

Abstract

FORCED ANAL EXAMINATION AS A PUSH FACTOR AND GROUNDED REASON FOR APPLYING FOR ASYLUM FOR LGBTIQ MIGRANTS

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Kenya has been home for so many LGBTQI refugees from its neighboring countries like Uganda, Burundi, Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, and Tanzania. From around end of 2013 after the Ugandan parliament passing the anti-homosexuality Bill and its signing into law, many Ugandans had to flee to Kenya to seek refuge not considering the fact that, Kenya also criminalize same sex relationships. The penalties for homosexuality in the mentioned countries are very tough with countries like Uganda having death penalty. Most of the LGBTIQ refugees from several African countries were at a point victim of social and political injustices like police arrests and brutality, government scapegoating, mob justices and unwarranted arrests among others, and above all victims of Forced Anal Examination (FAE) while under police custody. These forms of injustice specifically FAE have been witnessed in countries like, Uganda, Kenya, Egypt, Cameroon, Ghana, among others. However, the act of FAE has highly been reported in Uganda. This thesis will explore how FAE has contributed to the forced migration of LGBTIQ people across African Borders. Using a combination of Three research methods, Ethnography, Literature review and in-depth interviews, I was able to connect FAE to Forced migration of LGBTIQ people across African borders but also found out that FAE is a combination of various human rights violation and abuses.