

LGBTQ+ & KEY POPULATIONS IN KENYA

UPR Info Pre-sessions

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Issue 1: Stigma & Discrimination



- Recommendation made only by Sweden in 2015 at the last Kenya review.
- Recommendation was supported by the state but has not been implemented 5 years later.

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Are we doing alright?

Realities of violence, mental health and access to healthcare related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression in Kenya

RESEARCH REPORT BASED ON A COMMUNITY-LED STUDY IN NINE AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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59%

of LGBTQ+ persons have experienced verbal harassment because of their sexual orientation or gender identity

35%

of LGBTQ+ persons have been insulted and denied SRH services by healthcare workers due to their sexual orientation or gender identity

Recommendations – Issue 1

- Adopt a comprehensive and inclusive equality and non-discrimination law that affords protection to all Kenyans regardless of their real or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.
- Put in place a comprehensive legal and policy framework to protect and provide relevant services to transgender persons.

Issue 2: Punitive Laws

- Sections 162 a), c) & 165 of the Penal Code of Kenya still exists.
- Section 26 of the Sexual Offenses Act criminalises transmission and/or exposure to HIV.
- Sections 151, 153, 154, 155 of the Penal Code of Kenya are used to criminalise Sex Work.

Recommendations – Issue 2

- Bring national legislation into conformity with Kenya's International human rights obligations by aligning the Penal Code of Kenya with the constitution.
- Review all legal, policy and structural barriers that impede the provision of SRH Services among LGBTQ+ and other Key Populations.

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