

Reactions and comments from supporters of the Sponsoredgirl.com campaign

Until November 2009, more than 4.000 letters calling for the protection of the sponsored girls have been signed. Here you find some personal comments and thoughts which have been added by the supporters as messages to the organisations:

I am shocked and horrified that YOU DO NOT PROTECT the children you claim to care about.

This FMG is such an abomination it is hard to fathom the depths of depravity that invented it. It must be stopped along with the concept of ownership of another human being based on sex. Marrying off children for the purpose of satisfying the male sex drive is so base that very few things can fall beneath it.

I am outraged that World Vision would allow such atrocities like FGM to occur, while being supported by Christian churches and charities.

How dare you call yourselves defenders of children! You should be keeping these girls from being returned to those who butcher girls & women! What kind of business are you running? This is the biggest farce I've ever heard of and I will get the word out until you loose your funding

I will not consider future interaction with you sponsorship program when tolerance towards FGM is fact with your organization. Reconsider your stance on this issue.

Until ChildFund can assure me, that all young girls are 100% protected from FGM, I would be remiss to sponsor a young girl, knowing that ChildFund will not protect her from this severe mutilation, so severe it scars the woman both physically and mentally, not to mention the countless young women who die from fistulas, and secondary infections. Until then, I cannot in good conscience support your cause.

I have heard that u allow FGM to be done to sponsored girls. Is this possible? You are the one who need to protect them. That is so bad. FGM is worst crime and everyone need to look on that way,, its not about tradition. It is a crime!!! It must be punished. Girls are dying.

Protect these girls as you would have yourself protected. Not just pour money on an open and growing wound. Stop the hideous and unkind practice!

FGM is a crime and should be punished. You can't allow this thing to happen to little girls. It is not tradition it is crime and kids are dying. Be responsible

FGM is a crime which needs to be stopped! It is not tradition it is crime.

How can u allow that FGM is happening to sponsored girls, girls are dying cause of it in blood and pain That tradition is crime and must be punished and stopped!!!! It is violation of children and women's rights!

I have not yet sponsored a girl, but what is happen is NOT right!

Female genital mutilation is a crime against a human being. It doesn't matter if that crime has become encoded in a tradition it is still a crime

. Your charity should not support it by saying nothing.

Our family sponsored 3 girls with Plan International over many years and we are shocked to discover these girls gained no protection from this mutilation

A correct attitude of respect towards Childhood and children has become a key to efficiently resist to the law of the strongest one.

I would certainly not sponsor a girl through you.

What happens with the girls is outrageous and beyond words. It has to stop right now.

Female genital mutilation is a crime against defenceless children. Do not support it.

Do not tell me you care - because you are cooperating with communities who do not care. So YOU do not care. You support the mutilators with your ignorance. Please please please, make up your mind and change your policies! Think about your image which will become more and more tainted if you don't act!

I am not yet ready to end my sponsorship of Awa Coulibali, but I want to know what you are doing to ensure that she, and other girls, DO NOT become victims of female genital mutilation, if I don't hear from you regarding this matter soon, I will make further phone calls or emails to find out what you are doing, and if I find it unsatisfactory I will consider withdrawing my support from your organization.

Until World Vision takes FGM as a very serious issue, it would be remiss to adopt a young woman, who is not being 100% protected, by your Organisation. Until then, I will not fund your programme

I sponsor no girl, but my concerns are for all that are potential victims of FGM. Female Genital Mutilation. This is an issue that desperately needs to be addressed by the human community as a whole. People cannot support tolerance towards genital mutilations on sponsored girls (or any girl for that matter)! No future interaction with your sponsorship program will be considered.

Female Genital Mutilation is absolutely disgusting, and you need to stop condoning it.

I would hate to think that sponsored children such as mine are not protected from genital mutilation. Is this a genuine concern or is it unscrupulous or fraudulent manipulation of the facts. Although the above standard letter states that I refuse any further financial support, I would rather wait to hear a response before taking this action. I recently sent another message but got no response. I am not sure what my sponsor number is.

This is a horrible practice and a crime against humanity. I don't have the name of a girl but I will fight for all of them to end this outrageous practice.

I'm not currently sponsoring a girl through PLAN, and I will not do so until PLAN's policy toward genital mutilation has changed.

This is barbaric and needs to be stopped! These girls should not be punished and sentenced to a lifetime of pain for being born female!

I don't understand what is going on in these countries to make them want to harm, rape and sell their young girls. They should want to protect their children, so this makes no sense to me. What kind of world are we living in for this to be happening? We have to put a stop to this!

First guarantee the total body and mind safety of children and women, then expand your help.
