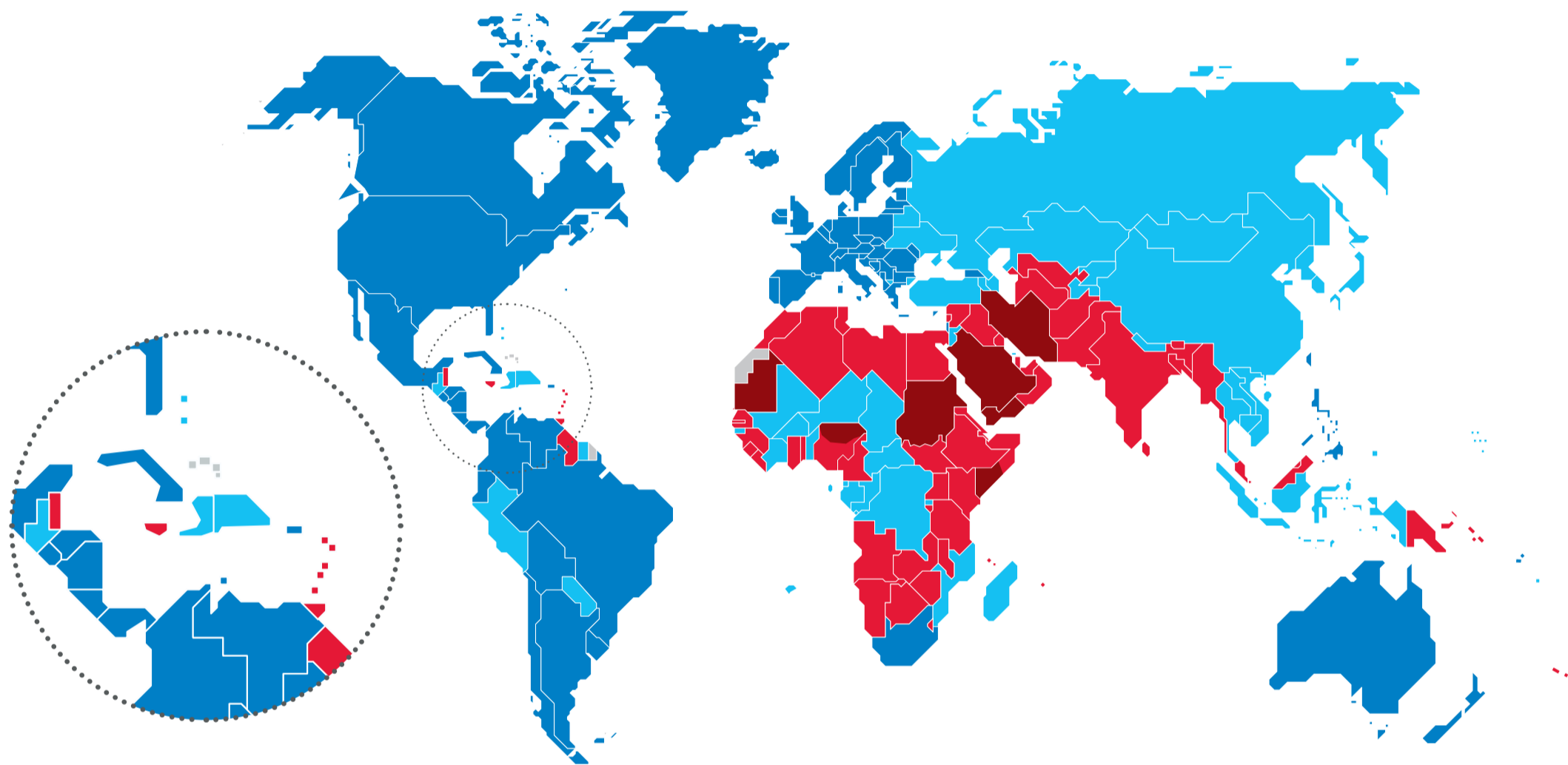


Towards a free and equal world

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.



PROTECTED

62

countries prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

8

countries have a constitutional prohibition on discrimination based on sexual orientation.

35

countries consider hate crimes based on sexual orientation as an aggravating circumstance.

LEGAL

118

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.

ILLEGAL

75

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.

Afghanistan	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Algeria	Kuwait	Singapore
Angola	Lebanon	Solomon Islands
Antigua and Barbuda	Liberia	Somalia
Bangladesh	Libya	South Sudan
Barbados	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Belize	Malaysia	Sudan
Bhutan	Maldives	Swaziland
Botswana	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	Togo
Burundi	Morocco	Tonga
Cameroon	Myanmar	Trinidad and Tobago
Comoros	Namibia	Tunisia
Dominica	Nauru	Turkmenistan
Egypt	Nigeria	Tuvalu
Eritrea	Oman	Uganda
Ethiopia	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Gambia	Papua New Guinea	United Republic of Tanzania
Ghana	Qatar	Uzbekistan
Grenada	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Yemen
Guinea	Saint Lucia	Zambia
Guyana	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Zimbabwe
India	Samoa	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saudi Arabia	
Iraq	Senegal	
Jamaica	Seychelles	
Kenya		

DEATH

7

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

Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Mauritania
Nigeria (12 northern states)
Saudi Arabia
Somalia (southern parts)
Sudan
Yemen

