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IDAHOBIT 2025 Statement

“The Power of Community” The Impacted Have The Very Best Solutions

Today, on the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), we stand in solidarity with all LGBTQ+ community globally, especially asylum seekers and refugees in Kenya. This year’s theme, **“The Power of Community,”** reminds us that our strength lies in unity, mutual care, and shared resistance.

For LGBTQ+ asylum seekers in Kenya, community has been the lifeline in the face of rampant stigma, discrimination, and violence. In both refugee camps and urban centers, queer asylum seekers endure daily threats, lack of legal protection, and exclusion from essential services. Government frameworks such as the Shirika Plan continue to ignore our existence, leaving LGBTQ+ refugees out of critical policies and support systems.

This systemic exclusion is not only unjust it is dangerous. Yet despite this, our community continues to rise. At Entrepreneur Empowerment and Advocacy-Health, we believe that **“THE IMPACTED HAVE THE VERY BEST SOLUTIONS.”** LGBTQ+ refugees are not passive recipients of aid we are leaders, caregivers, and architects of safety in hostile environments.

We call for action:

- **The Government of Kenya must explicitly include LGBTQ+ asylum seekers in all refugee and national protection plans.**
- **UNHCR and humanitarian partners must strengthen support for queer-led refugee initiatives.**
- **Allies and civil society must stand with us to challenge discrimination and amplify community-driven solutions.**

Let this day be a reminder that the power of community can overcome exclusion, and that justice will only be realized when no one is left behind.

In solidarity,
Entrepreneur Empowerment and Advocacy – Health (EEA-H)



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OUR MISSION
Advocate for equal rights and create a safe
space for ITGNC refugees and asylum seekers

OUR VISION
Empower ITGNC refugees and asylum seekers
through legal reforms, policy and economic
empowerment to achieve a better life

OUR PLAN
Create a safe space free from persecution
for LGBT+ refugees and asylum seekers
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