

WAS Message of Solidarity June 10th 2020

Human rights are fundamental to the WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights (DSR). Social justice is at the core of sexual health and sexual rights. Oppression and systemic racism lead to reproductive and sexual health disparities.

We call for an end to systemic racism, violence, and hatred toward historically discriminated racial and ethnic groups. WAS stands for sexual freedom and sexual well-being for all—including access to reproductive and sexual healthcare, freedom of sexual expression, and freedom from injustice.

Our Declaration of Sexual Rights recognizes and advocates for:

1 The right to equality and non-discrimination

Everyone is entitled to enjoy all sexual rights set forth in this Declaration without distinction of any kind such as race, ethnicity, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, place of residence, property, birth, disability, age, nationality, marital and family status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, health status, economic and social situation and other status.

2 The right to life, liberty, and security of the person

Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security that cannot be arbitrarily threatened, limited, or taken away...

4 The right to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment

5 The right to be free from all forms of violence and coercion

We, as the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) stand in solidarity with all our allies, including the North American Federation of Sexological Organizations (NAFSO), one of the regional federations of the WAS international network. WAS supports the statements that have been issued by AASECT, SIECUS, the University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality, Planned Parenthood, and other organizations from North America.



WAS is an international organization, with more than one hundred member organizations across the globe, that promotes and advocates for sexual health and sexual rights throughout the lifespan and across the world by advancing sexuality research, comprehensive sexuality education, and clinical care and services for everyone.

