Towards a free and equal world

Millions of people live in fear and isolation because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. HIV prevalence among gay men and other men who have sex with men remains on average 19 times higher than among the general population. Ending punitive laws based on sexual orientation and gender identity reinforces human rights and supports access to life-saving HIV services.

The number of countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is legal and protective laws are in place such as anti-discrimination and anti-hate legislation, equal marriage, adoption, etc.

**PROTECTED** 65

The number of countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is not a criminal offence.

*Note: The Russian Federation has adopted legislation which reportedly prohibits public expression or distribution of information deemed to be condoning or supportive of same-sex sexual orientation.*

The number of countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is criminalized or where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people have been criminally prosecuted under other laws on the basis of their sexual orientation.

**LEGAL** 117

**ILLEGAL** 76

The number of countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is illegal and punishable by death.

**DEATH** 7

The number of countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is illegal and punishable by death.

Sources: International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) and UNAIDS Gap report, 2014.