Jelani, the human rights defender

Jelani lives in Kampala, Uganda. He works for a human rights organisation, publishing the stories of LGBTQ+ people who live in fear of their sexuality or gender identity being discovered and the discrimination that follows.

Anonymity is paramount for Jelani and the LGBTQ+ community in Uganda. The government have repeatedly sought extreme penalties for homosexuality, and newspapers have publicly outed members of the LGBTQ+ community in the past – leading to violent and brutal homophobic attacks often perpetrated by the authorities themselves.

Motivation

Jelani wants to minimise his risk of arrest from collating and publishing LGBTQ+ information in his home country.