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.

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<th>7 countries where adult consensual same-sex sexual conduct is illegal and punishable by death:</th>
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- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Mauritania
- Nigeria (12 northern states)
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia (southern parts)
- Sudan
- Yemen

*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.

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

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