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| **Below is the copy of the Op-ed by Nicholas Kristof in the NY Times yesterday, September 2nd, 2020.**Here below are the links to the English and the Somali versions of the FGM Booklets: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Iofpu-vTjclsDHVBHasdBdYim7ZWQS5q/view?usp=sharing>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eoHx5SHPTLLLWwrFXeFCRjYflM9ODGQl/view?usp=drive\_webThank you for sharing as widely as possible. Let us save as many little girls from this terrible ordeal.Edna Adan Ismail Website : [www.ednahopsital.org](http://www.ednahopsital.org)e-mail: ednahospital@yahoo.com |
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| The winner of my “Holiday Impact Prize” late last year was Edna Adan, who runs a university hospital in Somaliland. Readers raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for her fight against maternal mortality, cervical cancer and female genital mutilation (F.G.M.) — for which I’m so grateful. Now Edna and her hospital have published a new booklet (pictured above) to discourage F.G.M., which affects 99 percent of girls in Somaliland. |
| The booklet uses medical and religious authority to argue that F.G.M. is harmful; it quotes doctors as warning against it and an imam noting that the Prophet Muhammad never “circumcised” his daughters. The booklet is principally in Somali, but [here’s an English version](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Iofpu-vTjclsDHVBHasdBdYim7ZWQS5q/view?te=1&nl=nicholas-kristof&emc=edit_nk_20200902) and it’s also being translated into Arabic. Edna says that she welcomes others translating it into local languages. |

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| Westerners often criticize F.G.M., but it’s so much more effective when the fight is led by a Somali Muslim like Edna. So thanks, Edna, for all you do — and thanks, readers, for supporting her. You can find out more about her work [here](https://ednahospitalfoundation.org/?te=1&nl=nicholas-kristof&emc=edit_nk_20200902). |