

# IMAGES MENA EGYPT

## Findings on FGM

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# Female Circumcision

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# What is FGM

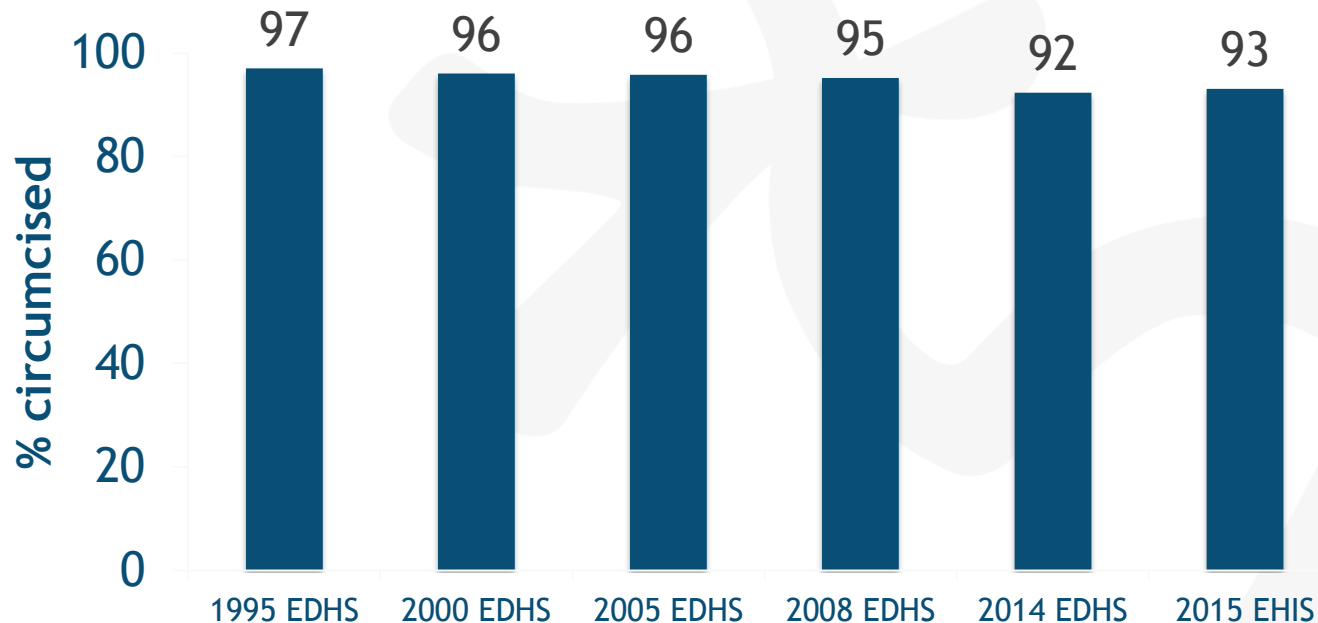
- It refers to the **non-medical** and **traditional** practice in which a surgical alteration is performed on female genitalia
- This practice is internationally recognized as a violation of human rights and a form of violence against girls and women.

# FGM In Egypt

- Despite decades of national campaigns and community initiatives, as well as criminalization of the practice, female genital mutilation (FGM) remains common practice in Egypt.
- It has been measured in Egypt since 1995.
- According to Demographic and Health Survey 2014(DHS), More than **9 in 10** ever-married women aged **15-49** have been **circumcised**.

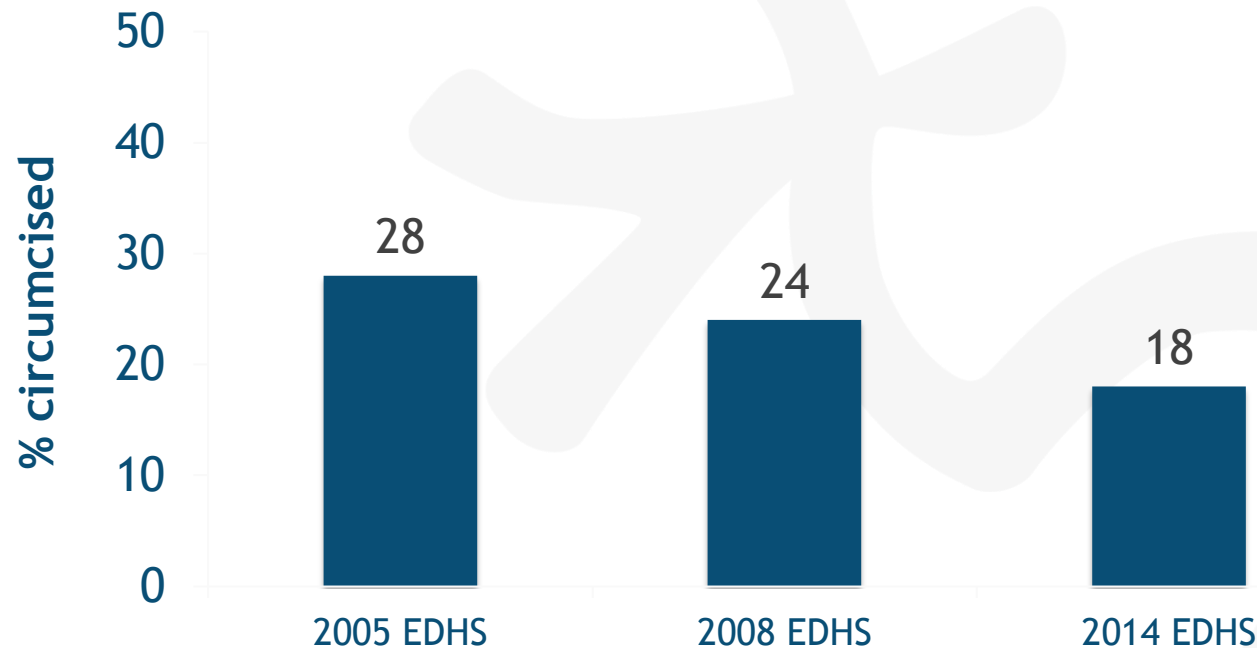
# FGM In Egypt *Cont.*

The Decline over time in FGM prevalence is very low among ever-married women age 15-49



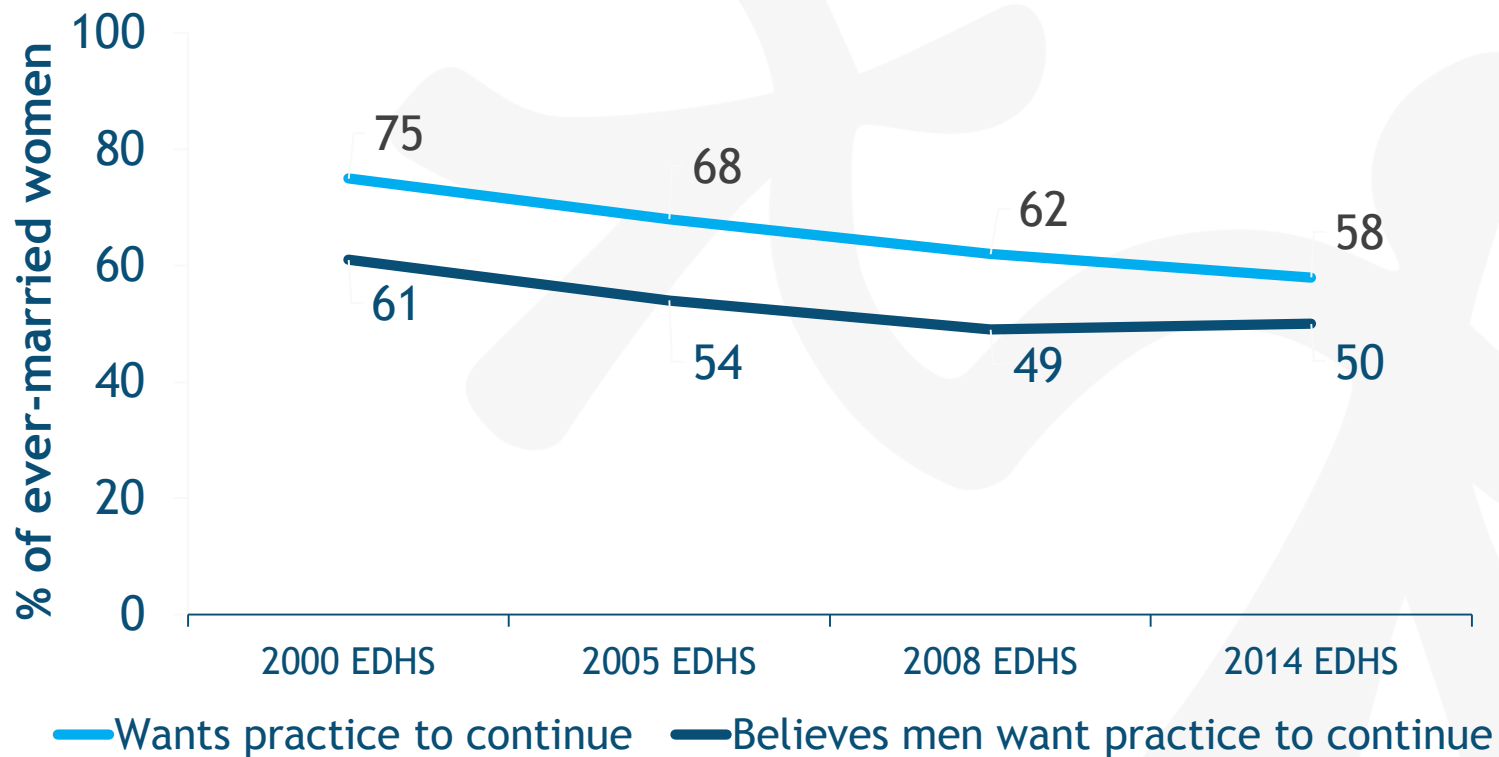
# FGM In Egypt *Cont.*

However, trend in Prevalence of FGM among daughters age 0-17 years declined over time



# FGM In Egypt *Cont.*

Attitudes towards female circumcision among ever-married women age 15-49 is declining



# IMAGES Methodology

- IMAGES MENA Egypt household survey was conducted by **El-Zanaty and Associates**, under the aegis of **Promundo** and **UNWomen**.
- A total of **2937 households** were successfully interviewed with response rate **97.9 %**.
- **1380 Men** and **1402 Women** were successfully interviewed with response rate exceeded **99 %** for both men and women.
- FGM was addressed to men as well as women



# Overview on IMAGES Results

Prevalence of FGM is widespread



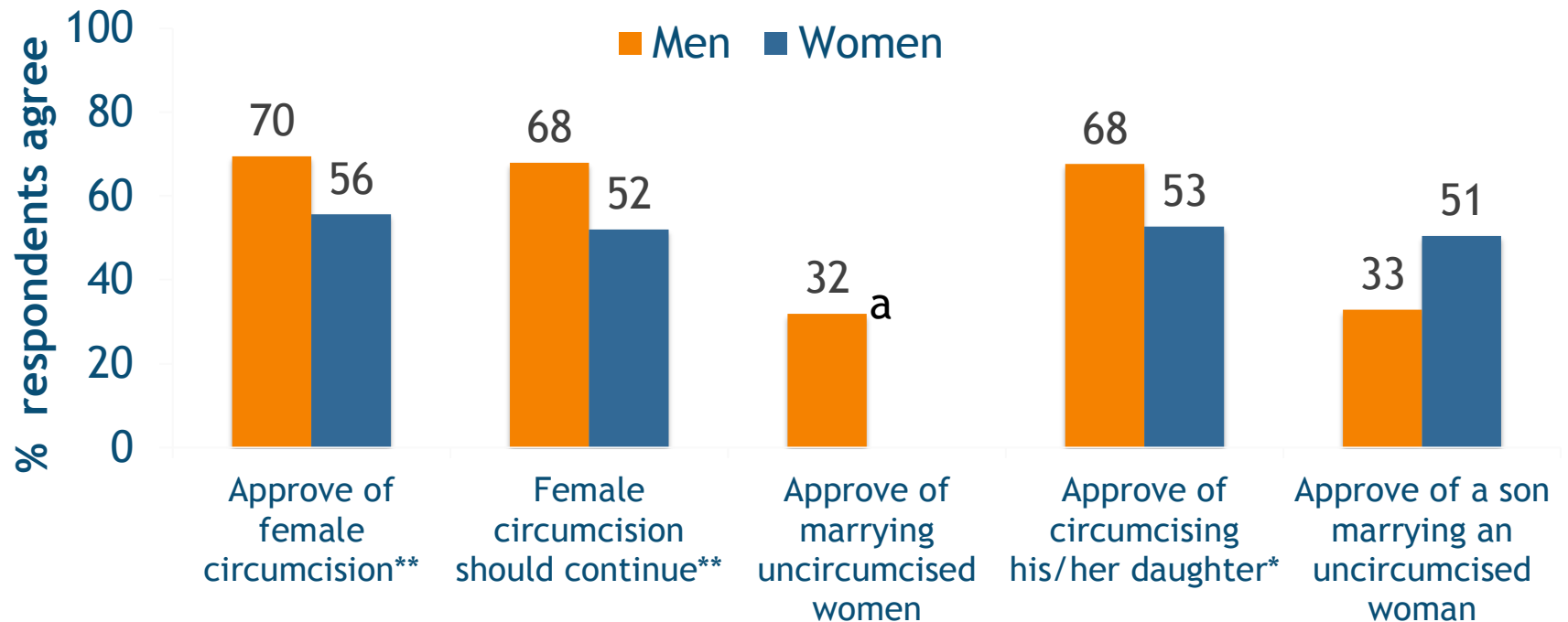
92 % of currently married women aged 18-59 have been circumcised and 89 % of currently men reported that their wives had been circumcised.



69% of currently married men and 75 % of currently married women who have daughter mentioned that any one them had been circumcised

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## Men are more supportive to FGM than women



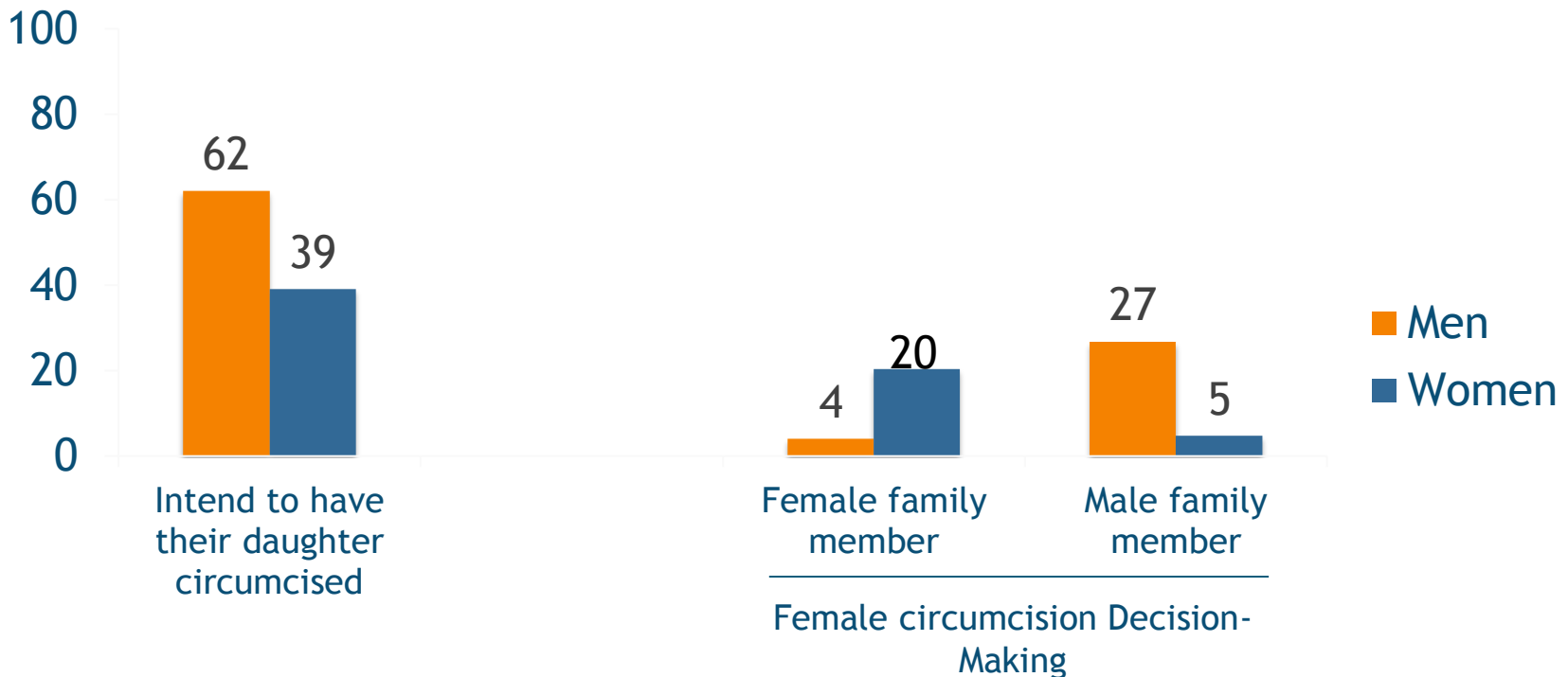
Difference between men and women are significant at: \*P-value < 0.05

\*\* P-value < 0.01

a: Question not included in the women's questionnaire.

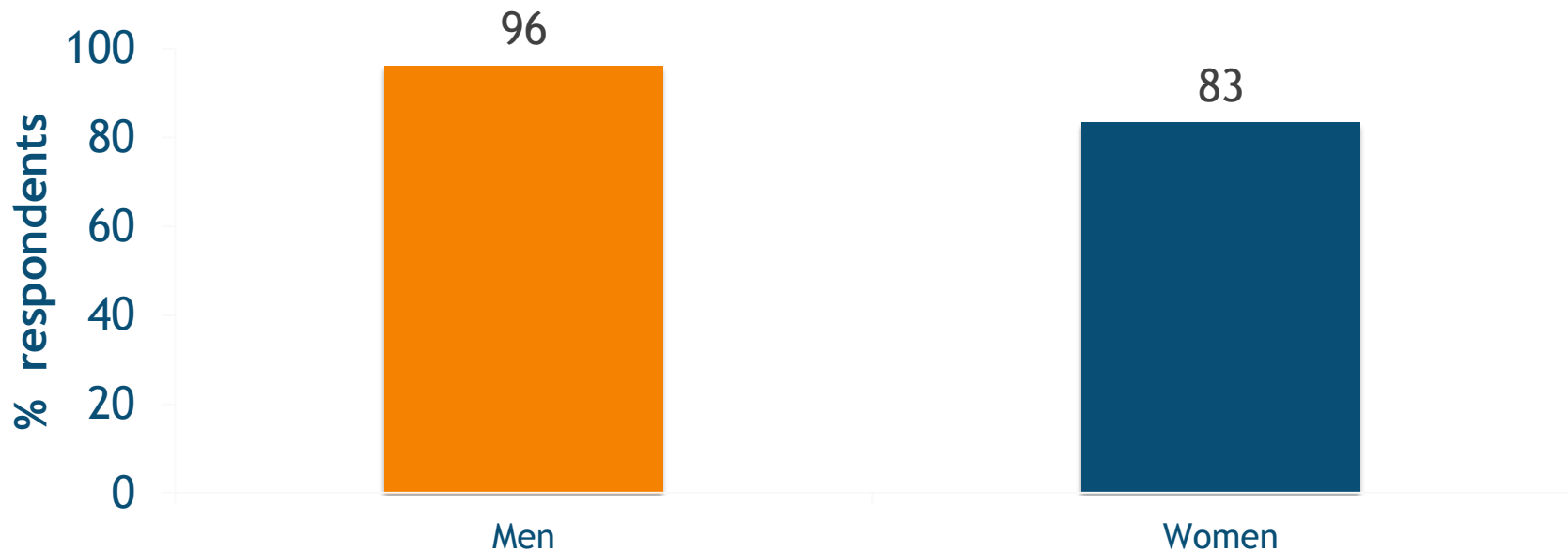
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Men are more likely to circumcise their daughter in the future than women.



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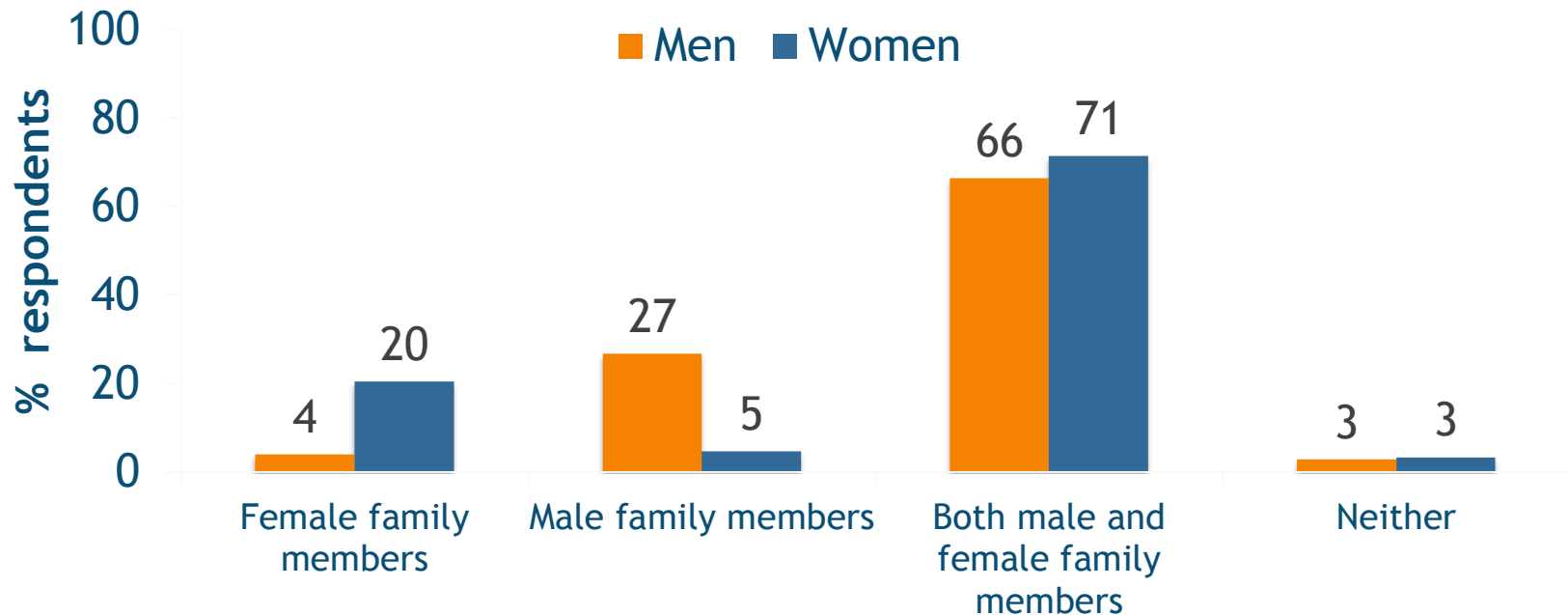
Men are significantly involved in decision- making on female circumcision



Men in the respondent's family participate in the decision about (his/her) daughter's circumcision

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Both male and female family members jointly participate in girl's circumcision decision



# Implications

- **Policies and projects** directed to eliminate FGM in Egypt have to also engage men, and whose power to be matched by their enthusiasm for the practice.
- **More research** is required to better understand the gendered nature of negotiations and power dynamics that characterize family decisions on FGM.



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