

**Minutes of the 1st task force on the homosexuality debate held at the Ministry of Health on 3rd
February 2014**

Members Present

Dr. Isaac Ezati	Chair, Director Planning, Ministry of Health
Dr. Sylvester Onzivua	Senior Pathologist, Mulago Hospital
Dr. Misaki Wayengera	Geneticist, Makerere University
Prof. Seggane Musisi	Psychiatrist, Makerere University
Dr. Sheila Ndyabangi	Head, Mental Health Desk, Ministry of Health
Dr. Paul Bangirana	Psychologist, Makerere University
Assoc. Prof. Eugene Kinyanda	Psychiatrist, Makerere University
Dr David Basangwa	Director, Butabika Hospital

Min 1: The Chair briefed members that the President needs an opinion from experts whether homosexuality is abnormal.

Min 2: The team agreed to answer the following questions;

- a) Is there a scientific basis for homosexuality, if yes what is it?
- b) Is it a disease (disease process) or not?
- c) Is it an abnormality. What drives it? Include the social, psychological and religious causes.

Min 3: They also noted the need to mention the following in the report;

- a) The protection of families and that the act needs to be regulated i.e. no recruiting, public displays so as to protect children and families.
- b) The controversies of the literature. No literature in Uganda about homosexuality, most studies done in the West. There is need to balance between the evidence from the west and protecting our culture.
- c) Studies are needed to study homosexuality/sexuality in Uganda.

Min 4: To meet again on Wednesday at 6pm with answers to the question, is there a scientific basis for this?