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Statement for Transgender Day of Remembrance

Stigma and discrimination against trans and gender-diverse people results in horrifying violations of human rights, including violence, extortion, physical and sexual assault, and murder. Every year, we gather to mourn and commemorate those who have lost their lives to transphobia.

This day, the 20th of November, is Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day reminds us that trans people still experience disproportionate injustice and violence. This day reminds us that we must continue to create space for transgender people and prioritise our community members' well being.

Between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019, a total of 331 killings of trans and gender-diverse people were reported worldwide, bringing the total number of reported cases since 2008 to 3317. It is impossible to estimate the actual number of cases as data on trans people who are murdered are often not systematically documented.

In spite of the difficult circumstances, we continue to fight. The strength and resilience visible within trans communities is unparalleled, and we stand together against injustice, declaring our solidarity. From now until the end of the year, APTN and a number of organisations in the region are raising awareness about hate crimes against trans and gender-diverse people, and honouring the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten.

There are actions that governments, institutions, and society-at-large should take to reduce violence and protect trans people. Legal gender recognition based on self-identification, decriminalisation of sex work, and non-discrimination laws based on SOGIESC principles would improve the quality of life, dignity and safety of trans people. Sensitisation of police, government, health providers, and journalists is important to ensure that trans people receive appropriate and comprehensive care in any situation. Collecting information on the violence and deaths of trans people using gender sensitive terms is key to ensure that trans people are treated with dignity.

APTN, with its community members, urges all countries to step up and monitor cases of violence and discrimination against trans people, offer sensitive and appropriate support following any cases of violence, and enact critical policies that ensure no more lives are lost and justice due is served to perpetrators.

Demand justice for the trans lives lost, demand systemic changes so this never happens again.. Stand up for Trans Rights.



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Additional References

[Transgender Europe's 2019 Trans Murder Monitoring report](#)
[How to be a Trans Ally, as written by a trans person](#)

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