



**REPORT ON VIOLENCE AND VIOLATIONS BASED ON REAL OR PRESUMED SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER
IDENTITY DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026**

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1. Introduction

This is HRAPF's 34th 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 March 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.

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 March 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 51 cases in March 2026, a slight reduction in number from the 62 cases handled in February 2026. Out of these, 15 cases involved actions that directly targeted people for negative treatment on the basis of their SOGIE, representing 29.4% of all the cases handled during the month and representing a slight increase from 14 cases of SOGIE-related violations in February 2026. The victims of these violations were 15 persons, a noticeable decline in number from 27 people affected by SOGIE-based violence and human rights violations in February 2026.

Out of the 15 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, 5 involved evictions for sexuality related reasons, 4 were arrests based on SOGIE, and 1 case involved other forms of violence/discrimination on the basis of real or presumed SOGIE.

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 March 2026, affecting 5 individuals. This figure increased slightly from February 2026, in which 3 cases of violence were reported, affecting 3 persons.

a) Cases of actual violence

There were 3 cases registered in March 2026, with 2 cases from Kampala and 1 case in Wakiso. These incidents affected a total of 3 individuals.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of violence	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/984/26	12/03/26	Wakiso	Physical assault	General community	The client, a transgender man, was assaulted by a person known to him by face as a resident in his area. The attacker accused him of looking masculine yet he is supposed to be female, and threatened to beat him up again if he ever saw him in the area.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA/985/26	16/03/26	Kampala	Physical assault	Neighbour	The client was assaulted by a neighbour who suspected that the client, was having an affair with his girlfriend. The matter was reported to police and the perpetrator was arrested.	1
3	HRAPF/PA/986/26	23/03/26	Wakiso	Assault	Unknown persons	The client got a potential business customer and agreed to meet them but shortly after they had met, 3 men surrounded them and started beating the client badly on the head, leaving her unconscious. During the beating, the assailants kept saying that they were following homosexuals like her and would kill them all.	1

b) Cases of threatened violence

There were 2 cases registered in March 2026, reported from Kabarole and Mbale districts. These threats of violence affected 2 individuals.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of violence	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/987/26	23/03/26	Kabarole	Threatening violence	Local council leader	The client was arrested in 2025 on allegations of homosexuality. He was however released by police after investigations revealed no wrongdoing on his part. He recently started a business in his area of residence, and when the Local Council I chairperson saw him, he warned him to immediately leave the rental premises or else he would mobilise a mob to beat him up.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA/988/26	30/03/26	Mbale	Threatening violence	Local community members	The client in this case was attacked by a mob at the community Drop In Centre (DIC) where he works. The group of people threw stones at the building while demanding that he should be brought out. His colleagues locked up and hid him, and the mob then started demanding that the entire DIC move from their area as the staff were engaged in promoting homosexuality. The attackers threatened to burn down the DIC and also deal with the client, who is the DIC coordinator.	1

3.2. Evictions

There were 5 cases in which individuals were evicted from their residences on the basis of their real or presumed sexuality, affecting 5 individuals. One case each was reported from the districts of Kapchorwa, Kasese, Lira, Mukono, and Wakiso. In 2 cases, the evictions

were by landlords, 2 evictions were by family members while in 1 case, the client was evicted by the landlord and also denied access to their family home. The number of evictions increased in March to 5 evictions compared to 2 cases of eviction that were received in February 2026.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Perpetrator	Brief Facts	No. of Victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/989/26	15/03/26	Kasese	Landlord and family	The client was evicted by her landlord on suspicion that she was a homosexual and, when she tried to return to her family home, she found that they had also heard the rumour, and they demanded that she leave and never return.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA/990/26	18/03/26	Mukono	Family	The client was evicted by her uncle from his home where she was staying after he found her with some magazines with queer-related information.	1
3.	HRAPF/PA/991/26	24/03/26	Wakiso	Landlord	The client had a disagreement with a friend who had come to visit him. In retaliation, the friend informed the client's landlady of the client's sexuality, and the landlady evicted him from the premises.	1
4.	HRAPF/PA/992/26	26/03/26	Lira	Landlord	The client, a transgender man, had repeatedly been questioned by his landlord about why all his guests were always females, and why some of them handled domestic chores as though they were his partners. The landlord demanded that he explain himself or be evicted because he thought the client was a homosexual as the neighbours alleged. When the client would not explain himself, the landlord served him an eviction notice.	1
5.	HRAPF/PA/993/26	31/03/26	Kapchorwa	Family	One of the client's friends was arrested on allegations of homosexuality in February 2026. Shortly afterwards, a group of youth went to her mother's house, where the client was staying, and verbally attacked her, accusing her of being a lesbian. When her mother heard, she informed some family	1

					members who convened a meeting and threatened the client and her partner, who was also at the home, with harm if they did not reveal the truth. The client's partner confessed to their relationship, following which the family told the client to leave the home immediately.	
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3.3. Arrests

In March 2026, there were 4 cases involving arrests of suspected LGBTIQ+ persons for sexuality-related reasons. The cases were reported from Kabale (1), Luweero (1) and Wakiso (2 cases), and A total of 4 victims were involved in these cases. The charges in these cases were homosexuality in 3 cases and no charges were preferred in one case. This marks a decrease in arbitrary arrests on sexuality related charges from 6 cases involving 19 individuals in February 2026. None of the arrests during the month of March resulted in actual prosecution of the suspects.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Charges preferred	Brief Facts	No. of Victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/994/26	23/03/26	Wakiso	Homosexuality	The client in this case was arrested after a man he had met casually in his home area found out about his sexuality and demanded 150,000/- in order not to report him. The client was not able to pay this man, and the man then reported him to the police and the police arrested him on charges of homosexuality. He was held for one day before being released on police bond.	1
2.	HRAPF/PA/995/26	10/03/26	Wakiso	Homosexuality	The client was invited by his friends to visit at their home, where they found other people previously unknown to them. Later, one of those people stepped out and then returned with 2 men who started threatening the client, calling him a homosexual and generally harassing him. They then dragged him to a nearby police station where he was detained overnight on charges of homosexuality.	1

3.	HRAPF/PA/996/26	16/03/26	Luweero	No charges	The client was arrested and detained at police after some community members alleged that she was a homosexual. She was released on the same day without any charges preferred.	1
4.	HRAPF/PA/997/26	18/03/26	Kabale	Homosexuality	The client was arrested from his workplace after one of the customers alleged that the client was trying to seduce him into engaging in sexual activity. The complainant alleged that the client sent persistent messages of a sexual nature, attempting to persuade him. The client was later released on police bond.	1

3.4. Other forms of discrimination

In March 2026, 1 case was reported to the HRAPF legal aid network in which an individual was subjected to other forms of discrimination on the basis of their real or presumed SOGIE. The case involved denial of access to health services and discrimination due to perceived SOGIE.

SN.	HRAPF Case Code	Date of Reporting	District	Nature of Complaint	Perpetrators	Brief Facts	No. of Victims
1.	HRAPF/PA/998/26	2/03/26	Mbarara	Denial of health services	Health worker	The client went to Mbarara Regional Referral hospital to seek treatment for a sexually transmitted infection (STI), but one of the health workers denied him care, stating that the facility no longer has services for people like him. She instead advised him to repent, warning that his condition would worsen.	1

4. Comparison with February 2026

There was a decrease in the number of cases involving LGBTIQ+ persons reported across HRAPF's legal aid network, with 51 cases handled in March while 62 cases were handled in February 2026. The number of cases in which individuals were targeted for violence and other violations on the basis of their SOGIE slightly increased from 14 cases affecting 27 individuals in February, representing 22.5% of all cases reported in February 2026, to 15 cases affecting 15 people (and representing 29.4% of all cases handled) in March 2026.

Cases involving arbitrary arrests of persons on sexuality-related charges decreased from 6 cases affecting 19 individuals in February 2026 to 4 cases affecting 4 individuals in March 2026; and cases of violence and threats of violence increased from 3 cases affecting 3 individuals in February 2026 to 5 cases affecting 5 individuals in March 2026. Eviction cases increased from 2 cases affecting 2 individuals in February to 5 cases affecting 5 individuals in March.

5. Comparison with March 2025

A year ago, HRAPF handled a total of 49 cases in the month of March 2025. This is 2 cases less than those handled in March 2026. Out of the 49 cases handled in March 2025, 16 cases involved actions that directly targeted people for negative treatment on the basis of their SOGIE which is one case more than the 15 handled in March 2026. The number of victims affected by these violations in the month of March 2025 were 19 compared to 15 in March 2026. Out of the 16 cases in which LGBTIQ people were specifically targeted for negative treatment during the month of March 2025, 6 cases involved actual physical violence and threats of violence being committed against the victims compared to 5 in March 2026, 5 were eviction cases which is the same as those in March 2026, while 3 cases involved arrests for sexuality related reasons which is less than the 4 in March 2026, and 2 cases involved other forms of violence and discrimination against suspected LGBTIQ+ persons, which is 1 more than the 1 case in March 2026.

Overall, the number cases handled and the cases involving violations both remained steady across the two months. In both months, the Anti-Homosexuality Act Cap 117 was already in force.

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

In March 2023, a total of 47 cases were handled involving LGBTIQ persons, of which 25 cases involved actions that directly targeted persons on the basis of their real or presumed SOGIE (43.2% of all cases handled). The actions in these cases affected a total of 58 people and included 18 cases of real or threatened violence, 5 eviction cases and 2 arrests on sexuality related charges. This represents a slight reduction from March 2023, at the height of the debate on the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, to March 2026, 34 months after the Act came into force.

7. The implementation of the AHA 2023 from 30th May 2023 to 31st March 2026

As the implementation of the AHA marks 34 months, a total of 2,291 cases involving LGBTIQ persons have been handled across the HRAPF legal aid network, of which 998 cases (43.5%) involved actions that specifically targeted LGBTIQ people because of their sexuality, gender identity and sex development affecting a total of 1,338 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 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	March 2026	Total No. of cases
Evictions	164	132	38	38	4	3	4	3	7	2	2	2	5	404
Violence	137	121	59	36	5	8	7	7	5	3	4	3	5	400
Arrests	38	34	31	25	1	6	6	3	6	1	4	6	4	165
Other forms of discrimination	6	0	0	4	2	1	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	29
Total	345	287	128	105	11	18	18	15	22	8	13	14	15	998

The victims in these cases are:

Nature of violation	June - Dec 2023	Jan June 2024	July - Dec 2024	Jan June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	March 2026	Total No of victims
Evictions	204	162	44	41	4	4	4	3	11	2	2	2	5	488
Violence	171	142	70	47	7	11	9	8	6	3	4	3	5	486

Arrests	59	63	47	73	1	10	27	11	7	1	11	19	4	333
Other for ms of discriminati on	6	0	0	6	2	1	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	31
Total	440	367	160	167	12	26	41	24	28	8	20	27	15	1,338

8. Conclusion

March 2026 marked the 34th month of the implementation of the AHA 2023. During the month, fewer arrests on sexuality-related issues were registered than in the last month, and none of the arrests resulted into prosecution. There was however a marked increase in reports of actual and threatened violence in different parts of the country, and evictions of persons by family members was also on the rise during the month. There was also a notable rise in commentary on homosexuality in media, especially following the arrest of a Tik Toker who allegedly appeared in a video engaging in sexual acts with a visibly intoxicated person - an issue which gained more traction with the involvement of the State Minister for Youth Affairs.

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 7 persons whose cases are pending before the courts, 5 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.	The client's bail application was not heard since the matter was allocated to a Grade One Magistrate who had no jurisdiction to hear the case. A letter was filed requesting re-allocation of the case to the Chief Magistrate. The matter shall be coming up on 24 th April 2026	1
2.	HRAPF/PA /857/2025	Aggravated homosexuality	The client's ex, a co-worker, reported the client to the police that the client had 'sodomised' him. The client was detained by the police for 9 days, way beyond the mandatory 48 hours before he was arraigned in court on charges of aggravated	The client is still in detention awaiting committal to the High Court for trial. He has now been in prison for more than eight months without trial.	1

			homosexuality after it emerged that he was 'in a position of authority over the victim' at work.		
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 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.	The client was committed to High court for trial. He has now been in prison for one year and 3 months without trial.	1
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. A bail application was made on 8 th April and it was granted. The matter was adjourned to 6 th May 2026 for hearing.	2

Update on earlier cases:

HRAPF/PA/774/25 in which the clients were accused by a friend of demanding for sex from him after they had refused to give him money and they were arrested in January 2025 was dismissed for want of prosecution on 25th March 2026 by the court.