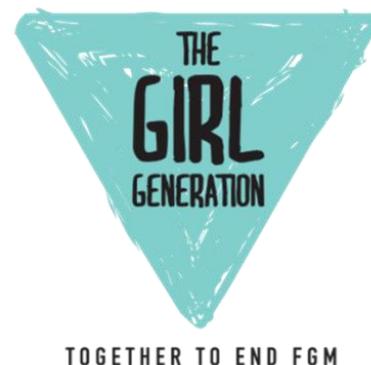


Dr Faith Mwangi-Powell to lead The Girl Generation: Together to End FGM



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The Girl Generation is delighted to announce that Dr Faith Mwangi-Powell, a long-time leader and campaigner for palliative care, women's health and human rights, will join The Girl Generation as our new Global Director from 4th May 2015.

"I am delighted to bring my leadership skills, advocacy experience and passion for women's health to The Girl Generation, which is galvanizing the Africa-led, global movement to end FGM."

Based in Nairobi, Kenya, Dr Mwangi-Powell will spearhead the campaign's global advocacy agenda, and lead The Girl Generation team in supporting the development of social change campaigns in ten countries across the African continent.

Prior to joining The Girl Generation, Dr Mwangi-Powell was the Chief of Party and Country Director for the University Research Company, Kenya (a global company dedicated to improving the quality of health care, social services, and health education worldwide). For eight years previously, she worked to promote palliative care across the African continent and internationally, and was the founding Executive Director of the African Palliative Care Association, a pan-African organization supporting the scale-up of palliative care. In this role, she helped develop palliative care services in more than 20 African countries. She has also worked as the advocacy lead for palliative care with the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund London, UK, and the Open Society Foundations in New York.

With her extensive experience in the areas of advocacy, policy development, strategic planning, research and organizational development, Dr Mwangi-Powell is well placed to help The Girl Generation and its partners achieve its objectives of catalysing social change to end FGM in a generation; bringing new and existing actors together to speak with a more powerful and united voice; and increasing policy and donor support for the abandonment of FGM.

"We are honoured to have Faith join us at The Girl Generation," said Jo Hemmings, Deputy Programme Director. *"With her valuable insights and strategic leadership, we expect her to forge many successful partnerships across the globe."*

Dr Mwangi-Powell added, *"I look forward to working with our network of stakeholders, member organisations and the Strategic Advisory Group to help end FGM in one generation."*