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	Migration @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2024-14.020121-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 4 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 4 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 4 000 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2024, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing²	Indirect management with the entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1 and 4.3.2			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Deeply embedded rigid and harmful gender norms are a root cause of the development challenge for women and girls, in all their diversity, in Kenya. Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) remains pervasive and has been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) remains highly prevalent in Kenya including in refugee hosting areas, closely linked to child marriages and teen pregnancy. Gender equality, and the freedom from gender based violence, is a cornerstone in the EU's values and interests as pursued in Kenya, and it has a direct negative effect on women's opportunities in terms of education, career and other opportunities in life, including disabling consequences.

With a focus on Kenya's commitment to end FGM by 2026, the action's overall objective is to better protect vulnerable populations such as women, youth, children, persons with disabilities and displacement affected communities against all forms of gender based violence, and to support Kenya's efforts to effectively combat FGM. It will aim to (a) strengthen the capacity and action of duty-bearers at the national and county levels to eradicate FGM and (b) improve access to quality public education, information and community-based services on the eradication of FGM and sexual and reproductive health. While the first component will have a national dimension, the second component will have a geographic focus on a limited number of counties, including areas with a significant concentration of forcibly displaced persons, including refugees, asylum seekers and local host communities, building on complementary geographic coverage with other actions from EU Member States and United Nations (UN) agencies. The proposed target counties are identified due to the minimal level of intervention ongoing from development partners, despite a high prevalence of FGM as per the 2022 Kenya Demographic Health Survey.³

² Art. 27 NDICI

³ https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKewjXz4vAlsqAAxVG_qQKHV0ZAYUQFnoECB4QAO&url=https%3A%2F%2Fstatistics.knbs.or.ke%2Fmada%2Findex.php%2Fcatalog%2F124&usg=AOvVaw1ICqrQ-YK5vcgvTqZi74wS&opi=89978449