



# Newsletter

Edition Two: JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2020

## FARUG gets a legal aid clinic.

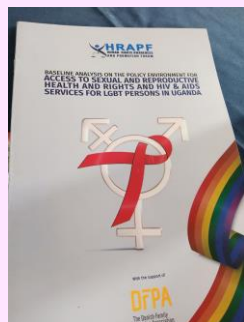


Under the fight to listen and provide legal help to LBQ women, FARUG was given a legal aid clinic to reach their targets on time. The legal aid clinic is under the supervision and guidance of HRAPF under their programme of training Advocacy champions among key populations. This clinic will be operating on Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to

5:00pm located right at FARUG office premises

## July 24 2020

Our Programs Director shared the lived realities of LBQ women in central region in relation to SRHR at a dialogue on policy gaps in access to SRHR services for LGBTI persons between LGBTI community members, ministry of health, reproductive health, national disease control



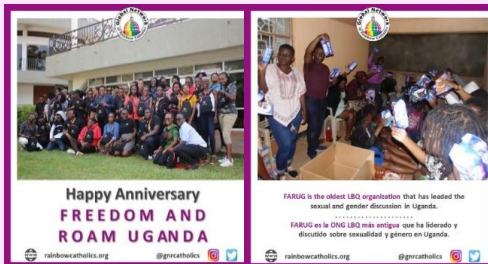
## July 25 2020



Our partners WRDN featured in today's daily monitor sharing about the impact of Covid -19 on human rights defenders.

## July 24 2020

### Global Network of Rainbow Catholics



LBQ Women in Uganda are leading the discussion about sexual orientation and gender identity! Happy anniversary FARUG. Meet Freedom and Roam Uganda – FARUG and other GNRC members from Africa and the rest of the world in the on

<http://rainbowcatholics.org/gnrc-members/>.

## July 10 2020 FARUG at 18



FARUG made 18 years since she was founded (born) by three lesbians who always faced discrimination due to their sexual orientation. In the bid to celebrate, her members wrote different messages wishing her a great birthday

## July 23 2020

FARUG is recognized by the Global network of Rainbow Catholics in Uganda.



## July 23 2020

FARUG was present at the female sex Worker National Level Consultative breakfast meeting organized by Alliance of Women Advocating for Change.



## ADHERENCE SUPPORT MEETING

August 06 2020



This is aimed at encouraging LBQ PLHIV adhere to ARV treatment. Most of them face different challenges ranging from societal setting, individual and service provision sector. The COVID -19 outbreak has greatly affected many o-f them to an extent that some reported missing drugs due to lack of food. They have lost jobs and can't sustain their life. These meetings encourage them to source out ways of getting sustainability as well as learning from life lived experiences of their colleagues. We were able to offer nutrition support to our participants.

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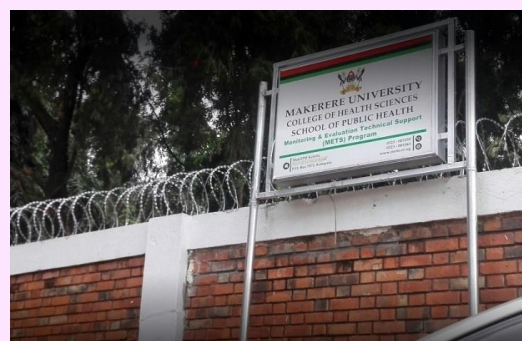
**July 23 2020**

Today we have received another pack of OraQuick self-testing kits from our partner health center in Namugongo to serve LBQ women to know their HIV status amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Feel free to drop by at our Drop-in center or WhatsApp us on 0393239012 should you require one.



**July 23 2020**

FARUG staff and our intern actively participating in the KPIF Quarterly review zoom meeting.



FARUG M&E and KPIF project assistant attain knowledge in Data collection from METS. METS is a project under Makerere School of public health and they took the initiative to train the M&E and project managers under the KPIF project on effective ways of data collection and management.

**FARUG GETS A TOLL FREE LINE**

**18 August 2020**

Where to call to get all your HIV-related questions answered? You can call us through our DIC toll-Free number (0800100093) and get all your questions answered. We will be more than happy to serve you. Thank you

Frontline AIDS for partnering with us to serve LBQ women living with or affected HIV.

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- We deliver HIV consumables (Condoms and lubricants), ART and PREP (Refills) and also OraQuick Self-testing kits.
- Offer free Counselling and Adherence support.
- Offer Legal Aid Services and information.
- Offer HIV/SRHR services, products and information.

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## WETEGELEZE



FARUG and SMUG host the first ever LGBT community Photo exhibition. This Exhibition was called WETEGEREZE and it was aimed at bringing LGBT people together through explaining situation in the different captions taken. The Exhibition was blessed by the Ambassador of Germany H. E Nicolaj A. Hejberg Peterson who later appreciated the organizers for such an important idea and innovation.

## CONTINUATION OF DISEMINATING INFORMATION ON HIV GBV PEP and PREP and effects of COVID-19 towards LBQ women living with HIV.

Under the SRHR project, one of the most important pillars is information dissemination. Therefore, the trained peers of FARUG have committedly continued to disseminate information in different areas regarding topics on HIV in the bid to fight and prevent more infections not only in the LBQ community but the LGBTQ community at large. You can visit our Facebook page to learn more from the information that has been shared.

## LAUNCH OF A NEW PROJECT BY UGANDA KEY POPULATIONS CONSORTIUM 28/August/2020

FARUG team was present at the launch of new project by UKPC in partnership with UGANET and UNYPA "My body is not a democracy", supporting national advocacy on bodily autonomy and integrity in Uganda"





## DIALOGUE WITH LBQ WOMEN ON HIV, STDs and GBV.

04/09/2020



FARUG under the KPIF project held a dialogue with LBQ women from different walks of life to disseminate information on HIV STDs and GBV.

07/09/2020

## SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVISM



This campaign is aimed at broadening visibility of LBQ women through online advocacy and improve on our social media activism. This campaign is going to run for six months and it's funded by Civil Rights Defenders.



LBQ women have been left out in many discussions regarding HIV and gender based violence. This dialogue was a practical discussion among LBQ women. And they explored a lot from the different topics discussed.



## RECOGNISING WORLDS SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY



Today, World Suicide Prevention Day, let's remember: Using the correct pronouns & names for Trans-queer and Gender non-conforming/binary persons is [#suicideprevention](#)

Refraining and protecting LGBTI persons from violence is

[#suicideprevention](#)

Creating safe communities and spaces for LGBTI persons is

[#suicideprevention](#)

Ensuring access to Justice and affirming health care for LGBTI PERSONS is [#suicideprevention](#)

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## DIMISFYING MYTHS.

A FARUG member is demisfying myths about women from not doing jobs expected to be for men, not only being a woman but a queer woman as well, bulky decides to embrace this male dominated employment world. "What a man can do, a woman can do better."



<https://www.facebook.com/FARUG2003/videos/2503905123233810>

scheduling a ride through our number 0392176977 or WhatsApp us on 0757709096.

[#togetherwecanmakeadifference](#)

[#wearafacemaskalways](#)

*"I want young women to see me and believe in themselves and also know that they can do any job. Let nothing limit you"- Bulky, a Queer woman from Uganda. Feel free to support her by*

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## SOCIAL FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS



Mental and emotional support is a priority need for many LBQ women who have been impacted by the COVID19 Pandemic. During our last social Friday, we had a conversation on counselling first aid. We equipped our members with information and basic tips on peer support and creating safe spaces for peers to confide in you.

### UKPC COMMITTEE MEET

**Sept 10 2020**

On September 10 2020, the Steering Committee and Core team of UKPC meet and among the issues discussed were;

- Priorities on what its focus should be as we come close to the end of the year.
- Which stakeholders should the consortium work with?
- Update on the global fund.
- Discussion on the framework of the operations especially around membership.

**Note:(FARUG ED is the focal person for LBQ persons across the country)**



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