation of community partnerships.

The objective of the evaluation is to describe the ways in which projects achieve the goals of the DVHT Program and examine types of models that serve victims of human trafficking. Evaluation questions are focused on understanding project and service delivery models, process, and implementation, including partnership and collaboration development; services offered to and received by victims; strategies to identify and engage survivors; ways projects define and monitor program successes and outcomes; and program

challenges, achievements, and lessons learned. Information from the evaluation will assist federal, state, and community policymakers and funders in making decisions about future program models to serve domestic victims of human trafficking, as well as to refine evaluation strategies for future programs targeting trafficking victims.

The evaluation of the DVHT Program will document and describe projects’ implementation approaches, including their service models and community partnerships; services provided to clients (*i.e.*, victims of severe forms of human trafficking); service delivery practices; strategies to meet survivors’ immediate and long-term housing needs; and approaches to engaging survivors in program development and service delivery.

Primary data for the evaluation will be collected via surveys with project directors, case managers, and projects’ key community partners; and semi-structured qualitative interviews, including telephone interviews with project directors, in-person interviews with select project staff, survivor

leaders, and program partners, and individual interviews with program clients. Interviews from multiple perspectives will enhance the government's understanding of appropriate service models and practice strategies for identifying, engaging, and meeting the needs of diverse populations of victims of severe forms of human trafficking. Data collection

will take place after receiving OMB approval through March 2020.

Data collection for an exploratory evaluation of the FY15 DVHT projects ("Domestic Human Trafficking Demonstration Projects") is being conducted under a prior Information Collection Request under 0970-0487. The data have provided insight into approaches projects used to enhance organizational and community capacity, identify domestic victims, and deliver

case management and direct services in collaboration with their community partners. The currently proposed data collection for FY16 DVHT will build on this earlier data collection for the FY15 DVHT study. All data collection approved for FY15 DVHT is complete.

*Respondents:* Project directors, case managers, survivor leaders, other select project staff, key community partners, and clients.

**TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

| Instrument                          | Total number of respondents | Annual number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Annual burden hours |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Project Director Survey .....       | 13                          | 7                            | 1                                  | .5                                | 4                   |
| Partner Survey .....                | 260                         | 130                          | 1                                  | .25                               | 33                  |
| Case Manager Survey .....           | 130                         | 65                           | 1                                  | .33                               | 21                  |
| Project Director Interview #1 ..... | 13                          | 7                            | 1                                  | 2                                 | 14                  |
| Project Director Interview #2 ..... | 13                          | 7                            | 1                                  | 1.5                               | 11                  |
| Site Visit Interview .....          | 136                         | 68                           | 1                                  | 1.5                               | 102                 |
| Client Interview .....              | 40                          | 20                           | 1                                  | 1                                 | 20                  |

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 205.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to

comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Cancer Biology.

*Date:* April 12, 2018.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Vascular and Hematology AREA Application Review.  
*Date:* April 18, 2018.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

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