## Queer, Suveys Hostile Legal Environments



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# Homosexuality is still Criminalized in Most African Countries. Religious and Cultural Norms are still a big hinderance to Queer Rights

### Laws that affect Queer People



## The Ugandan Context

- Section 145. Unnatural offences. Any person who—

  (a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; [or]
- (b) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature,
  - commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for life.

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Section 146. Attempt to commit unnatural offences. Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in section 145 commits a felony and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.

Section 148. Indecent practices. Any person who, whether in public or in private, commits any act of gross indecency with another person or procures another person to commit any act of gross indecency with him or her or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any person with himself or herself or with another person, whether in public or in private, commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.

#### **Anti-Homosexuality Act**

Even though Annulled, Its effects still leave with us



### Constitutional provisions

Marriage Between People of the same gender is criminalized



## What does this exactly mean

## Problems

#### **Problem 1**

The LGBTQ community in most countries is underground

#### Problem 2

Identifying as queer, physically or on paper is a risk to the person participating in the survey

#### **Problem 3**

States rarely take into account the existence of queer people



## The consequencies

No Planning available of Queer people Needs

Data Collected by Queer organizations remains with donors and shelves and never really influences policies since the legal evironment outlaws queer people

The data collected may be misused by the collector

O4 Systemic Exclusion continues



# Thank You!

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