

## THANKS GOD THAT I AM STILL LESBIAN AND HEALTHY: CIVIL SOCIETY AND SEXUAL RIGHTS IN MOZAMBIQUE

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This paper explores the influence of the global public health strategies in the course of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people's activism in Mozambique. It explores how, within the homophobic inconsistency in the implementation of the bill of rights, the health language reinforces "normative violence" that makes lesbian and bisexual women invisible in society. A Purposeful and snowballing samplings were applied to select 117 participants who introduced themselves as heterosexuals or LGBT in ten Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), 30 Semi-Structured Interview (SSI) and 16 in-depth interviews. Based on feminist post colonialism and intersectionality, some categories and sources of oppression are identified in the narratives of lesbian and bisexual women.

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