TRANSGENDER RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

0.1–1.1% of the global population are transgender

Globally 19% of transgender women are living with HIV

61% of countries’ national AIDS strategic plans do not include transgender people

57 countries criminalize or prosecute transgender people

UNAIDS is working with governments, partners and transgender communities to increase access to health services for transgender people.

“This if you take the time to know us, you would realize that there is a human being that is very similar to you. What is wrong with a person who is striving to be who he is?”

Marco

“We have the expectation that reducing preconceptions and stigma will improve the lives of people in the future.”

Alessandra Ramos

“No more transphobic and homophobic society. I want a better world for all human beings!”

Simran Shaikh

Transgender and HIV risk

Transgender people are 49 times more likely to acquire HIV than all adults of reproductive age. They face, from a young age, stigma, discrimination and social rejection in their homes and communities for expressing their gender identity. Such discrimination, violence and criminalization prevent transgender people from getting the HIV services they need to stay healthy.

Risk of acquiring HIV compared to adults in the General population // Sex workers // Gay men and other MSM // People who inject drugs // Transgender people

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