



INTERNATIONAL INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY

CELEBRATING INTERSEX PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS AFRICA AND AROUND THE WORLD

Today, October 26th 2020, marks the International Intersex Awareness Day – a commemoration of global grass-roots action to end shame, secrecy and unwanted genital cosmetic surgeries on intersex children. This year, we celebrate our shared identity, and still speak out about our pain. Support Initiative for People with congenital Disorders (SIPD Uganda) recognizes the impact and advantage of this collective voice, and as part of a global intersex community, we denounce

- Unnecessary surgery on intersex children (and people) without informed consent
- Abandonment of intersex children and people by family
- Lack of legal protections.
- Violations of the right to non-discrimination at school, in healthcare facilities, and in communities.

The birth of the African Intersex Movement (AIM) in June 2019 connected us regionally and strengthened our voice as an African Intersex community. When we found support, the silence began to change. Countless intersex people and allies have joined the struggle to make the world safer for intersex people in Africa.

We have learnt that the intersex community is widespread and diverse. We come from all walks of life, races, cultures, and religions – and we have the right to productively and safely live our lives and contribute to our communities, free of stigma and discrimination. In this spirit of togetherness, SIPD acknowledges African and global governments that have recognized the existence and human rights of Intersex persons and who have put in place policies to include and protect intersex people. This Intersex Awareness Day, 2020, we boldly continue to call on all African and global governments to stop the erasure and exclusion of intersex people.