Communities Respond to COVID-19: Protecting and Promoting Human Rights for LGBTI People

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In Memory of George Floyd

MPact stands in solidarity with protests and movements against anti-Black racism and police brutality in the US and around the world

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Civil Society Joint Statements:

• LGBTI Stakeholder Group: Ensuring Inclusion of LGBTI People in COVID-19 Response Efforts

• 187 organizations’ joint statement to the UN Human Rights Council: The impacts of COVID-19 outbreak on LGBTI persons’ human rights

• LBTI Caucus Statement in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
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UN Statements:

• 96 human rights experts: **COVID-19: the suffering and resilience of LGBT persons must be visible and inform the actions of States**

• OHCHR: **COVID-19 and the Human Rights of LGBTI People**

• UNAIDS:
  - "Rights in the time of COVID-19: Lessons from HIV for an effective, community-led response"
  - UNAIDS calls on governments to stop arbitrary and discriminatory arrests of LGBTI people and to protect their human rights
  - UNAIDS calls on Hungary to respect the rights of transgender people
  - UNAIDS and MPact are extremely concerned about reports that LGBTI people are being blamed and abused during the COVID-19 outbreak
OPPORTUNITY: IE SOGI’S UPCOMING REPORT ON COVID-19

The Independent Expert on Protection Against Violence and Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity has released a Call for Input to a thematic report on “The impact of COVID-19 on the human rights of LGBT persons, communities and/or populations”

Submit online by Friday 19 June 2020

EMERGENCY FUNDING TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

**Funders for LGBTQ Issues** created a list of emergency funding sources to address COVID-19: https://lgbtfunders.org/covid-19-response/

**The Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB and Malaria** has also created new grant flexibilities to address COVID-19, learn more: https://mpactglobal.org/global-fund-and-covid-19-implications-for-key-populations/

**U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)** has also made several adaptations to HIV programming in new technical guidance notes, learn more about the implications for key populations: https://mpactglobal.org/community-alert-pepfars-technical-guidance-for-covid-19/
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