

INTRODUCTION TO HARRASSMENT

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this module is to provide an introduction to the way in which SOGIE based harassment manifests and the ways in which it can be challenged. We will explore how police raids, arbitrary arrests, extortion, and targeted violence of persons based on SOGIE create an environment of systemic harassment that often leaves victims feeling like they have no recourse. Participants will learn which laws provide protections for SOGIE based harassment and the developing jurisprudence related to this issue.

OBJECTIVES

1. To establish an understanding of what constitutes SOGIE based harassment.
2. To expand knowledge of the emerging jurisprudence protecting victims of SOGIE based harassment.
3. To be able to identify when state harassment is a human rights violation and how to strategically challenge the practice.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this module participants should:

1. Understand the ways SOGIE based harassment manifests and its consequences.
2. Differentiate harassment based on SOGIE and other forms of police misconduct.
3. Be able to assess the human rights violation experienced during the harassment.
4. Be able to explain the basis that exists in international human rights law to recognize, respect, and protect women's land and property rights.
5. Be able demonstrate how to bring a claim against the state domestically and regionally.

OUTLINE

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- i. Manifestations, causes and consequences of the SOGIE based harassment
 - i. Police Raids
 - ii. Bribery
 - iii. Coercion
 - iv. Arbitrary arrests

- v. Targeting
- vi. Denial of police assistance
- ii. Legal frameworks: domestic, regional, and international law
 - i. Right to liberty and security of persons – free from arbitrary arrests & detention
 - ii. Right to information concerning arrest and prompt charges
 - iii. Right to due process
 - iv. Right to be free from arbitrary interference in private life
- iii. How to bring a claim for various forms of harassment in relevant jurisdiction
 - i. Domestically
 - ii. Regionally
- iv. Comparative jurisprudence
 - i. Uganda
 - ii. Zimbabwe