



FREEDOM AND ROAM UGANDA

STATEMENT

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (TDOR)

“A CIRCLE FOR HEALING AND REGENERATING”

Freedom and Roam Uganda is an LBQ womxn organisation that advocates for the rights of LBQ womxn while addressing issues that affect them. FARUG is a home, space, organisation that embraces trans men who feel at home in her space. We call on all Ugandans to recognize, remember, learn about and take action on Transgender Day of Remembrance in communities across Uganda.

We believe that Trans Day of Remembrance in Uganda is necessary given the backdrop of harmful myths that exist about trans and gender diverse persons. Trans identities are real without question. As we work to advance human rights, advocacy, safety and non-violence, we include Trans men and gender non confirming persons in our efforts.

Saturday, November 20 is the 22nd TDoR. On this day we commemorate the trans lives lost to transphobia, violence, hate crimes, depression and Covid-19 in our communities, neighborhoods, nations and across the world. This is the day when we remember our dead and commit to fight for those living by publicly mourning and honoring the lives of those, we have lost by raising awareness as we unify and amplify our voices to call out for change.

Research shows that transgender and non-gender conforming people experience extremely high rates of depression, unemployment, poverty, violence, and discrimination compared to their cis-gendered counterparts. Transgender men are almost twice as likely to report experiencing intimate partner violence than cis identified men and are less likely to report violence to police and other authorities.

Transgender and gender non confirming persons continue to report experiencing sexual or physical assaults due to their gender identity. Statistics and information on Trans communities has continued to go underreported. Trans communities are deeply impacted by social isolation, loss of families and lack of access to affirming health care.

We therefore call upon everyone to take a place in the circle of healing and regeneration where draw strength from one another and take on the uncertainties of the future.

FARUG remains committed to working towards identifying barriers and building the capacity of our members through advocacy, education, training and public awareness to work towards the full inclusion of Trans Communities.

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