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'Greenland, breaking the silence'
The scandal of Denmark's forced contraception campaign

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A film by Sarah Andersen
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Greenland, 1960s. Thousands of young Inuit girls, some barely teenagers, are sent to hospital. Without explanation or consent, Danish doctors fitted them with IUDs, a painful procedure that left lifelong scars.

In total, more than 4,500 Greenland women were victims of this massive forced contraception campaign, orchestrated by the Danish authorities.

For France 24, **Sarah Andersen** has investigated, shedding light on this policy of forced birth control, commissioned at the highest level of Denmark's government.

Between Nuuk and Copenhagen, she gathered moving testimonies from women who have long been silenced, and looked into the colonial legacy still present today.

Torn between memory, aspirations to independence, and new geopolitical tensions, Greenland is confronted with a crucial question: is it possible to repair history?

A personal investigation at the heart of the Franco-Danish journalist's work, this film was awarded the *Coup de Pouce* award at the 2024 FiGRA film festival - Sponsored by the CCAS and France 24.

'Greenland, breaking the silence', a [Reporters+](#) broadcast on all four France 24 channels (English, French, Arabic, and Spanish) and available on [YouTube](#), [france24.com](#), and France 24's social media platforms.

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