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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACPF	The African Child Policy Forum
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
DU-ERB	Daystar University Ethics Review Board
HIV	Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
HRC	Human Rights Campaign
KHRC	Kenya Human Rights Commission
KNCHR	Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
LGBTQI	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer
MSM	Men having Sex with Men
NACOSTI	National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation
NASCOP	National AIDS and STI Control Program
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
PALs	Public Accommodation Laws
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
WHO	World Health Organisation

ABSTRACT

For this study, transgender people refer to people who have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from their assigned sex or a person whose gender identity, outward appearance, expression and or anatomy does not fit into conventional expectations of either male or female. In this study, the term transgender will also encompass gender non-conforming persons. This study was guided by the following general objective, to investigate the forms of discrimination experienced by the transgender community in Kenya and their impact, specific to Nairobi County, and the following specific objectives which is to investigate the coping strategies of persons who have undergone transgender, to assess the impact of discrimination among persons who have undergone transgender in Nairobi, to investigate the coping strategies of persons who have undergone transgender among the transgender community in Nairobi. The study adopted gender theory, queer theory, and trans theory, Data was collected using questionnaire, the target population was Persons aged 18 years and above. A sample of 60 participants was selected randomly, the study employed qualitative method and quantitative method was analyzed using SPSS 26 Version, and the results revealed that there was indeed discrimination amongst transgender people living in Nairobi the study recommended that the National Government and the County Government of Nairobi should promote the inclusion of everyone in all spheres of life that is social, economic and political, without bias, including gender bias, as enshrined in the constitution there.