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IDENTITY DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026**

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1. Introduction

This is HRAPF's 35th monthly report on violence and other forms of human rights violations on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression since the Anti-Homosexuality Act, Cap 117 (AHA) came into force on 30th May 2023. The report discusses cases in which known or suspected LGBTQ+ persons were targeted for violence and violations purely on the basis of their SOGIE as reported to HRAPF in the month of April 2026. This report builds on the reports produced earlier for every month since the AHA came into force and therefore adds on to the data available about the enforcement of the AHA 2023 from 30th May 2023 to date. The month of April 2026 marks exactly 2 years since the Constitutional Court nullified some provisions of the AHA 2023, and is just 1 month shy of 3 years since the AHA came into force.

2. Methodology

This report provides an overview of cases of violence and human rights violations on the basis of SOGIE that were reported to the HRAPF legal aid network in April 2026. Quantitative data for this report was obtained from a review of case files for data on the number of cases handled and the number of cases in which acts of violence or other human rights violations were identified. The data was then subjected to a qualitative analysis to ascertain the circumstances under which the incidents occurred, in order to ensure that only cases in which such acts were perpetrated purely or primarily on the basis of real or presumed SOGIE are included in the report. All data reported has been independently verified to ensure its accuracy.

The data presented in this report covers only cases reported through the HRAPF legal aid network. The report therefore presents a fair picture of the situation for LGBTIQ+ persons across the country as reported to HRAPF's countrywide network of community paralegals, regional legal aid centres, specialised community legal aid desks and the main legal aid clinic, although it may not be representative of all LGBTIQ+ persons' lived realities during the month, as not all cases were reported to HRAPF.

3. Nature and number of cases reported

HRAPF handled a total of 63 cases in April 2026, an increase in number from the 51 cases handled in March 2026. Out of these, 13 cases involved actions that directly targeted people for negative treatment on the basis of their SOGIE, representing 20.6% of all the cases handled during the month and representing a slight decrease from 15 cases of SOGIE-related violations in March 2026. There were 4 cases of discrimination involving 4 victims. The victims of these violations were 20 persons, an increase in number from 15 people affected by SOGIE-based violence and human rights violations in March 2026. One case involved 8 victims, who were subjected to violence in a refugee settlement.

Out of the 13 cases in which individuals were targeted for detrimental treatment on the basis of their real or presumed SOGIE, 5 involved actual violence and threats of violence, 4 involved evictions for sexuality related reasons and 4 cases involved other forms of violence/discrimination on the basis of real or presumed SOGIE. There were no SOGIE- related arrests during the month.

3.1. Cases of violence and threats of violence

5 cases involving violence and threats of violence were reported to the HRAPF legal aid network in April 2026, affecting 12 individuals. This figure remained constant with the number of cases reported in March 2026, in which 5 cases of violence were reported, affecting 5 persons.

a) Cases of actual violence

There were 4 cases registered in April 2026, with 2 cases from Kampala and 1 case each from Kotido and Isingiro. These incidents affected a total of 11 individuals.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of violence	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/999/26	09/04/26	Isingiro	Physical assault	General community	The clients were buying groceries from a community market in the refugee settlement where they reside when they were surrounded by a large group of people from the settlement and attacked. The mob heckled them, informing them that they did not want homosexuals in the settlement, and beat them up while others hurled assorted objects at them, including stones, sticks and food items. The clients ran away from the mob, but one of them was caught and physically subdued by some of the attackers, who cut him around his scrotum with sharp objects and beat him up further. He required surgery as a result of the injuries on his scrotum.	8
2.	HRAPF/PA/1000/26	14/04/26	Kampala	Physical assault	Unknown persons	The client was attacked by unknown men who were accusing him of being a homosexual. The	1

						incident happened as he was approaching his home at about 10:30pm, and he sustained injuries on the stomach and chest. He reported the case to the police but no arrest has been made.	
3	HRAPF/PA/1001/26	15/04/26	Kampala	Assault	Unknown persons	The client was walking along the road towards his home when he was surrounded by a group of men unknown to him. They asked him if he was a homosexual, and why he was habitually seen with suspected homosexuals. They then proceeded to beat him up, leaving him with serious injuries, and warned him to stop bringing homosexuals to the area.	1
4.	HRAPF/PA/1002/26	25/4/26	Mbale	Malicious damage to property	Unknown persons	The client returned home late and found that his house had been broken into and his household property destroyed, but nothing was taken from the house. The client had been receiving threats from some locals who have on several occasions threatened to beat him up because they do not want homosexuals in their village.	1

b) Cases of threatened violence

There was one case registered in April 2026, reported from Kotido district and affecting 1 individual.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of violence	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/1003/26	20/04/26	Kotido	Threatening violence	Ex-partner	The client cohabited with a man for a while but later broke up with him and moved out of his house. During the relationship, he found	1

						out that she was a bisexual woman, and when she broke up with him, he threatened to out her, which she ignored. He has recently resorted to threats of violence, and the threats escalated to threatening to kill her unless she agrees to return to his home and resume the relationship. He also extends the threats to any woman he sees her with.	
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3.2. Evictions

There were 4 cases in which individuals were evicted from their residences on the basis of their real or presumed sexuality, affecting 4 individuals. One case each was reported from the districts of Kampala, Mbale, Mbarara and Wakiso. In 3 cases, the evictions were by family, while in 1 case, the client was evicted by the landlord. The number of evictions reduced in April as compared to 5 cases of eviction that were received in March 2026.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of Victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/1004/26	20/04/26	Kampala	Landlord	The client was evicted from their family home after the family members received explicit videos of the client depicting same sex intimacy. This happened after the client took his phone for repair and the technician accessed his gallery without his consent, found some explicit videos, edited them and then shared them with members of the client's family using the client's own phone.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA/1005/26	28/04/26	Mbarara	Landlord	The client received a notice from his landlord indicating an increase in rent. When he sought clarification, the landlord informed him that, since he engaged in homosexuality-related activities, he	1

					should be able to afford the higher rent. When the client attempted to negotiate further, the landlord informed him that he had already found other tenants who are not homosexuals, and he asked the client to vacate the premises.	
3.	HRAPF/PA/1006/26	15/04/26	Mbale	Family	The client's brother went through his phone while it was charging at home, and he saw the private chat between the client and his partner. The brother then shared this information with their father and some relatives. A family meeting was held, and the client was asked to leave the family home.	1
4.	HRAPF/PA/1007/26	22/04/26	Wakiso	Family	The client had a disagreement with his brother-in-law over money that was missing from a jointly owned business. His sister, who knew about his sexuality, found out and got upset at the perceived disrespect to her husband. She threatened to out him to their parents if he ever brought up the money issue again. She later went ahead and informed their mother that client is gay, which resulted in his eviction.	1

3.3. Other forms of discrimination

In April 2026, 4 cases were reported to the HRAPF legal aid network in which individuals were subjected to other forms of discrimination on the basis of their real or presumed SOGIE. These were:

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of Complaint	Perpetrators	Brief Facts	No. of Victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/1008/26	01/04/26	Wakiso	Outing; Discrimination	Family, church leaders	The client was at their usual church for prayers when he was called to the pulpit and publicly asked if he was a homosexual, which he denied.	1

						The pastor later called both the client and his family and informed them that he had proof that the client was gay. The client's parents immediately banned him from visiting their home, and his wife also called him on phone and advised him not to return to their matrimonial home.	
2.	HRAPF/PA/1009/26	09/04/26	Wakiso	Extortion	Ex-partner	The client lent his laptop to his ex-partner, who promised to return it in a few days. However, when the client asked for his laptop, the other party refused and threatened to out him as gay to the community if he continued to demand for the laptop.	1
3.	HRAPF/PA/1010/26	17/04/26	Mbarara	Harassment/ violation of privacy	Neighbour	The client, a transgender person, recently relocated to a new area where she rented a house. Since then, however, she has been repeatedly harassed by a neighbour who asks intrusive questions about her gender, and demanding to know why the client does not have a girlfriend. The questioning has risen to the level of harassment because the neighbour routinely barges into the client's house or blocks her access to the house in order to force her to answer these questions.	1
4.	HRAPF/PA/1011/26	24/04/26	Bushenyi	Extortion; Outing	Ex-partner	The client had an intimate relationship with a man which later ended. The other party then started demanding exorbitant sums of money from the client in exchange for keeping the relationship a secret, and when the client eventually stopped giving him money, he went	

						ahead and informed the local area leadership and the client's family that the client is gay. The client has been unable to return home since this happened for fear of his safety.	
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4. Comparison with March 2026

There was an increase in the number of cases involving LGBTIQ+ persons reported across HRAPF's legal aid network, with 63 cases handled in April as compared to the 51 cases were handled in March 2026. The number of cases in which individuals were targeted for violence and other violations on the basis of their SOGIE slightly decreased from 15 cases affecting 15 individuals in March, representing 29.4% of all cases reported in March 2026, to 13 cases affecting 20 people (and representing 20.6% of all cases handled) in April 2026.

There were no cases of arbitrary arrests of persons on sexuality-related charges in April, as compared to 4 cases affecting 4 individuals in March 2026; and cases of violence and threats of violence remained constant with 5 cases affecting 5 individuals in March 2026 and 5 cases affecting 12 individuals in April 2026. Eviction cases reduced from 5 cases affecting 5 individuals in March to 4 cases affecting 4 individuals in April 2026.

5. Comparison with April 2025

In April 2025, HRAPF handled a total of 56 cases, 7 cases less than those handled in April 2026. Out of the 56 cases handled in April 2025, 17 cases involved actions that directly targeted people for negative treatment on the basis of their SOGIE, which is 4 cases more than the 13 handled in April 2026. The number of victims affected by these violations in April 2025 were 22, as compared to 20 in April 2026.

Out of the 17 cases in which LGBTIQ people were specifically targeted for negative treatment during the month of April 2025, 8 were cases of eviction compared to 5 in April 2026, 6 cases involved actual physical violence and threats of violence being committed against the victims compared to 4 in April 2026, and 3 cases involved arrests for sexuality related reasons, while no arrests were registered in April 2026.

Overall, the number cases handled and the cases involving violations fluctuated slightly between the two months, with more cases handled in April 2026 but fewer cases involving actions that directly targeted people for negative treatment on the basis of their SOGIE. In both months, the Anti-Homosexuality Act Cap 117 was already in force.

6. Comparison with April 2023 (the Pre-AHA period)

In April 2023, a total of 59 cases were handled involving LGBTIQ persons, of which 36 cases involved actions that directly targeted persons on the basis of their real or presumed SOGIE (61.1% of all cases handled). The actions in these cases affected a total of 67 people and included 20 cases of real or threatened violence, 10 eviction cases and 6 arrests on sexuality related charges. It is important to note that, during the month of April 2023, the AHB 2023 had been enacted by Parliament and was awaiting presidential assent.

7. The implementation of the AHA 2023 from 30th May 2023 to 30th April 2026

As the implementation of the AHA marks 35 months, a total of 2,354 cases involving LGBTIQ persons have been handled across the HRAPF legal aid network, of which 1,012 cases (42.9%) involved actions that specifically targeted LGBTIQ people because of their sexuality, gender identity and sex development affecting a total of 1,359 individuals. The breakdown of all the cases involving SOGIE-motivated violence and violations so far is as follows:

Nature of violation	June to Dec 2023	Jan to June 2024	July to Dec 2024	Jan to June 2025	July to Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	March 2026	April 2026	Total No. of cases
Evictions	164	132	38	38	23	2	2	5	4	408
Violence	137	121	59	36	35	4	3	5	5	405
Arrests	38	34	31	25	23	4	6	4	0	165
Other forms of discrimination	6	0	0	4	12	3	3	1	4	33
Total	345	287	128	103	93	13	14	15	13	1011

The victims in these cases are:

Nature of violation	June - Dec 2023	Jan - June 2024	July - Dec 2024	Jan - June 2025	July to Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	April 2026	Total No of victims
Evictions	204	162	44	41	28	2	2	5	4	492
Violence	171	142	70	47	44	4	3	5	12	498
Arrests	59	63	47	73	57	11	19	4	0	333
Other forms of discrimination	6	0	0	6	12	3	3	1	4	35
Total	440	367	161	167	141	20	27	15	20	1,358

8. Conclusion

As of 30th April, 2026, Uganda marks 35 months since the AHA came into force, and two full years since the Constitutional Court of Uganda nullified sections 3(2)(c), 9, 11(2)(d) and 14 of the AHA 2023. It is interesting to note that, for the first time since the AHA came into force, there were no documented arrests of individuals on sexuality-related charges. Other months in which particularly low figures of arrests were recorded were August 2024, July 2025 and December 2025, in each of which only 1 arrest was recorded. There was however a marked increase in reports of other violations against clients based on their real or presumed SOGIE, and more individuals faced eviction perpetrated by family members.

APPENDIX: Cases of arrests still pending before police stations and courts across the country at the end of March 2026

Currently, HRAPF is providing legal representation to a total of 6 individuals in 5 cases that are still pending before various courts across the country. In the 5 cases, 6 individuals are answering various charges, including homosexuality, promotion of homosexuality, and aggravated homosexuality in various courts of law. Of the 6 persons whose cases are pending before the courts, 4 are still on remand in the various prisons around the country while 2 were released on bail.

List of cases currently pending before courts

No.	HRAPF Case code	Offence in charge sheet	Brief facts	Status	Number of victims
1.	HRAPF/PA /957/2025	Homosexuality/ Aggravated trafficking in persons	The victim in this case was arrested on 9 th January 2026 on allegations of homosexuality after someone he met through TikTok reported him to the police. He was held in custody until 21 st January, when he was released on police bond way beyond the mandatory 48 hours. On 12 th February, he was arraigned in court and remanded until 13 th March 2026.	On 24 th April 2026, the bail application was not heard since the State Prosecutor indicated that they wanted to review and amend the charge sheet. The matter has now been adjourned to 20 th May 2026.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA /857/2025	Aggravated homosexuality	The client's ex, a co-worker, reported to the police that the client had 'sodomised' him. The client was detained by the police for 9 days before he was arraigned in court on charges of aggravated homosexuality after it emerged that he was 'in a position of authority over the victim' at work.	The client is still in detention awaiting committal to the High Court for trial. He has now been in prison for more than nine months. An application for mandatory bail was filed and is yet to be fixed for hearing.	1
3.	HRAPF/PA /775/25	Aggravated Homosexuality	The accused was arrested on 10 th January 2025 when coming from a bar after a group of men accused him of having had sexual	The client was committed to High court for trial.	1

			intercourse with a man. He denied knowing the person who he was accused of having had sex with. On 15 th May 2025, the charges against clients were amended to aggravated homosexuality after the complainant alleged that he had been raped by the accused.	He has now been in prison for one year and 3 months awaiting trial.	
4.	HRAPF/PA /13/2023	Rape Aggravated Human trafficking	The accused was arrested on 28 th July 2023 after the mother of an adult man reported him to the police, accusing him of 'sodomising' her son. The police charged him with rape and aggravated human trafficking basing on the allegations that he had infected the other man with HIV.	Case pending hearing in the High Court. The accused is still in prison on pre-trial detention and he has been in detention for 2 years and 9 months. This case was scheduled for hearing on 14 th April 2026.	1
5.	HRAPF/PA /973/26	Homosexuality and Indecent Practices	The clients were arrested on 18/02/2026 while at their home in and detained on allegations of homosexuality. They were released on 25 th February after nearly a week in detention, and then re-arrested the next day and arraigned in court on 27 th February 2026 on charges of homosexuality and indecent practices.	The case was adjourned to 4 th March 2026, on which date a bail application was made and denied. Both accused persons were released on bail on 8 th April 2026. Hearing did not proceed on 6 th May, and the case will now be coming up in June 2026	2