

## ICD-11 Depathologises Trans and Gender Diverse Identities



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Organisations from across the world have signed a [joint statement and call to action](#) to join with us in working together to fully dismantle pathologisation.

During the [72<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly \(WHA\)](#), taking place from 20 – 28 May, **the World Health Organization (WHO) officially adopts the International Classification of Diseases – 11th Revision (ICD-11).**

In the ICD-11, trans-related categories have been removed from the Chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders, which means that **trans identities are formally de-psycho-pathologized in the ICD-11.**

It has taken us a long time to get here. Until a few years ago, removing pathologising categories affecting trans and gender diverse people from the ICD-10 list of mental disorders seemed impossible. Today, we know that full depathologisation can be achieved and will be achieved in our lifetime.

**The reviewing and updating process for the ICD-11 will soon begin**, in which our activist efforts will focus on replacing the term ‘gender incongruence’ with a non-pathologising and non-stigmatizing term; removing the category Gender Incongruence of Childhood (GIC); and ensuring access to support systems with health coverage for trans and gender diverse children.

**Other areas of focus will be advancing legal depathologisation** everywhere, to ensure that the human rights of all trans and gender diverse people are respected **and progressive expansion of public healthcare coverage**,

as established in the Universal Health Coverage framework.

**Full depathologisation of trans and gender diverse people** requires the complete removal of: psycho-medical classifications; legal and bioethical gatekeepers; corporate-driven medical care & treatments; normative gender stereotypes; and all forms of socioeconomic injustice.

**Although the ICD-11 process appears to have finished, in reality it is just starting.** We have everything to gain from engaging in the ongoing review process.

**The moment to join us is *now*.**

[Read the full statement](#)