




TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY (TDOV) STATEMENT 2023

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International Transgender Day of Visibility often known as TDOV is Celebrated annually as a reaction to the lack of LGBTQ+ recognition of transgender people, International Transgender Day of Visibility focuses on more of the positive aspects of what being transgender means and takes direct action in changing the biases and misconception about transgender.

In Uganda, Transgender movements have been increasing over the past few years because of the biases that some people assume about the transgender community, However, despite the progress in the fight for transgender equality, Dignity, respect, and support has been suppressed by fundamentalism, morals, values and the recent passing of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill that awaits the President to assent has further increased discrimination, harassment, and barriers to opportunities.

The Bill will not only prohibit service access but also provides for death penalty which is contrary to the universal and international statutes and the 1995 Constitution of Uganda that stipulates for right to life. Therefore, by not recognizing the transgender community is like eliminating a certain group of already marginalized population through harmful laws, religion and culture.

Visibility matters, on behalf of the transgender community, we uphold the transgender community, activists, leaders who have fueled transgender Equality, parents and allies who have appreciated, stood and still stand in solidarity and affirm the identities of their transgender community and help these young people reach their full potential, we advocate for more protected rights, laws and policies that recognize in a bid to reform society, we continue to raise awareness by urging for non-discriminatory and harmful laws and policies.

We hope that all transgender individuals will have the freedom to be who they are, no matter what, not have to face the cruel judgments of society, live their lives and be treated and respected like everyone else.

Let us work toward eliminating discrimination against all transgender community.

#Decriminalize #SayNOtoAntiHomosexualityBill. #Visibilitymatters

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