

**Transgender Europe (TGEU): Press Release: March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
TGEU presents “Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide” research project and new Trans Murder Monitoring results: *In the last 2 years the murders of 333 trans people have been reported*

**“Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide” research project online!**

Today, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Transgender Europe (TGEU) launched the “Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide” (TvT) research project website:

**[www.transrespect-transphobia.org](http://www.transrespect-transphobia.org)**

TvT is a comparative, ongoing qualitative-quantitative research project which provides an overview of the human rights situation of trans persons in different parts of the world and develops useful data and advocacy tools for international institutions, human rights organizations, the trans movement and the general public. A research team from Transgender Europe is coordinating the project, which is partly funded by the Open Society Institute. TGEU’s research team is assisted by an Advisory Board, comprised of international LGBT, trans and human rights activists from and will cooperate with partner organizations in all six world regions (Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe, North America, and Oceania). The TvT research project is a work in progress. The data collected will be periodically compiled and updated. In the beginning we present data of some selected countries and a set of maps as well as the results of the Trans Murder Monitoring project, which is a subproject of the TvT research project. More information will be provided after the conclusion of the analysis of the TvT questionnaire results and other research data. A Spanish version of the website will follow soon.

**333 cases of reported murders of trans people in the last 2 years!**

The Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) project started in April 2009 and is systematically monitoring, collecting and analysing reports of homicides of trans people worldwide. Updates of the preliminary results, which have been presented in July 2009 for the first time, will be published on the TvT website two to three times a year in form of tables, name lists, and maps. The TMM January/February 2010 update has revealed more than 330 cases of reported murders of trans people in the last 2 years.

**The number of reports of murdered trans people is increasing!**

The preliminary results show an increase in the number of reports of murdered trans people over the last years. In 2008 the murder of a trans person is reported every third day, on average, in 2009 the murder of a trans person is reported every second day, on average. Yet, we know, even these high numbers are only a fraction of the real figures. The truth is much worse. These are only the reported cases which could be found through internet research. There is no formal data and it is impossible to estimate the numbers of unreported cases.

Cases have been reported from all six major World regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe, North America, and Oceania. Most reported cases have been from the Americas, with the majority from Brazil (59), the U.S. (17) and Colombia (13) in 2008 and from Brazil (68), Venezuela (22), Honduras (14), the U.S. (14) and Guatemala (13) in 2009. In total 97 murders of trans people were reported in 13 Central and South American countries in 2008 and 156 murders in 15 Central and South American Countries in 2009. The reported murders of trans people in Central and South America account for 75 % of the world wide reported murders of trans people in the last 2 years.

The recent update of the preliminary results also reveal that 11 murders of trans people have been reported in 5 European countries (Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Turkey) in 2008 and 17 murders of trans people in 6 European countries (Albania, Italy, Serbia, Spain, Turkey and the UK) countries in 2009. In Asia 9 murders of trans people have been reported in 5 Asian countries (Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Pakistan and Singapore) in 2008 and 8 murders in 2 Asian countries (India and Malaysia) in 2009, in Africa murders have been reported for South Africa in 2008 and for Algeria in 2009, and in Oceania for Australia in 2008 and for New Zealand in 2009.

In total the preliminary results show 136 reports of murdered trans people in 26 countries in 2008 and 197 reports in 26 countries in 2009 adding up to 333 reported murders in 36 countries in the last two years.

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