Reported Attacks of Persons with Albinism (PWA) – 1 Page Summary
Date of report: May 1, 2019

Killings: 209
Attacks: 378 - Attacks include survivors of mutilations, violence, rape, attempted abductions, missing, grave violations, asylum & other refuge cases.

Total: 587
Total Countries: 29

Benin, 18 reports: 5 killings / 5 survivors / 7 missing / 1 grave robbery – Most recent Mar 23, 2019
Botswana, 3 reports: 3 survivors – Sept, 1998
Burkina Faso, 9 reports: 2 killings / 6 survivors / 1 asylum - Most recent, Aug 14, 2012
Burundi, 38 reports: 21 killings / 13 survivors / 4 grave robbery - Most recent, March 24, 2016
Cameroon, 11 report: 2 killings, 2 survivor, 6 asylums, 1 grave robbery - Most recent, Dec 23, 2015
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 70 reports: 17 killings / 35 survivors / 1 missing / 10 grave robberies / 7 asylums - Most recent, Mar 25, 2019
Egypt, 1 report: 1 asylum – Sept 16, 2011
Ghana, 3 report: 1 killing / 2 survivors – Feb 17, 2015
Guinea, 16 reports: 5 killings / 6 survivors / 5 asylums - Most recent, Sept 20, 2018
Ivory Coast, 30 reports: 9 killings / 13 survivors / 4 missing / 2 asylums / 2 abandoned - Most recent, June 30, 2017
Kenya, 13 reports: 5 killings / 8 survivors - Most recent, Sept 20, 2015
Lesotho, 1 report: 1 killing – Oct 2015
Madagascar, 1 report: 1 killing – Oct 17, 2016
Malawi, 49 report: 17 killings / 22 survivors / 5 missing / 5 grave robberies – Most recent, Feb 25, 2019
Mali, 17 report: 5 killings / 3 survivors / 2 missing / 7 asylums - Most recent, May 13, 2018
Mozambique, 48 reports: 16 murders, 13 survivors, 5 grave robberies, 14 missing – Most recent, Mar 1-3, 2019
Namibia, 3 reports: 2 killings / 1 survivor - Most recent, May 12, 2012
Niger, 1 report: 1 missing – Aug 6, 2012
Nigeria, 12 reports: 4 killings / 1 missing / 5 asylums / 2 survivors - Most recent, Feb 13, 2017
Rwanda, 1 report: 1 grave robbery – July 2, 2013
Senegal, 9 report: 3 alleged killings / 4 survivors / 2 asylum - Most recent, June 17, 2015
South Africa, 9 reports: 4 killings / 2 missing / 2 survivors / 1 grave robbery - Most recent, Jan 28, 2018
Swaziland, 11 reports: 4 killings / 7 survivors - Most recent, May 2016
Tanzania, 187 reports: 76 killings / 84 survivors / 1 missing / 23 grave violations / 3 asylums - Most recent, May 1, 2019
Togo, 1 report: 1 killing - Sept 23, 2017
Uganda, 8 reports: 8 survivors – Most recent, Oct 7, 2016
USA, 2 reports: 2 survivors - 1899
Zambia, 13 reports: 6 killings / 5 survivors / 2 grave robberies – Most recent, June - Oct 2018
Zimbabwe, 2 report: 1 killing 2011 / 1 asylum - Most recent, Nov 29, 2012
*In Malawi more cases have been reported. In 2017, 102 cases were reported by the UN Independent Expert on albinism in the report of her official visit to Malawi. See UN document number: A/HRC/34/59/Add.1 (March 2017). A few months later, in October 2017, the association of persons with albinism in Malawi reported 122 cases (Source: Malawi News Agency (MANA); Lack of finances stalls 122 cases of people with albinism; Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017; http://www.maravipost.com/lack-finances-stalls-122-cases-people-albinism/). Under The Same Sun (UTSS) officially records cases after it has received sufficient detail: name of victim, location, etc. Without access to such detail, UTSS is unable to enter these cases into its records for now; but recognizes that these reports are probably credible due to their sources.

NOTE 1: The actual number of attacks & killings of PWA are likely much higher than indicated above since many are never reported or documented. These ritual attacks frequently find their roots in ancient ancestral beliefs and have been going on since time beyond memory.

NOTE 2: Countries known to be involved in the cross-border trade of PWA and their body parts: Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland,

NOTE 3: UTSS gathers this data from its own field research and also from its partners on the ground. We record cases that have been thoroughly verified. However this is not always possible. In such cases, we record cases from partners, media and civil society that are reasonable and prima facie credible.