



**Rights of Persons with
diverse Sexual Orientation,
Gender Identity and
Expression, and Sexual
Characteristics (SOGIESC) in
the Solomon Islands**

Previous UPRs

- ❑ **Recommendations in previous UPRs to repeal laws criminalizing consensual same-sex sexual activity and repeal all discriminatory provisions relating to people with diverse SOGIESC.**
- **These recommendations have not been accepted - the government has claimed cultural and Christian values need to be considered**

Situation in the Solomon Islands

Issue 1: Violence and Hate Crimes

- ❑ Ongoing Harassments, threats and physical violence
- ❑ Social Stigma and shaming
- ❑ Under reporting due to fear, stigma and secondary violations
- ❑ No hate crime protections or police guidance

Key recommendations(issue 1):

- ❑ Develop and implement clear operational guidance for police and justice sector actors on responding to violence affecting people with diverse SOGIESC,
- ❑ Establish or strengthen safe and confidential reporting mechanisms, with referral pathways to health, legal, and psychosocial support services,
- ❑ Strengthen legal and policy frameworks to prevent and respond to violence and harmful conduct, including when motivated by SOGIESC

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Issue 2: Equality and Non-discrimination

- ❑ **No anti-discrimination Protection**
- ❑ **Barriers to employment, education and health access**
- ❑ **Transgender and gender-diverse people face heightened exclusion**
- ❑ **Criminalization of same-sex sexual activity heightens fear and exclusion**

Key recommendations (issue 2)

- ❑ Integrate SOGIESC inclusion into national gender equality, social inclusion, and human rights policies, with measurable commitments
- ❑ Adopt anti-discrimination measures that explicitly include sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics
- ❑ Review and repeal legal provisions criminalizing consensual same-sex sexual conduct, in line with international human rights standards,

Thank you

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